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September 2017

Principal Jenny Richter

Small School, Big Education!

Upcoming Events in September

- Sept. 5 - First Day of School
- Sept. 5 - PAC Welcome coffee
- Sept. 15 - Opening Assembly
- Sept. 18 - Individual Photos
- Sept. 20 - PAC meeting and Welcome BBQ
- Sept. 22 - Pro D
- Sept. 29 - Terry Fox Run

Principal's News

Dear Connaught Families,

I would like to welcome all of our new and returning families to Connaught Heights this year! We are so happy to see you and are looking forward to working together this year to provide an exceptional learning experience for your child. If you have not had an opportunity to do so, please take a moment to introduce yourself. You will notice that we have some new staff members joining us this year. I would like to extend a warm Connaught welcome to Sheryl Lee (teacher-librarian), Beckie Wong (ELL), Jenny Chang (in her new roles as music teacher and teacher share partner with Judy Jones and Kelly Cannon), and a warm 'welcome back' to Scott Macleay (counsellor) and Diane Tucsok (primary teacher).

The staff and I are very excited for the upcoming school year and are looking forward to many wonderful learning opportunities ahead focusing on core competencies and big ideas. Our theme this year will be **CREATIVITY**. With this focus, students will be able to explore their natural curiosity with hands on activities that use a variety of tools and technologies.

Excited to continue learning together,

Jen



School Goal

To nurture a positive school culture that will empower and engage all learners to exceed their full potential.

School Vision

At Connaught Heights, we want all learners in our school community to be open-minded, thoughtful risk takers who solve problems empathetically, develop resilience and nurture creativity within themselves and others.

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SCHOOL ROUTINES

The first bell in the morning is at 8:48 a.m. At that time, students line up outside their classrooms. Classes will then begin at 8:50 a.m.

There is limited supervision in the court-yard of the school only from 8:40 a.m. until 8:48 a.m.; no supervision on the grounds after 2:48 p.m.

At recess and lunch break, supervision is provided by teachers and/or support staff.

Any after school arrangements should be made well in advance.

Please let us know as soon as possible if extenuating circumstances will cause you to be late in picking up your child and we will make every effort to ensure your child's safety.

PAC MEETING

Wednesday
June 20th
6:30 pm

(Elections for the upcoming school year will take place at this meeting.)

VOLUNTEERS

If you are looking to volunteer at the school, please complete a volunteer form. (They were sent home with the parent package and are available on the website.) This form may be dropped off with your child's teacher. This form only needs to be filled out once for the full 2017 -2018 school year.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

We are looking forward to having many parents and visitors at the school this year! ALL VISITORS on the school site must wear identification so that they are identifiable to students, staff and parents as permissible visitors. If you are volunteering or visiting in a classroom, attending a field trip, or waiting outside at lunch time watching your child play before they come into the school after lunch, you must first sign-in at the office. You will be given a VISITOR tag to wear. Please return to the office to sign out when you are finished. In any emergency situation, we must be able to account for the whereabouts of all students, staff and visitors, on site or off-site.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

<http://connaughtheightsschool.ca/>

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

@connaughtelem



Pro D

Friday, September
22nd

Students do not attend

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ABSENT AND LATE PROCEDURES

Student absences and/or late arrivals should be phoned in daily to 604-517-6010. Alternatively, you can also email the school at connaughtheights@sd40.bc.ca. Please include your child's name, division number or teacher's name, expected date/time of return and the reason for absence. Messages may be left outside school hours.

Students arriving late must report to the office before going to class. This will help eliminate unnecessary and sometimes upsetting phone calls to parents who believe their child is at school. We are committed to working cooperatively with students and parents to ensure the students punctually attend each and every day. There is a significant correlation between good attendance and academic success.

If we do not hear from you, we call home and emergency contacts if necessary. This is a timely process. Please keep the office informed of your address and telephone number changes so that you can be reached promptly in the event of an emergency.

Make payments online with:

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

- ✓ Fieldtrips
- ✓ Spirit Wear
- ✓ School Supplies
- ✓ Etc...

Please see page 11 for more information as to how to sign up to make online payments at Connaught.

TRAFFIC

A crossing guard is provided at Eighth Avenue and 22nd Street.

