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Principal Letter

Principal Message:

Happy New Year! We are so excited to start 2019 with the students and with our families!

One event I want to make sure you know about and put on the calendar is our Family Code Night. This happens on January 31st from 5:30-7:00. We have a guest speaker, Gail Moore, who will teach the beginner basics of block coding. She has worked with our students often in the past. Then we will go to the labs and start working on two Family Code Challenges. There will be prizes for students who attend with their family!

We have some great news on our attendance goals. For the past two months, we have improved our attendance overall in every grade level. If students can maintain a 90% daily attendance rate for the month, they are allowed to choose where they want to sit for lunch rather than sit at their assigned teacher table. This was the privilege students chose as their #1. We are still rewarding students each month during the assemblies and in class. They are graphing attendance each day as well. Thank you so much for getting your children to school every day, on time. We learn from the minute the door opens until we send them home to you.

News that is not so good is that we have a math fact problem at Hazel Dell. Most 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students do not know their addition and subtraction facts fluently, which means they can answer in 2 seconds or less. Our 3rd through 5th grade students have the same problem with multiplication facts from 0x0 to 12x12. This is a HUGE problem in math because kids are not able to get the correct answer and each math problem takes so much longer to do, which gets boring to students. We need for all families to take 10-20 minutes a day to work on flash cards with their child. If you don't have any, they sell them at Dollar Tree for \$1 a box. All students need to practice these facts each day; every student has some facts still to learn. If you need ideas, please talk to your child's teacher right away. Teachers are going to be giving weekly assessments on math facts to our students to ensure they begin making the needed progress to be successful in math.

As always, thanks for your support. Together, we make everything better.
 Mrs. Irwin

January

- 21 Martin Luther King Day
No School
- 25 Boys & Girls Club Closed
- 28 Early Release 2:10 pm
- 31 SUPERHERO
Code Night
5:30-7:00



February

- 1 Popcorn Friday
- 4 Early Release 2:10 pm
- 5 Basketball Practice 3-4
- 7 Basketball Practice 3-4
- 11 Early Release 2:10 pm
- 12 Basketball Practice 3-4
- 13 Kids Heart
Challenge
- 14 Basketball
Practice 3-4
- 18 Presidents Day
No School
- 19 Basketball Practice 3-4
- 21 Basketball Practice 3-4
- 26 Basketball Practice 3-4
- 28 Basketball Practice 3-4



Spring Break
 April 1-5

Presidents Day
 February 18





Weather Related Closure Information

School closure and/or delay decision 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.

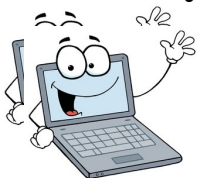


If no information regarding school closures is reported, then schools are open and on regular schedules.



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.



It's Flu Season!

It is not too late to get a flu shot at your doctor or pharmacy; remember to encourage hand washing when your student arrives home and before meals and make sure everyone gets a good night's sleep.



Flu is very contagious; it spreads by coughing, sneezing, talking, touching shared surfaces. If your child is sick, please keep him/her home.

Symptoms to watch for include: Fever, chills, tired, achy, coughing, runny nose, sore throat. Sometimes children have vomiting and diarrhea. Contact your doctor if your child is having trouble breathing, becoming dehydrated or has other serious symptoms.



Cell Free Zone

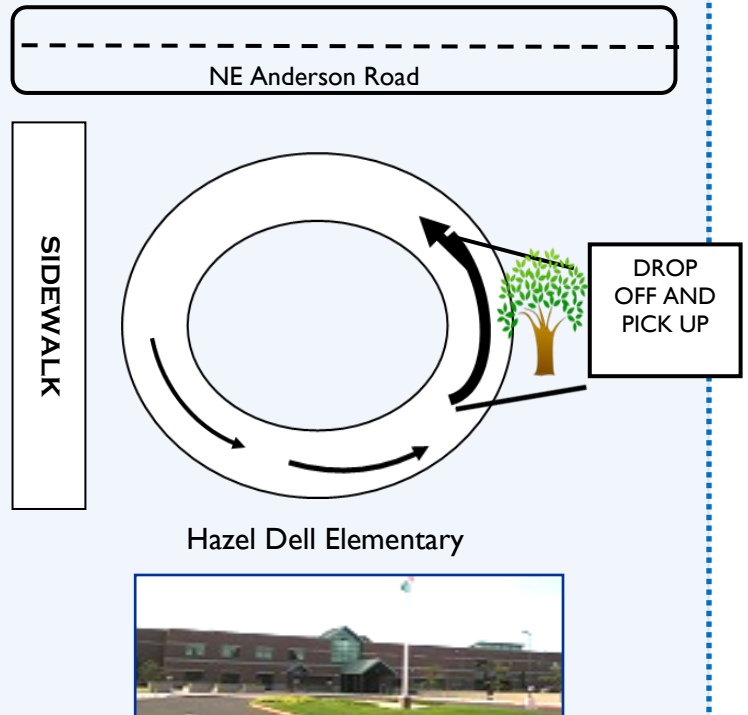
Please ensure that cell phones are turned off while in the cafeteria to help our students who are eating breakfast or lunch learn good cell phone etiquette. Remember that cell phones are to remain turned off in the classrooms to maintain focus in their learning environment.

