

CUSTODIAN NEWS

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Advantages of a Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide important specialized information to custodians, such as: **program updates, reminders and helpful tips.**

Reminders

STUDY PERMIT RENEWALS

Re-application payment deadlines for the 2017-2018 school year have now passed. Is your student's study permit valid? Help your student complete the application to **extend** their stay in Canada. Apply for **renewal** at least 30 days before the current permit expires. Visit: www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-extend.asp

CHANGES IN PARENT OR CUSTODIAN PHONE NUMBERS?

Please report any changes in information to the International Education (IE) office as soon as possible (please see *above right* for contact info). If concerns arise, the IE office must be able to contact you.

STUDENT PROGRESS

Term 2 report cards were recently issued. Frequent communication with your student about how s/he is progressing is an important part of their success. Talk to your student's school counsellor about ways to support him/her. Homework club is a great idea!

District Activities



The **Whale Watching** trip is scheduled for **Friday May 5, 2017**. This is the last scheduled district event for this school year so we don't want your student to miss out! Registration information will be **emailed** to students and custodians **soon**.



Victoria trip: Feb 24, 2017—another successful district event!

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Let's Review: *Homestay Guidelines*



A custodian has very important duties and among ensuring the student's well-being is confirming their accommodation arrangements are satisfactory. A **proper** homestay:

- ◆ Provides a caring, nurturing and supportive environment for the student
- ◆ Provides food for three nutritious meals per day
- ◆ Includes students in family activities, such as mealtimes and outings, which offers students opportunities to practice their English speaking and listening skills, share their experiences and learn about Canadian culture
- ◆ Avoids concurrently hosting both adult and minor international students
- ◆ Has no more than **2** international students in the home at the same time
- ◆ Offers students a furnished bedroom in the household, with entry into the home like any other member of the family (a basement suite is *NOT* an acceptable homestay environment)

THANK YOU
custodians!

Your role as custodian is a valuable one (your duties are endless! See *below*). Agreeing to provide proper care and supervision to (an) international student(s) is no easy feat. Remember that you have a **big** part in the success of VSB international students!

Read more! [BC Ministry of Education International Student Homestay Guidelines](#)

Comment or suggestion?

Would you like to see a topic covered in the next issue? Contact us by emailing intered@vsb.bc.ca and let us know what you'd be interested in reading about. We'd love to hear from you!

The ROLE of a Custodian

Give yourself a pat on the back as you reflect on the great work you do. Sometimes all it takes is a reminder...

- ◆ Provide care and supervision and report concerns
- ◆ Communicate with parents about student progress
- ◆ Ensure the student attends classes every school day
- ◆ Be the primary contact for the school and international office
- ◆ Communicate with the student about how s/he is progressing and offer support...


KEEP CALM AND Listen Carefully

