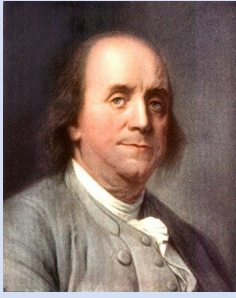


Ben Franklin News



Woody Howard—Principal
Sherri Turley—Secretary
Marilyn Gibbs—Registrar/Clerk

December 14 2016

web address: www.vansd.org

Phone—360 313-1850 Absence Line: 360 313-1410 Office e-mail

Patriot Pledge

I will be:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Safe

Mark your calendars!

Dec 19 to Jan 2

Winter Break

January 3

Welcome Back Patriots

January 4

Mad Science - Start
Acting & Improv-Start

January 9

One hour Early Release

January 12

PTA Meeting 3:00

January 16

No School

January 20

Chinese New Year
Assembly

6pm Family Fun Night

January 23

1 Hour Early Release

January 24 Vancouver Pops
Concert

January 30

No School

**STAY IN-
FORMED OF
SCHOOL
EVENTS**



**VISIT OUR FRANKLIN
WEBSITE!**

<http://franklin.vansd.org>



Proud Patriots



Words from our Principal:

Dear Franklin Parents and Students:

The holiday tradition marks a time in which we, as a nation, reflect upon that for which we are thankful—those people and those things that are most important to us.

It seems, also, an appropriate time to reflect upon that for which the Franklin staff is very thankful—our students and our parents, who support our efforts in so many ways:

THANK YOU for spreading good news about our school. We have dedicated, enthusiastic, and competent staff serving your children. Your kind and positive comments to staff, neighbors, and to other community members are more appreciated than you may realize!

THANK YOU for being an involved partner in your child's education--for listening to your child read, checking homework, and helping to prepare for tests. You really are the single most important factor impacting your child's success in both school and in life!

THANK YOU for your time. We know that, in today's world, time is one of your most valuable resources, yet you have attended school events and conferences, have volunteered, and have contacted us whenever you had questions or concerns.

THANK YOU for signing in, wearing name tags, calling to let us know your child is going to be absent, providing up-to-date emergency phone numbers, and supporting us in keeping your child's school a safe place.

THANK YOU, most of all, for entrusting the most precious part of your life--your child--to our care and teaching!

Sincerely

Woody Howard

PS: Interested in providing feedback about our new report cards and student learning? Join our Learning Improvement Team, which meets once monthly from January through April.

Patriot Pride Day—Wear **RED**, **WHITE** AND **BLUE**, EVERY FRIDAY

The vision of our community is to provide an environment that will help students become respectful, responsible and safe citizens.

Keeping you informed

School closure and/or delay decisions are made as early in the morning as possible.

A top priority in making the decision to close or delay schools is the safety of students

and employees. If schools are closed or dismissed early, after-school and

evening activities also will be canceled. Community use of schools will be canceled only if schools are closed.

If no information regarding school closures is reported, then schools are open and on

regular schedules.

There are several ways to get school closure information:

- Go to the VPS homepage at www.vansd.org
- Go to FlashAlert at <http://flashalert.net>
- Subscribe to receive free email and text announcements about school closures: go to www.flashnews.net to sign up.
- Download the free Vancouver Public Schools mobile app to your smartphone or tablet, <http://www.vansd.org/mobileapp>.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see our school closure posts: www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools.
- Call the District's Snow/Closure Info line at 360-313-1401, General Information at 360-313-1000, or the automated information line at 360-313-1234.
- Check radio, television and newspaper websites.
- Only if schools are closed early during the school day, the district will send automated phone calls to families.



Know the Rules



As Students and families of Franklin Elementary, it is important to understand, follow the rules, be respectable, responsible, and safe. Taking the time to review the lime green student handbook is always a great idea. If you need another copy, we have them available in the office



PTA General Meeting January 13th at 3PM

Join us on January 20th at 6:30 for our first family fun night of the new year. We will be kicking off Chinese New Year with crafts, treats, and more.

SCRIP orders for January will be due on the 23rd at by 2PM

Call for Volunteers:

We need a volunteer to take over the SCRIP Card program. We need a PTA member to collect money and monitor sign ups. This position only requires a few hours a month.

Volunteers needed to help with January Family Fun Night. We can use your help finishing planning our January fun night. Members and non-members can help!

If interested in either, please contact franklinptavancouver@gmail.com



Quan Ren

Save the date, Friday, February 10, 6:30-8:00. We will be holding our second annual Lantern Festival. This is a whole school event open to everyone. All Franklin students will be participating in making lanterns together, to make this a magical evening to remember!

In anticipation of this event, keep in mind that we will begin collecting recycled milk jugs and cartons in the beginning of the new year. If you have a surplus of empty two liter or gallon juice/ milk/soda jugs over the holidays, remember we will be asking for them soon! You may want to save them now! We will have a box for these materials at the school in early January. More details will come to you then.

