



# Principal's Message

We are so glad to be back and hope that you all enjoyed a fun-filled and restful winter break. Prior to the break, we were all blown away at the musical and creative talents of vLearn students at the elementary Fine Arts Showcase. WOW! vLearn has talent! Thank you to staff for organizing, students for courageously sharing their talents, and of course parents for their support! These events really highlight the community spirit of vLearn.

MediaSmarts has released a new self-guided parent workshop - <u>Raising Digitally Resilient Kids</u>. This program outlines how parents can support children's well-being and help them balance the risks and benefits of digital media. We highly recommend checking it out!

As we are now in the final stretch of our school year, we want to cheer you on to finish strong! You've worked hard, and now it's time to give it your all. Remember, the coursework submission deadline for Grades 8 - 12 is June 16th. Keep this date in mind as you continue to strive for success in your courses. We're here to support you every step of the way!



# **Student Learning Funds**

A reminder that the deadline to use your student learning funds is April 30, 2025. Please connect with your homeroom teacher as needed.



# **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

#### **Important April Dates**

- 1: Middle Years Cohort @ vLearn
- 2: Elementary Activity Day ADST Balloon Cars/Community Clean Up @ vLearn
- 7: Writing Lab
- 8: Chess Club
- 9: Elementary Activity Day Owl Projects & GLA/GNA Assessments & PAC Meeting
- 10: GLA/GNA Assessments
- 14: Writing Lab
- 15: SEL Group & Chess Club
- 16: Elementary Activity Day Awesome Alphabet Science @ Performing Arts Centre & Term 3 Learning Updates for Grades 8 - 12 Released
- 17: Secondary course withdrawal deadline & SEL Group
- 18: Good Friday vLearn closed
- 21: Easter Monday vLearn closed
- 22: SEL Group & vLearn Chess Tournament
- 23: Elementary Activity Day STEM Ozobots/Owl Projects @ vLearn
- 24: SEL Group
- 28: Writing Lab
- 29: Middle Years Cohort & SEL Group
- 30: Elementary Activity Day STEM/Owl Projects @ vLearn & District Project Scholarship - Fine Arts Performance Showcase @ Fulton

#### **Upcoming**

- May 1: SD22 District Chess Tournament
- May 1/2: District Project Scholarship Community Event
- May 2/3: Graduation Photos
- June 4: Elementary Student Inquiry Showcase
- June 16: Grade 8 12 Course Completion Deadline
- June 17: vLearn Graduation Celebration

### **New Student Registrations**

Tell your friends that vLearn is a great place to learn! We are still accepting new student registrations for the 2025.26 school year. Further information can be found **HERE**.

### Important for Secondary Students



Term 3 Learning Updates will be released **April 16**.

If you would like to be withdrawn from a course, please notify your teacher by **April 17**. Please note that if you withdraw, you can not retake the course until AFTER October 2025. If you fail, you may retake the course in the next learning period.

Grade 10s and 12s that need to write either their Literacy or Numeracy Assessment should plan to write in April! While there will be a June session, it is best to not wait until then. Please contact Danielle Calder if you need help to book.

All work for secondary courses must be submitted by **June 16**.

A limited number of Grade 10-12 courses will be available for summer learning. Information for this will be provided in May.



# **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

#### 2025 Graduates!

Please make sure you have completed the form indicating if you will attend your graduation celebration on June 17 and book your graduation photos! Information was emailed out.



### **Writing Lab**



The "Writing Lab" (Grades 3-5) runs from 10am-11am on April 7, 14, 28, and May 5th. The group will focus on writing powerful sentences using descriptive language, writing cohesive paragraphs and, most of all, having fun with writing! Please connect with Ms. Tracy to see if this workshop is a good fit for your student.

#### **Chess Club**

Chess club for <u>elementary</u> students is continuing to run in April. Practices are on Tuesday's from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. All levels of play and experience are welcome to drop in for any of the dates. Please connect with your classroom teacher if you have any questions!



### **SEL STEAM Groups**



SEL/STEAM activity groups will be starting up on April 15th! These groups provide a unique opportunity for students to engage in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) through hands-on activities, while also having fun and developing new skills.

Each group, STEAM, Theatre, and Games Club, supports SEL in meaningful ways:

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) (K 7) activities help students build problem-solving, teamwork, and communication skills, all while exploring creativity and critical thinking. These activities allow students to collaborate, reflect, and express themselves in a supportive environment. Tuesday K 712 1 pm: Click to sign-up! Thursday K 712 1 pm Click to sign-up!
- Theatre (K 3 & Grades 4 7) fosters empathy and self-expression as students engage in role-playing, storytelling, and working together to bring ideas to life. It's a powerful tool for helping students develop their emotional awareness and strengthen their ability to collaborate with others. Thursdays K 3 10 -11 am, Grades 4 7 11 12 pm: Click to sign-up!
- Games Club (board games and outdoor games) (K 7) promotes cooperation, patience, and conflict resolution, offering students a fun and interactive way to build social skills while enjoying friendly competition and teamwork. Thursday K - 71:15 - 2:15 pm: Click to sign-up!

Please connect with Ms. Shannon if you need more information.



Parents/Caregivers of vLearn are always welcome to the PAC Meetings!



## PAC MEETING!

APRIL 9TH 2025 @ 9:30am-II:30am LOCATED AT FULTON HIGHSCHOOL IN THE "ICE PALACE"

(Main doors by reception office, turn to your right in the glass block room)

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE IT IN PERSON FEEL FREE TO LOG IN VIA ZOOM! HERES THE LINK: ZOOM!

### <u>UPCOMING ACTIVITES!</u>

Do you have an activity you would like organized? We Would love to hear your ideas!

Email us at: pacvlearn@gmail.com

## MAKING CONNECTIONS!



\*Follow along for fun activities, opportunities and important reminder: HERES THE LINK: <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>!

\*If Facebook is the place you prefer to be, find us here: Facebook!

\*An informal vLearn family chat group has been set up by a group of parents. This is intended to be a place to share ideas, ask questions, organize meet-ups, and anything else you'd like it to be. The group is on Signal and can be found here.

## T-SHIRT CONTEST DESIGN WINNER!

Thank you to all the participates who took the time and creativity to design a logo and to everyone who voted!

All registered full-time vLearn students will get a free t-shirt! All you have to do is sign up here: <u>vLEARN STUDENT-DESIGNED T-SHIRT ORDER FORM 2025 - Google Sheets</u>

(T-shirts and Hoodies can also be made for family members with an additional cost, just scroll down the spread sheet and you will find the information needed.)





## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITES**

Our wonderful community put together a variety of fun workshops, activities and programs for families in the community and the PAC wanted to make it easy for you to access them! Here are just a few places we have put together check them out!



HERES THE LINK:

Community Activities

DID YOU KNOW! You can use your child/ren's funding for a lot of these programs. Just ask your teacher or the admin and they can help you out.



## DPAC UPDATE!

Adrian Johnson, SD22's Secretary Treasurer, attended the last DPAC meeting to give a very informative presentation on the District's Strategic Plan and current financial situation. The presentation can be seen here.

April's DPAC meeting will be held on April 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the VSS library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.