

# What's On @ Cove Cliff Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>



MONDAY FEBRUARY 12	TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13	WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14	THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15	FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16
<p><b>Hot Lunch Day</b> <b>Pizza Day</b></p> <p><b>3:30pm Gr. 6/7</b> <b>Boys Volleyball</b> <b>Game at Cove Cliff</b></p>	<p><b>3:30 pm Gr. 6 Girls</b> <b>Volleyball game at</b> <b>Seymour Heights</b></p> <p><b>3:30 pm Gr. 7 Girls</b> <b>Volleyball game at</b> <b>Dorothy Lynas #1</b></p>	<p>8:00-8:40 a.m. Beginning band</p> <p>8:40-9:20 a.m. Continuing Band</p> <p><b>8:10am Math Club</b></p> <p>K - Grade 2: Ms. Dudley's classroom</p> <p>Grade 3 – 5: Ms. Mitchell's classroom</p>	<p><b>8:15 am Math</b> <b>Club</b></p> <p>Grade 6: Ms. Robitaille's classroom</p> <p><b>12:20 – 12:50pm –</b> <b>Skipping Club</b></p> <p><b>12:20 WE BELONG</b> <b>CLUB</b></p>	<p><b>District Wide Pro-D</b> <b>Day – School not in</b> <b>session</b></p>

Always check our [online calendar](#) for upcoming events. **Upcoming Events Highlights:**

Schedule Changes	Events
<p>Feb 19 – BC Family Day – no school</p> <p>Feb 28 – 2pm dismissal, staff collaboration</p> <p>March 13 – 2pm dismissal, Celebration of Learning</p> <p>March 15 – April 1<sup>st</sup> – Spring Break</p> <p>April 2 – School reopens</p>	<p>Feb 23 – Naa Sheka Riby-Williams (artist/athlete/designer) visiting to share her teachings on anti-racism and cultural communication</p> <p>March 13 – Celebration of Learning</p>

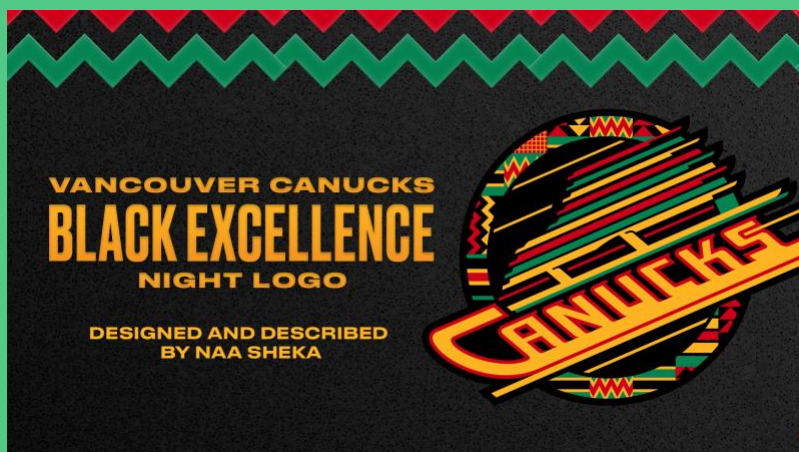
### Reminders/Information:

- Getting to School Safely:** With the Spring-like weather, we hope to see more students coming to school via active transport (walking, biking, scootering, etc.) rather than by car. If your child will be coming to school via active transport, please have a conversation about appropriate safety when using the sidewalks and streets. If you will be driving to school, please respect the speed limit, parking regulations, and stay alert of other road users (pedestrians, cyclists, etc.).

## Black Excellence – Special Presenter:

**Naa Sheka Riby-Williams**, a local Afro-Canadian artist, athlete, and fashion designer, collaborates with schools and school districts to impart her inspiring narrative. Her story, cultural perspectives, and outstanding achievements serve as invaluable assets that can greatly impact the educational journey for every student, fostering a more inclusive and enriched learning environment. Naa Sheka will conduct a two-part series tailored for our Grade 6 and Grade 7 students, providing an authentic representation that is particularly impactful for student of various cultures. She will bring her lessons about anti-racism and cultural communication to Cove Cliff on February 23.

You will also find Naa Sheka's designs on this year's *Canucks Black Excellence Jersey*, which you can read more about [here](#).



## Conscious Community Corner

### *The Spring Festival and the Lunar New Year*

This weekend people around the world will be celebrating the first New Moon of the year. In China, the week-long event is known as the Spring Festival. In Canada, we have historically called it Chinese New Year, although recently we have started using the term “Lunar New Year” since the day is also recognized in other countries including Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Singapore.

While the specific celebrations and festivities differ between the cultures, many events centre around food, family, gift giving, long life, reconnection and renewal. Symbols of this celebration include lanterns, fireworks, red pockets, symbolic foods (like dumplings and long noodles), as well as the posters with the character for fortune 福 (which are traditionally hung upside-down).

The Chinese Zodiac is also related to these festivities. The 12 year calendar assigns a different animal to each year, and associates different character traits of those animals with people born in that year. There are also elements (Earth, Fire, Wood, Water, Metal) associated with each year. This year marks the Year of the Wood Dragon.

*“The Wood Dragon is the energy of spring, of reaching toward the light while deepening roots into the soil.”* - Tsao-Lin Moy

We invite everyone to learn more about these festivities, and to consider joining different cultural events that are happening around Metro Vancouver this weekend, including the Lunar Fest Lanterns in various locations, and the parade in Historic Chinatown.