Drivers are asked to respect the crossing guard, heed the lower speed zone and pull over to curb before letting students out. The area in front of the school is for drop off only. The parking at the back of the school is for staff. Please help us in getting our students to school safely.



BELL SCHEDULE

8:48 a.m. Warning Bell

8:50 a.m. Instruction

10:30 a.m. Recess

10:45 a.m. Instruction

12:25 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Instruction

2:48 p.m. Dismissal

LITTER-LESS LUNCHES

Connaught Heights continues to work towards more 'green' efforts. In addition to our regular recycling program, recycling compostable materials is now available at school! We are also looking to 'litter-less' lunches as we help students develop everyday habits that help the earth. Some suggestions to support litter-less' lunches include:

- Use a lunch bag
- Provide reusable lunch or snack containers
- Cloth napkins
- Reusable sandwich wrappers
- Pack a water bottle (our school water fountain has a special
- Remember to pack cutlery!

Remember to label all your items for quick returns!

PET REMINDER

To support the health and safety of students, staff, parents and others on school property, animals are not allowed on school district property without prior approval or if they are service animals.

We ask all families who bring their pets with them to pick up students to arrange a spot just off school grounds to meet. We appreciate your support with this matter.



REDESIGNED CURRICULUM

Interested in learning more about the changes to the curriculum?

Check out:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

TERRY FOX RUN

Our Terry Fox Run this year will be on Friday, September 29, 2017. We are asking families to send their child to school with a toonie (Toonies for Terry). All money will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research.

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ALLERGIES

Medical Information

If your child has allergies or medical issues we need to be aware of, please let the office know right away. We need to make sure we have the appropriate information on file in case of emergency. Please note that students should not be in possession of any medication at school. The staff may not administer medication to students unless the required form is completed and signed by the parent and physician.



Allergies

There are adults and students at the school who have a variety of allergies. It is important not to send food to school for the class without checking with the classroom teacher first.

HEALTHY EATING

Young children need nourishing food throughout the day for the development of sound minds and bodies. The staff encourages you to make healthy food choices with recess and lunches that you provide. A selection of nutritious snacks/meals will help your child develop healthy eating habits to last a lifetime.

HEALTH

As students return to school, it is important that they learn about precautions that can help safeguard everyone's health. We ask for support from parents in teaching students these concepts:

- Stay home when you're sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious food and avoid smoking.

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PAC Welcome BBQ

Wednesday,
October 20th

5pm

SMOKING

We are committed to providing healthy smoke free learning environments for all students and employees.

All school district buildings, vehicles and grounds in New Westminster School District are smoke free for all students, staff and community members.

Please see the posted signs on the outside of the school building.

Please note that we are also a scent free environment.



PAC

The Connaught Heights PAC is a very active group that truly makes a difference in our students' school experience. Last year they were able to help fund the following:

- Welcome Coffee
- Student Agendas
- Valentine's Skate
- Dance Classes
- Fieldtrips
- Butterfly Project
- Sports Day Lunch and prizes
- Technology purchases
- And so much more



We would like to start off this year by thanking our PAC for hosting our Parent Meet and Greet on the first day of school. It was nice to connect with many familiar faces and to meet some of our new families as well.

We would also like to invite all our parents to come out to our PAC meetings. These meetings provide parents with yet another opportunity to be involved in their child's school experience.

Our next PAC meeting will be held following the Welcome Back BBQ on:

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

@

6:30pm

Student Agendas

A big thank you to our PAC for their financial contribution that helped cover the full cost of the student planners this year!

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PICTURE DAY!

Monday, September 18

Upcoming Events in October

- Oct. 6 – Curriculum Day (students do not attend)
- Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving (students do not attend)
- Oct. 18 & 19 – Early Dismissals
- Oct. 20 – Pro D
- Oct. 23 – 27 – Dance Program
- Oct. 27 – Dance Performance
- Oct. 27 – PAC Community Event

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Labour Day – School Closed	5 First Day of School PAC Welcome Coffee	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Opening Assembly	16
17	18 Individual Photo Day	19	20 Welcome BBQ 5:00pm PAC Meeting 6:30pm	21	22 PRO D – student do not attend	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Terry Fox Run	30

School Supplies 2017-2018



Please visit <http://connaughtheightschool.ca/parents/notices-information/supply-lists/>