Student/Parent Handbook

To ensure the safety of our students, we maintain a closed campus. All adults must report to the office to sign in, put on a badge, and sign out prior to leaving the building. Per Vancouver School District policy, parents/guardians are not allowed on the playground.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

If you will be dropping / picking up your child off at school and need to leave your car, **you must park in the parking lot.**



Fire District #6 requires that cars never be left in the fire lane. Unattended cars in the circular loop because it is a fire lane.



Pollution prevention help needed!

We depend on clean streams, rivers and lakes for swimming, fishing and wildlife habitat. Today, the biggest threat to the health of our waterways comes from pollutants left outside that get picked up by stormwater. Many of these pollutants come from everyday activities such as lawn care, having pets, driving and home improvements.

Here are three easy things you can do at home to prevent pollution from reaching our streams, rivers and lakes.

Scoop it, bag it, trash it. Stormwater carries pet waste left on the ground to storm drains, which discharge to waterways, untreated. Fecal coliform is one of the top water pollutants in local streams, and pet waste left outside is a main contributor. Pet waste also harbors harmful organisms that can persist for months, such as E.coli, hookworms and giardia. Take the Canines for Clean Water pledge at www.cleanwaterdogs.com, and Clark County will send your pooch a free bandanna.

Don't drip and drive. Fix that leak! Vehicle fluids are toxic to humans and fish, and even small drips matter. A study of Puget Sound found that more than 66 percent of oil pollution came from small vehicle leaks and drips. Every time it rains, those drips are carried to storm drains before emptying into our streams, rivers and lakes. Fixing leaks will keep your car running well and reduce water pollution. Get a free leak inspection and up to \$50 off leak repairs at www.fixcarleaks.org

Practice earth-friendly yard care. Using fewer fertilizers and pesticides is good for your family, your pets and our waterways. When over-applied or spilled on hard surfaces, fertilizers and pesticides are carried by stormwater to our streams, rivers and lakes. Nutrients in fertilizers cause potentially toxic algae blooms that also deplete dissolved oxygen needed by fish. Always read the label and use only as directed. Sweep up spills rather than washing them away. Find more earth-friendly yard care tips at www.stormwaterpartners.com

“Only rain down the drain” begins at home; thank you for being part of the solution.



Panther Basketball practice begins Tuesday, February 5th! Permission slips can be turned in to the office along with the \$10 athletic fee. Practices are from 3-4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Girls Skilleree March 18th
Boys Skilleree March 19th**



Vancouver voters to consider two replacement levies

This February, voters who live within Vancouver Public Schools' boundaries will cast ballots on two levies for students and schools. These levies are not new taxes. If approved, they would replace existing levies that expire at the end of 2019. Even with additional state funding (McCleary), the local levies are necessary to make up ongoing gaps in funding for services and priorities designated by the Vancouver community.

What the levies would pay for

The education and operations levy (formerly called the “maintenance and operations levy”) would maintain basic programs and services from 2020 to 2023, including:

- * Classroom supplies
- * Textbooks
- * Equipment
- * Classroom Programs
- * Special services
- * Utilities
- * Insurance
- * Fuel
- * Extracurricular and intramural activities
- * Maintenance of buildings and grounds
- * Safety and Security

From 2020 to 2025, the technology levy would help prepare students for higher education and future careers by funding:

Technology that supports students' creativity, innovation and problem-solving abilities

Training to help teachers educate students on the skills required for success on the job

Tablet and laptop computers for all students in third through 12th grades

How much property owners would pay

Per \$1,000 of assessed property value, the estimated rates are:

- Education and operations levy—\$1.50
- Technology levy—\$0.31

The total rates per assessed \$1,000 for all local and state school-related levies and bonds, including the proposed levies, are:

- 2018—\$7.29
- 2019—\$5.81
- 2020—\$6.25 (estimated)
- 2021—\$5.99 (estimated)
- 2022—\$5.99 (estimated)
- 2023—\$5.99 (estimated)

The actual rate may be different due to changes in state funding, property assessments and area



Magnet Application FAQs for Students

1. Where can I find information about the magnet programs, and how do I know if I am eligible to apply for one or more magnet programs?