Remember there is still time to become a Quan Ren member, if you have not so far. Sign up online at goodbean.com or follow the link at www.quanrenofvancouver.org. Also you can help support Quan Ren by adding us on your smile charity through Amazon shopping. Each purchase you make donates a little back to our community! Please follow us on Facebook to stay connected, you can join the group or just like the page.

Quan Ren has had a wonderful year so far. We look forward to a New Year full of fun enriching activities to share with you! Have a long joyful winter break with your families and friends. Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays!

Alison Berkey
Quan Ren President

The money earned by the Mandarin book sale was matched by an anonymous donor - together we raised a total of \$300 which will be used to buy books for the classrooms and school library. Thank you all who participated!



thank you!

JPCC the 411

Routine Maintenance @JPCC Pool

December 23rd-January 23rd

Inclement Weather:

If schools are closed both pools will be closed.

Please call ahead if weather is questionable.

Swim Lessons @JPCC

Tuesday/Thursday After School Lessons

Next session starts: January 24th

Eight 30 minute lessons for \$56

Saturday Lessons MOVING TO PROPSTRA

Next session starts January 7th.

Four 30 minute lessons \$28

Friday Night Adult lessons @Propstra

Stroke Improvement 6:15-7:00 pm

Adult Beginner 7:00-7:45 pm

Four 45 minutes lessons \$40

Download and print registration form at jpcc.vansd.org

Lifeguard Class

Shallow water (5ft) certification

January 27-29th, 2017

Cost: \$200

Minimum age for the class 15 years old, 16 years old to be hired by the District.

Download and print registration form at jpcc.vansd.org

Health & Wellness

Vancouver Shudookan Academy

\$45/month for classes for VSD employees, \$65 for regular rate.

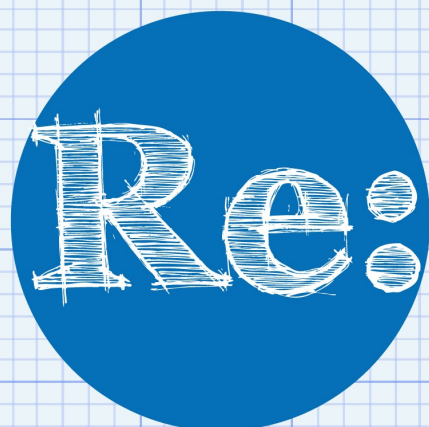
Tuesdays & Thursdays @JPCC: Kids classes 6:30-7:30, Adult classes 7:30-8:30.

For more information visit www.vancouvershudokan.com or email vancouvershudkan@gmail.com

Zumba

\$8 Drop in, \$4 VSD employee

Saturdays 9:00 am @JPCC



Vancouver Public
Schools
rebuild • renew • refresh

Bond News

Bond measure for schools will go before voters on Feb. 14

Aging schools, growing elementary enrollment and low interest rates prompt Vancouver Public Schools to plan for the future now

A bond measure that would benefit Vancouver schools will appear on the Feb. 14, 2017, ballot.

If approved by local voters, the bond would allow the district to:

- Construct five classrooms.
- Relocate early childhood special education center to a new center at Marshall Elementary.
- Replace the roof.
- Expand and reconfigure the parking lot.
- Add accessible surface at play equipment.
- Provide improvements and updates to all other schools in the district.

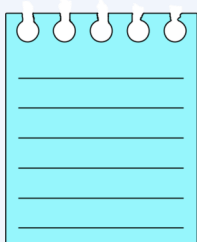
Plans are subject to change. The plan is projected to cost \$562.8 million. The board and district leaders hope to be able to take advantage of historically low interest rates to reduce the financial impact on taxpayers.

Local voters will vote on a bond measure to provide \$458 million of the funding. Bond measures require a 60 percent supermajority of 'yes' votes for approval.

How much would local property owners pay? If approved, the bond measure is projected to increase temporarily the current bond tax rate by \$.09 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for three years. When combined with the existing bonds, the bond rate is projected to be \$1.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value for tax collection years 2018 through 2020 and then drop to \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting in 2021.

The remainder of the costs would be paid by a \$43 million class-size reduction grant from the state and local impact fees estimated at \$12 million. If and only if local voters approve the bond measure, the district also would receive an estimated \$50 million in state matching funds.

For more information and to sign up to receive updates, visit <http://vansd.org/reschools> or call 360-313-1230.



PLEASE REMEMBER: WE NEED A NOTE!

If you wish to arrange for your child to go home with a friend or another parent, you must send the instructions **IN WRITING** with your student in the morning or email the school with the change in directions. The note **must** include the date, name of other person, change in pick-up directions, and signature of the student's parent or legal guardian for **each incident** when your child is going home in a way other than by bus or normal parent pick-up.