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**Woodward Connects: Newsletter #11**  
**April 3, 2023**

Dear Woodward Learning Community:

Please remember - Parking lot safety is everyone's concern. Please do not double park and block parked cars in the lot. There are many district staff that work from our school, and they need to be able to always access their vehicles. The pick-up times are the most crowded and parents are reminded that they can park on the street instead of entering the parking lot. The Handicap parking zone is for cars with the proper sticker. If you do enter the parking lot, please stay in the lane for pick-up and circle around as necessary. There are arrows to direct traffic in the lot, please follow them to maintain the proper flow of traffic.

Upcoming Events:

Early Dismissal for Communicating Student Learning.

Students will be dismissed at 1:45 on both Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Teachers have sent home conference letters and are eager to share with parents during this time.

Strong Start Concert: Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in the gym. We are very pleased to welcome the parents and community members who visit the Woodward Strong Start program for this event starting at 9:30 am.

Spring is a time of renewed hope and a look forward to more sunshine. It is also a time of many significant cultural events which we are so happy to celebrate in our learning community.

This Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday and Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> is Easter Monday. We wish all members of our learning community a Happy Easter and remind all, that school is closed those two days and reopens on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

This is also the time to celebrate Ramadan. We wish all members of our Woodward learning community, Happy Ramadan! Ramadan Mubarak! This year Ramadan is from March 22 to April 20<sup>th</sup>. Eid-al-Fitr is the official last day of this important event.

April is Sikh Heritage Event! It is a wonderful time to celebrate and recognize the important contributions of so many to our learning community.



# Sikh Heritage Month

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Sikh Heritage Month in BC is an annual event that takes place every April to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Sikh Canadians to the province's cultural, economic, and social fabric.

During Sikh Heritage Month, various events and activities are organized across the province to showcase Sikh culture, history, and achievements.

The month-long celebration provides an opportunity for Sikhs and non-Sikhs alike to learn more about the Sikh faith, while promoting intercultural dialogue and understanding. It also serves as a reminder of the values of equality, social justice, and religious tolerance that are central to Sikhi and which are shared by all Canadians.



## SPRING FAIR

This year's Spring Fair is May 26th. Mark this wonderful event on your calendars. You won't want to miss it. If you would like to volunteer or help support this great PAC event, or any other PAC events, please email our amazing group at [woodwardpac@gmail.com](mailto:woodwardpac@gmail.com).

GRADE 4 and 7 PARENTS

## Student Learning Survey 2022/2023

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size, and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2023** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-668-6296

SWIS: SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS

SUPPORT SERVICES

New arrived families to the Richmond School District can utilize the support of the one of the District's SWIS workers. Ms. M. Bharaj works with our Woodward learning community and is in the school each Thursday.