

Stingray Statement Community Bulletin June 1-June15

Stingray Café Canteen information

The last day for canteen and milk sales will be Friday June 22nd.

Staffing updates

As we move towards the final days of the 2017-18 school year we would like to inform the General Vanier Community of some staffing updates for the 2018-19 school year.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the following General Vanier staff on their upcoming career and life changes.

After six years of taking care of the staff, students and parents, Mr. Bob Cowie will be leaving General Vanier School and moving to a Vice-Principalship at Samuel Burland School this fall. Bob has been a perpetual motion machine at General Vanier and has been influential in the leadership and direction of the school in nearly every facet or what we do. His experience and diligence were greatly appreciated.

Our new Vice-Principal, starting in the fall, will be Mrs. Connie Stanley, who is currently working at Niakwa Place School. As a teacher, she has had experiences in Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grades 4-6 multiage, Grades 5, 6, Grades 2-8 basic French, and Gr 7/8 ELA. As well she has background in choral and music experiences in the early years, and has taught a course called Music and World Cultures. She also has experience in student services, and has been a teacher librarian.

I would like to welcome Mrs. Lauren Casey to our team as she is the successful candidate for the Occupational Therapy position. She will be joining GV next year to support the learning and developmental needs of our students. We look forward to her working on the development of specialized programming for those students that require it.

Ms. Vicky Devillez will retire as of the end of the year. I thank her for her work over the last 15 years in the LRSD as she has worked at Dakota, WPC, Lavallee, Glenlawn, and at Dakota Collegiate as a teacher in the divisional Skills for Living Program.

Ms. Christina Manchulenko will be leaving the school at the end of the year to study movement based expressive arts therapy in San Rafael, California. Christina has played a number of roles in the school over the past few years, most recent as our Positive Behaviour Support Teacher / Student Services Teacher and has been an endless source of energy and ideas on how to improve the educational experience for all students.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Candice Sundell, currently a grade 5/6 teacher, who is the successful candidate for GV's Positive Behaviour Support/Student Services Teacher position replacing Ms. Manchulenko.

Mr. Thaddeus Bourassa, currently a grade 5/6 teacher, has been selected for a new position working as an Instructional Support Teacher through the division. Thad's work on inquiry learning, his technology skills, out of the box thinking and energy will certainly be a benefit to any divisional personnel with whom he works in the future.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Mikhail Gerylo (currently on leave to pursue his athletic career) on his new position at Dakota Collegiate. His unique skill set will be an asset to his new high school team.

Mrs. Barb Shearer will continue working in the division as an itinerant teacher-librarian but will do so in fewer schools. Replacing her is Daniel (Danny) Grafton (ATC) who accepted the 0.50 Itinerant Teacher-Librarian position to be shared between Marion and General Vanier Schools, and will also be working as the new 0.50 Teacher-Librarian at Victor Mager School. Danny Grafton brings a wealth of skills and

experiences to his new role as teacher-librarian including a strong background in learning and literacy leadership, as well as a Master Degree in Educational Technology.

Ms. Diane Mamchur has worked as an integrated EA at various grade levels and will be moving to support the student needs of Marion School. She is very happy about the move as she has worked at Marion School in the past.

A message from Ms. Manchulenko

Dear families of General Vanier,

I am happy to share with you that I am heading back to school next year to study movement based expressive arts therapy in San Rafael, California. Although I am very excited about my program and looking forward to my new adventures, it will be sad to say farewell to all of you in the General Vanier Community. It has been such a pleasure working with you and I wish you all the very best.

Summer camp information from City of Winnipeg

<http://winnipeg.ca/cms/recreation/leisure/leisureguide.stm>

Student Dress Code

We would like to remind parents and students of the General Vanier School beliefs and expectations regarding student dress code:

Students are required to dress appropriately for school. The school's expectations for apparel are discussed with all students at different times throughout the school year and include:

- School is a public place
- Students are expected to dress appropriately for school
- Hats, bandanas and outdoor wear are not permitted in classrooms
- Students must wear indoor footwear at all times
- T-shirts must not have offensive slogans or symbols depicting drug or alcohol use or advertising
- Students must change into appropriate gym attire for all gym classes/activities unless otherwise advised
- During hot weather appropriate school clothing is still required. No short shorts – mid-thigh length is recommended as a guideline, no spaghetti straps that allow underwear to show, or muscle shirts or low hanging pants

Plant request from Grade 1/2 Mrs. Sacher's class

If anyone has any hostas or other shade loving perennials that they are separating this spring, we would love to use them for our school garden. Please drop them by room 9.

Upcoming dates and "save the date" information

Friday, June 15	School Based Professional Learning – no classes
Monday, June 18	Grade 1-2 & Grade 2/3 Walking trip to Windsor Park Library
Thursday, June 21	Mr. Bourassa's class attends WPC for MY Enrichment
Thursday, June 21	Kindergarten Field Trip to Morning Sound Farm (All Day)
Friday, June 22	New Kindergarten Orientation
Friday, June 22	Last day for canteen and milk sales

Tuesday, June 26	Sports Day and Hot Dog Lunch
Wednesday, June 27	Report Cards sent home
Thursday, June 28	Grade 8 Farewell
Thursday, June 28	Bump Up Day
Friday, June 29	All school farewell assembly
Friday, June 29	Kindergarten Celebration 9:30-10:15
Friday, June 29	Last day of classes – 2:15 PM dismissal

Class Placement Information 2018-19 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the coming weeks the staff at General Vanier will begin class placement meetings to create classes for next school year. The structure for multilevel classes allows for students to spend up to two years with a teacher, and up to two years with a cohort. Currently based on the number of children at GV, we will have: a single Kindergarten class, two grade 1/2 classes, one grade 2/3 class, two grade 3/4 classes, two grade 5/6 classes and two grade 7/8 classes.

Here are some of the factors we consider when building classrooms:

- Gender balance
- Numbers of each grade when multi-level
- A variety of students with different skills and abilities in each class.
- Social dynamics; friendships; who works well together, who does not.
- Instructional needs of the students
- Classroom learning groups

To assist us in verifying what we have observed about our students, we have questionnaires that students in grades 4, and 6 fill out called “Sociograms”. The students are asked to reflect using a series of questions to help focus their thinking. Samples of these questions are:

- Who are 3 students that you work well with?
- Who do you not work well with?
- If I had the chance opportunity, 3 students I would like to work with next year are:

These questionnaires are kept confidential and are used to help guide our classroom planning. The student services personnel assist each teacher in administering the Sociograms to ensure consistency and once complete, classroom drafts are created and reviewed by classroom teachers, specialists and administrators.

The time to make requests for classroom placements is now. If there is information in addition to the knowledge we presently have about your child that you believe may be important to our consideration of class placement, please contact Mr. Hassin allie.hassin@lrsd.net or Mr. Cowie bob.cowie@lrsd.net or through the office.

All requests are considered as part of the planning process, but please know that not all request can be honored and that changes are not possible after the class placement process.