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CONNAUGHT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY

	Start	End
Warning Bell	8:48 a.m.	-
Instruction	8:50 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Recess	10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Instruction	10:45 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Lunch	12:25 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Instruction	1:15 p.m.	2:48 p.m.
Dismissal	2:48 p.m.	-

CALENDAR INFORMATION

Date	Event	Explanation/Purpose
Tuesday, September 5, 2017	First day of school	
Monday, September 18, 2017	Individual Photo Day	
Friday, September 22, 2017	Non-Instructional Day	Students do not attend
Friday, September 29, 2017	Welcome Back BBQ	
Friday, October 6, 2017	Curriculum Implementation Day	Students do not attend
Monday, October 9, 2017	Thanksgiving Day	Statutory holiday – School closed
Wednesday, October 18, 2017	Early Dismissal	Students dismissed at 12:25pm
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Early Dismissal	Students dismissed at 12:25pm
Friday, October 20, 2017	Provincial Pro-D Day	Students do not attend
Wednesday, November 1, 2017	Photo Retakes	
Friday, November 10, 2017	Remembrance Day Assembly	
Monday, November 13, 2017	Remembrance Day	Statutory holiday – School closed
Monday, November 27, 2017	Non-Instructional Day	Students do not attend
Monday, December 4 – December 8, 2017	Scholastic Book Fair	
Thursday, December 14, 2017	Winter Concert	
Friday, December 15, 2017	First Reports Home	
Thursday, December 21, 2017	Last Day before Winter Break	
Friday, December 22 – Friday, January 5, 2018	Winter Break	School closed
Monday, January 8, 2018	Schools reopen after Winter Break	
Friday, February 9, 2018	Valentines Skate	
Monday, February 12, 2018	Family Day	Statutory holiday – School closed
Friday, February 23, 2018	Non-Instructional Day	Students do not attend
Friday, March 16, 2018	Reports Home	
Monday, March 19 – Thurs. March 29, 2018	Spring Break	School closed
Friday, March 30, 2018	Good Friday	Statutory holiday – School closed
Monday, April 2, 2018	Easter Monday	Statutory holiday - School closed
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	Schools reopen after Spring Break	
Monday, April 23, 2018	Non-Instructional Day	Students do not attend
Wednesday, May 2, 2018	Early Dismissal	Students dismissed at 12:25pm
Thursday, May 3, 2018	Early Dismissal	Students dismissed at 12:25pm
Friday, May 18, 2018	Non-Instructional Day	Students do not attend
Monday, May 21, 2018	Victoria Day	Statutory holiday – School closed
Wednesday, May 23, 2018	May Day	
Wednesday, May 30, 2018	Class / Panorama Photos	
Friday, June 22, 2018	Sports Day	
Thursday, June 28, 2018	Last day for students – Reports Home	Regular school day – Full day

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Code of Conduct

Connaught Heights Elementary School's Code of Conduct has been established to maintain a safe, respectful, and enthusiastic learning community. The purpose of our Code of Conduct is to codify for students, staff, parents, and the community, all of our shared values and beliefs. As well, the Code of Conduct informs all the members of the school community about our shared obligations and responsibilities while at school and when going to and from school. Connaught Heights Elementary School promotes the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law as set out below.

Conduct Expectations

Respect yourself and others:

- Be polite: treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Behave in a courteous manner.
- Use appropriate language.
- Play safely.
- Recognize and defend the rights of others to be different.
- Follow the directions of staff.

Achievement:

- Do your best at all times.
- Encourage classmates and teammates to do their best.
- Appreciate the efforts of others.
- Celebrate everyone's successes.
- Make the school a more enjoyable place.
- Find the positive in all situations.

Unacceptable Behaviour

Unacceptable behaviour includes actions that:

- hurt yourself or others physically or emotionally
- are unsafe
- damage school property
- directly contravene the Code of Conduct

Connaught Heights Elementary School will seriously treat behaviour or communication that discriminates based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, age, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (prohibited grounds set out in the BC Human Rights Code). Factors, such as the frequency and severity of misconduct, are taken into account when determining appropriate consequences for infractions. A focus on consequences that are restorative, rather than punitive, will be made wherever possible. As well, the age and maturity of the student involved and the student's ability to appreciate the impact of their actions will also be considered. Lastly, a student's medical, cognitive, and personal profile must be considered when considering appropriate consequences and interventions.