Please visit <http://vansd.org/choices/> to learn more about these programs. In addition, each school that offers a magnet program will host a Magnet Open House Event for parents and students to learn more about these programs. Click here to learn about eligibility and details about the upcoming Open House events. You may also email the magnet coordinator if you have more specific questions.

- Bay ACES** (Hudson's Bay High School), Bay.Aces@vansd.org
- Careers in Education** (Fort Vancouver High School), Fort.CIE@vansd.org
- Culinary Arts** (Fort Vancouver High School), Fort.Culinary@vansd.org
- International Baccalaureate** (Columbia River High School), River.IB@vansd.org
- Medical Arts** (Fort Vancouver High School), Fort.Medical@vansd.org
- Science-Math-Technology** (Skyview High School), Skyview.SMT@vansd.org
- Vancouver Flex Academy, VFA.Flex@vansd.org
- Vancouver iTech Preparatory** (Grades 6-8 JPCC; Grades 9-12 WSUV), iTech@vansd.org
- Vancouver School of Arts and Academics**, VSAA.Arts@vansd.org
- Welding/Fabrication Technology** (Fort Vancouver High School), Fort.Welding@vansd.org

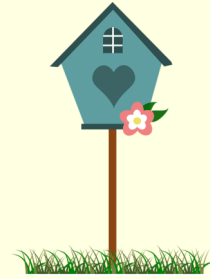
2. When will the online magnet application window open, how do I apply, and what information will I need when submitting my application?

Beginning Tuesday, January 8, at 8 AM PST, please use **Google Chrome** or **Safari** as your browser to go to <http://vansd.org/choices/> and click on **Apply Today** link on this page to complete your application. Please have the following information ready when you apply:

- Your 5 or 6-digit VPS Student ID # (*Non-current VPS students, please use 00000 as your Student ID when applying*)
- Your home address
- Your parent's email address
- Your parent's phone #
- And . . . if you plan to apply for one or more of the following magnet programs, you will need to provide the first name, last name, and email address for the required recommendations or counselor approvals. Your application cannot be submitted without including this information in your application. Recommenders' names and email addresses can be found on school web sites.
 - **Careers in Education**—One counselor approval required and one current teacher recommendation
 - **Culinary Arts**—One counselor approval required
 - **Medical Arts**—Two current English, Math, or Science teacher recommendations required
 - **Science-Math-Technology Magnet**—One current or former Math, Science, or Technology teacher recommendation required

Hazel Dell Enrichment Fair

"Maker's Fair"



Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:30 am -12:30 pm

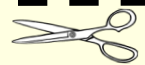
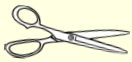
HELP!!!

Enrichment Fair needs LOTS of helpers to assist with classes on the morning of Thursday MARCH 28th. This is a very FUN day at Hazel Dell.! Your time commitment would be from 8:15 to 11:45. Classes end at 11:45 after which you are invited to stay for a delicious lunch. The classes are varied and many. If you would like more information, please email one of the names below:

diane.stixrud@vansd.org chelsea.hendryx@vansd.org diane.wisniewski@vansd.org

Please let us know by March 1st
if you will be able to help out this year.

Call the school at 313-2050



I would like to help with the Enrichment Fair on Thursday, March 28th.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____



You're Invited! to the Hazel Dell Elementary School



Featuring Hour of Code puzzles from Code.org®

January 31, 2019 from 5:30-7:00 in the cafeteria
Start learning coding
with your kids!

A fun FREE evening event
For K-5 Kids and Parents Together

We will have special guest speaker, Gail Moore. She is a Google Trainer and Teacher. She will share the ins and outs of elementary coding, a necessary skill for tomorrow's workforce. Then, we will spend the last hour doing coding together as families in our school's labs.

Kids will earn special tech treats for attending with a family member!

You may bring your own iPad, laptop or tablet/phone and we will have devices for use as well. We have a Wi-Fi code for you to use. Students in grades 3-5 will be able to check out their school iPad to use that evening as well. You may want to bring your own earbuds or headphones, if you have them.



Just so we know how many devices might be needed...

My family and I intend to attend.

We will use one of the school laptops or iPad We will bring our own device.

Student name: _____ Teacher: _____