



February 5th, 2018

Re: Rainy Day Planning at Grauer Elementary

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The recent weather patterns that we have been experiencing in Richmond have prompted the school staff to review how we organize for student breaks (Recess and Lunch) and how we meet the needs of students during those breaks. It has become a challenge to consistently have regular “outside” days due to the weather being wet and students coming to school without the appropriate clothing for the weather. It is important that all the children are prepared to be out in the school ground, playing and socializing during the school break times. Children need to be active for their health and to learn at their best. If they are prepared for the conditions they will be able to enjoy themselves and be ready to learn at their best following the breaks. This includes preparing for rain, cold, sun and heat depending upon the season.

The school is asking that all families send their children with clothing that will keep them comfortable in the expected weather of the day. Knowing your child’s play habits will be important in making appropriate decisions. Students will be encouraged to make good activity choices so that we are not needing to make calls home for replacement clothing or footwear. To help out when something is left at home, the school is happy to receive any boots or rain jackets that have been grown out of, but still functional. Please send donation items with your children in a bag and give them to their teacher.

At school students are supervised during breaks by several staff members, however we don’t have one adult per class. When students are all outside they can be reasonably supervised by a few adults in the playground area. We will be accommodating some inside activity in the gym for students who don’t wish to go out on a wet day, but they will be expected to be active and engaged or they will not be able to remain inside.

We will be launching our renewed plan on February 13th. I appreciate your support in developing our healthy habits at Grauer, striving to get appropriate amounts of physical activity and outside time during the school day. If you have any questions, at any time, please feel free to contact the school, 604.668.6547.

Kind Regards,

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