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2017-2018 STAFF

Principal	Jen Richter
Secretaries	Teri Loewen Carole Johnson
Division 1 Grade 4/5	Andrew Eckert
Division 2 Grade 4/5 Montessori	Amy Turton
Division 3 Grade 3/4 Montessori	Sara Fox
Division 4 Grade 3/4	Judy Jones (T-F) / Jenny Chang (M)
Division 5 Grade 2/3 Montessori	TBD/ Jessica Seens
Division 6 Grade 1/2	Diane Tucsock
Division 7 Grade 1/2 Montessori	TBD/ Amanda MacCaskell
Division 8 Grade K/1 Montessori	Laurie Wong
Division 9 Grade K	Kelly Cannon (M-Th)/ Jenny Chang (F)
Music Teacher	Jenny Chang (Tues morn, Wed, Th)
Teacher Librarian	Sheryl Lee (Tuesdays and every 2 nd Monday)
LST Resource Teacher	Sharan Mankoo
LST ELL Teacher	Beckie Wong
Speech and Language	Dawn Sasges (W am)
Counsellor	Scott Macleay W/every second F)
Child Care Worker	Marjorie Gonzalez (M/T)
Special Education Assistants	Glenna Suffron Yvonne Laflam Farah Byrne Tara Cameron
Aboriginal Cultural Worker	Rhonda Parks (M pm)
Noon Hour Supervisors	Anfissa Darwish Kathlene Gastaldo
Crossing Guard	Anfissa Darwish
Custodian	Shane Currie
Police Liaison	Constable Gary Lau
Strong Start Facilitator	Laura Demichina
Settlement Worker	Maniya Rafiei
Health Nurse	Shannon Chand

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Subject: Sign Up for Online Payment for School Expenses



Dear Parents,

We are very excited to announce that our school will be offering *School Cash Online*, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. *School Cash Online* is a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks!

Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. We look forward to hearing your feedback!

Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link: [School Cash Online](#)

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

✓ **Convenient** ✓ **Safe** ✓ **Secure**

If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Warm Regards,

Jen Richter

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NOTE FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new school year! My name is **Shannon Chand** and I am the Public Health Nurse assigned to Connaught Heights.

My office is located at the New Westminster Health Unit. The health unit is open Monday to Friday from 08:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please feel free to contact me there.

I am available to assist school staff and parents in identifying children with health concerns. These concerns may be physical, emotional or social. My help might involve assisting with referrals to other agencies.

Please report all students with a suspected communicable disease (e.g.: measles, mumps, pink eye, rubella) to myself for follow up if necessary. Also, it is important to inform the school if a student receives long-term medication, has any medical concerns, or has a life-threatening allergy.

I am looking forward to working with you all this year. Please do not hesitate to phone me if you have any questions or concerns about your child, or need some health information. **You may reach me at (604) 777-6730.**

Shannon Chand RN, BSN
Public Health Nurse

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New Westminster Montessori Society

The New Westminster Montessori Society supports the public Montessori programs at Richard McBride and Connaught Heights Elementary Schools. The Society is composed of the parents whose children are in Montessori preschools and elementary schools in New Westminster.

Please send any inquiries to info@newwestmontessori.ca

Connaught Heights PAC

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is an open group who represent the parents and students of the school. They meet regularly throughout the year and provide an opportunity for families to be involved in their child's school life. The PAC provides parents/guardians with a voice to liaise with school staff, the Principal and the School Board in matters concerning education. Your involvement is welcomed and encouraged. Dates for PAC meetings are usually the second Wednesday of every month in the evening at 6:30pm in the school library.

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Mosaic Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)

Settlement Workers, employed by Mosaic, provide information and services for newcomer families and youth with Permanent Resident status. We help families adapt to life in Canada through 1-on-1 consultations, workshops for children, parents, grandparents, field trips, volunteering opportunities for adults and youth, and leadership training for youth.

Services and supports are available in different languages such as: Tagalog, Korean 한국어, Mandarin 普通话, Farsi and Turkish.

Interpretation can also be arranged if necessary.

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