



Communication from False Creek School to Parents, Students, and Staff

- **SENT ON BEHALF OF CHRIS HUDSON – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE SERVICES**

-The following is a Vancouver School Board staffing update, which I am pleased to share with you.:

-Close to 600 teachers have been hired since January 2017

-62 teachers and 32 SSA's hired just last month

-August 2017 there were 280 vacancies, now there are 34

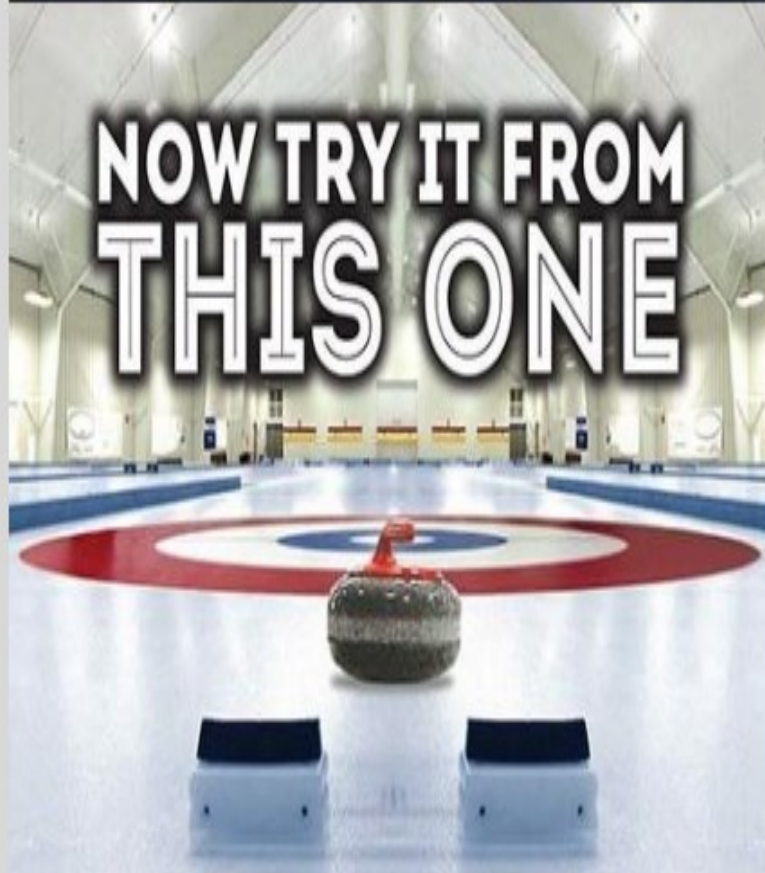
-Recruitment teams have been doing an amazing job!! One challenging area is retention of teachers. As the data outlines, resignations have more than doubled since the restored language as many teachers have left the District to work in other districts closer to home. We are currently analyzing data of departing employees to help inform effective retention strategies.

- Since 2000 Roots of Empathy has had a deep impact on the children of British Columbia. To date this program has reached 160 000 children province wide. Vancouver School District has been a strong partner in this success since the very beginning and we are grateful for its continued support. We are currently running 44 programs in 35 Elementary Schools within the Vancouver School District.

Please enjoy this 4 minute BBC video highlighting the Roots of Empathy program. As of 8:00 am this morning it has eclipsed 10 million views! We hope you enjoy it, and feel proud knowing this magic is happening within our school and across our district.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05vpw3f>

- The Winter Olympics are just around the corner and once again Canada will be a heavy medal favourite in curling. There will be a fun Pro-D activity (Feb 19th) for your children to learn about and try the sport and then take in the championship action on TV. The clinic is organized and run by the Vancouver Curling Club – Only \$15.00 (plus GST) per person and that includes a lesson and the equipment! See attached flyer for more information.
- A set of Pro-D sports clinics on February 19th will be offered. Please see attached flyer.



Looking for something to do on Pro D Day Monday, Feb. 19?

You and your friends can join us for the Elementary School Try Curling Event at Vancouver Curling Club from 1 to 3 pm.

Learn how to curl and play a game.

Registration and information at

vancurl.com.



FEBRUARY 19TH PRO-D DAY

Sports Clinics & Tournaments

SPACE IS LIMITED ... REGISTER EARLY!!!

Basketball Clinics **ONLY \$17.50 per student/session**

Students will be provided skill development instruction and an opportunity to practice those skills through our clinic games and challenges.

- **Killarney Sec. (9:00 – 11:45 AM) – (Grades 5 – 7)**
 - Passing, shooting, ball handling & footwork
 - Decision making and understanding the game
- **Killarney Sec. (12:15 -3:00 PM) – (Grades 5 – 7)**
 - **Shooting & Offense Clinic is open to all skill levels:**
 - Mechanics and Footwork
 - Stationary Shooting & Shooting in Transition
- **John Oliver Sec. (9:00 – 11:45 AM) – (Girls Only - Grades 5 – 7)**
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Multi-Sport Clinics **ONLY \$35.00 per student for entire day!**

- **Kitsilano Sec. (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)**
 - **Open to all grade 5 – 7s**
 - Students will get an opportunity to play a variety of sports including basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and Spikeball!
 - Fun but challenging skill building games



3on3 Basketball Tournaments **ONLY \$50.00 per team (max of 5 players per team)**

Players enter a team into their age group (if enough registrations, then we will try to break up by skill level) – PLEASE have only one person responsible to registering the team into the tournament.

- **Charles Tupper Sec. (9:00 – 3:00 pm)**
 - Grade 6 Boys
 - Grade 7 Boys
 - Grade 8 Boys* (we will schedule this age group to finish by 2:00 pm so that players can get to league games)
 - Grade 9 Boys

HOW TO REGISTER:

Please visit the VSSAA website which is www.vancouverchoolsports.ca – the Feb 19th clinics can be found under the **SPECIAL EVENTS TAB** on the top of the home page. All online registrations will require you to create an account and then add the athlete information to your account prior to registering for the clinic or tournament.

- **Clinic and Tournament Spots are filled on a first come first served basis.**