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## Homma Community The Week Ahead – June 24 to 28, 2019

- Monday:** Divisions 1,2,3,14,15,16 - Beach Day
- Tuesday:** Grade 7 Luncheon
- Wednesday:** Division 19 to Garry Point 11:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Final Term Reports sent home
- Thursday:** Grade 7 Farewell Assembly at 9:00 am  
Last Day of School – 2:43 pm dismissal
- Friday:** No School for Students

### In Other Homma News:

#### 1) Lost and Found

We have quite a collection of items in our Lost and Found bins! Items are on display at the front of the school. Please encourage your children to look for any lost or missing items. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the day on June 26<sup>th</sup>.



#### 2) Community Events

We are so fortunate to live in Steveston with such a vibrant and active community! This weekend is the Annual Steveston Bullhead Derby at Garry Point with a special kids category and also upcoming is the Horticulture Show! More information can be found in the attachments.



### 3) First Day Back in September

The first day back to school is Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>! All students entering Grades 1 – 7 will attend from 8:45 – 9:45 am and our new Kindergarten students will attend from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. The Homma PAC will host a Welcome and Coffee Morning in the gym for the hour when students are in their classes. Hope to see you all then!



### 4) Summer Watering!

Thank you to the many families who have volunteered to care for our garden over the summer. We appreciate how the community comes together to keep our garden growing until we return in September! There are still a few openings if you would like to join in the fun. Email Mrs. Zeni at [mzeni@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mzeni@sd38.bc.ca) or sign up on the board in the school foyer.

A reminder to all families visiting the garden that we discourage summer harvesting. We have carefully planted crops that will be ready for harvest in the fall when we return to school. Occasionally some blueberries or some strawberries will be ready to harvest, and children can follow the usual protocol of leaving something for others, and doing work (weeding!) in the garden before enjoying the food it offers.

We are reminded of the Honorable Harvest from Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Kimmerer:

“Know the ways of the ones who take care of you, so that you may take care of them. Introduce yourself. Be accountable as the one who comes asking for life. Ask permission before taking. Abide by the answer.

Never take the first. Never take the last. Take only what you need.

Take only that which is given.

Never take more than half. Leave some for others. Harvest in a way that minimizes harm.

Use it respectfully. Never waste what you have taken. Share.

Give thanks for what you have been given.

Give a gift, in reciprocity for what you have taken.

Sustain the ones who sustain you and the earth will last forever.

Please remind your children that the apple and fig trees are still growing and are fragile, and not to be played on or harvested from until we return in the fall. This is also true for the carrots, pumpkins, and other tempting crops we grow. These are our teaching resources. Thank you for leaving them in the soil!

We welcome all families to come enjoy the play spaces in the garden. The more families that make use of the space, the less theft we have of produce! Thank you for loving and caring for our garden classroom, and we look forward to playing and learning with your children again this fall!

## Upcoming Dates:

- July 5 Homma School Office closes for Summer Break
- August 26 Homma School Office reopens after Summer Break
- September 3 First Day of School for Students!  
8:45 – 9:45 am for all Grades 1-7 students  
1:00 – 2:00 pm for all new Kindergarten students
- September 4 Regular School Schedule begins!  
8:45 am – 2:45 pm

## From the PAC:

Dear Homma Parents,

As the school year comes to a close very shortly and we all begin our plans for the summer, I think it is important to update you and let you know what the PAC has accomplished for our school moving into the next year.

We hope that you all had enjoyed the Annual Homma Heritage Fair in May. We had a record number of people attending not just from our school but from the Steveston Community and our neighbouring schools as well. The weather worked out for us again this year and it was nice to see all the families and the kids having a great time!

With your support in attending as well as those who had helped volunteer including our parents, our students and McMath students and those who generously donated, we were able to raise \$8,871.00!!! This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and a lot of hard work in preparing took place behind the scenes leading up to it. All Homma PAC Fundraising events go to support things like: educational guest speakers; special assembly school presentations; field trips; outdoor garden projects and much more! We could not have done this without your support.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge Nikki Pena for taking on this huge task on every year and really making it a wonderful fun event for everyone. Also none of this would not have been possible without the help and support of our School Administration. Mrs, Major and Mr. Yoo both of you are great partners for the PAC and we really appreciate working with you and your assistance always.

We did have our AGM on Wed June 19th where we held elections for the PAC Executive and also voted and approved next year's Budget. We are pleased to announce your 2019/2020 PAC Executive Team:

Matthew Weinstein, PAC Chair  
Nikki Pena, PAC Vice Char  
Marcie Beggs, PAC Treasurer  
Kathryn Garforth, PAC Secretary  
Karina Reid, RDPA Rep for Homma

Next year we are looking at supplying the school with sets of sporting equipment so that every class will have access to different sports, waiting for approval from the City for the multi purpose gazebo as part of the garden expansion project, having some events during the year that will be free for all families of Homma to enjoy, iGirl and iGuy sessions as part of the ongoing education from Saleema Noon. These are just to name a few of some of the new initiatives that we are working on to improve our school.

In closing, I just wanted to say thank you again for a wonderful year and for everything that you do for our school. Remember that every Homma Parent is automatically a member of the PAC and we are always looking for Parents to come out and get involved whether that is by attending our once a month meetings, helping us out at some of our events, helping us on food days, and donating etc. There are so many ways to get involved within the school and meet new people and help out.

So on behalf of all of us on the PAC Executive we wish you all a very happy and wonderful summer and we will see you again in September!

Best,

Matthew Weinstein  
PAC Chair