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Home of the HAWKS!!

December 2017

Principal Jenny Richter

Small School, Big Education

Upcoming Events in December

- ❄ December 1
Scholastic Book Fair and PAC Craft Night
- ❄ December 1 – 8
Scholastic Book Fair
- ❄ December 8
Community Food Drive
- ❄ December 14
Winter Concert
- ❄ December 15
Report Cards Home
- ❄ December 18
Jingle Bell Jog
- ❄ December 21
Hot lunch
- ❄ December 21
Last day before Winter Break

Principal's News

Dear Connaught Families,

December is a very busy month for staff and students and we're looking forward to a number of exciting events. Please be sure to read through the entire newsletter as you will find information about our upcoming concert, our community food drive and Scholastic Book Fair. We have been thrilled to continue to see so many families attending school events such as our PAC Craft Night. We would like to extend a huge thank-you to our PAC for all of their hard work this term as they work toward s supporting us nurture a positive school culture.

December is a wonderful time to focus on the values of compassion & generosity among families. Donations from our community food drive this month will support the hampers we will be providing to a few of our families in need as well as the Purpose Society in New Westminster.

While this is early, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a peaceful and restful holiday.

Warm regards,

Jen



School Goal

To nurture a positive school culture that will empower and engage all learners to reach 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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Christmas Concert Thursday, December 14th

Concert Reminders

- Dress rehearsal is at 1:30 pm on Thursday, December 14th. Family members who are not able to attend the evening performance or families with young children are welcome to attend this concert. You do not need tickets for this performance.
- Concert will begin at **6:30 pm sharp on Thursday, December 14th.**
- All students must be in their classrooms by 6:15 pm.
- After dropping students off, parents may proceed to the gym to be seated.
- When the concert is over, parents will be asked to remain in their seats until all students exit with their teachers. Students may then be picked up at their classrooms.

Ticket Reminders

- 2 Tickets will be available to each family for the evening performance. No tickets needed to attend the matinee performance. Please fill in and return the form that came home with your child by December 8th, to reserve your tickets. Beginning December 12th, if there are any unclaimed/extra tickets, they will be available for families requiring extra tickets at the office during ticket pick up hours. Extra tickets will be limited to 2 extra per family until they all gone.
- Tickets will be available at the office for pick up during the following times only:
 - 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. 2:48 – 3:15 p.m.
- Please note: Any child who does not attend Connaught, regardless of age, will require their own ticket and will count as 1 of your 2 tickets allowed per family.
- Parents are able to request for tickets to be sent home with students or pick them up at the office. Please fill in the form that you've already received to get tickets.

PAC HOLIDAY BAKE SALE!

The PAC is holding a holiday bake sale in the courtyard right after the holiday concert! We need donated baked goods for the sale! Bake something delicious and support your school! Baked goods can be dropped off on December 14 at the school office. Please use paper plates or aluminum tins covered in plastic wrap as dishes cannot be returned. Items will be sold in batches such as 12 cookies or one cake.

Come visit the sale after the concert! All funds go to support PAC projects.

Saddle Up & Read Book Fair

Help promote literacy and support the Connaught Heights Elementary School library! Fifteen percent of the sale of every book goes back to the school to buy books for the library and classrooms, however, if we have over \$1500 in sales that portion jumps to 50%! So come out, bring the kids, (or not if you prefer to surprise them) and let's get some great new reads on your book shelves and ours! Thank you for your support!

Dates and Times Book Fair will be open:

Friday December 1st

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Monday December 4th

12:25 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

2:48 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday December 5th

8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

12:25 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

2:48 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday December 6th

12:25 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

2:48 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7th

12:28 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

2:48 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8th

12:28 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

2:48 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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Community Food Drive

At this time of year, we will be asking for your support in helping families in need in our community. We will once again, be holding our neighborhood food drive. Students will be distributing flyers on December 5th to homes in the neighborhood advertising our food drive. Students will return to pick up donations on December 8th. Watch for our flyers! Tell your neighbors! Leave a donation if you are able. Thanks in advance for your support of our initiatives!



Winter Break

School Closed for Christmas Break:
Thursday, December 21st, 2:48 p.m.

School Re-Opens:
Monday, January 8th

**Report Cards will be sent home on:
Friday, December 15th
Please sign and return envelopes**

FALL AND WINTER WEATHER

Now that Fall/Winter has arrived, we are experiencing a change in weather. We are fortunate enough to have a lot of undercover area outside. Because of this, students are able to go outside year round and get some fresh air. Please be sure to send your child with warm, weather appropriate clothing.

Younger students may wish to have an extra set of clothing at school for any slips or falls that may occur.

2018/19 New Student Registration

Children who were born in 2013 are eligible to begin school in September 2018. Kindergarten registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year begins on Monday, January 8th at elementary schools. All students register at their neighborhood school.

For more information regarding registration for all students, including out-of-catchment, out-of-district applications, and programs of choice (including our Montessori program) please visit

<http://newwestschools.ca/registration/registration-information-forms/>

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Upcoming Events in 2018!!

- January 8th School Re-Opens
- January 8th 2018-2019 Registration Opens
- Lacrosse Program
- Hot Lunch
- Pac Meeting

Please remember to pack a spoon or fork as needed for your child's lunch.

Connaught Chess Club

The grade 3, 4, 5 Chess Club meets every Friday morning at 8:15am. Chess players of all levels are welcome including beginners. Please line-up outside the undercover area.

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SUN DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Book Fair Starts PAC Craft Fair	2
3	4 Book Fair	5 Book Fair Earthquake Drill	6 Book Fair	7 Book Fair	8 Book Fair	9
10	11	12	13	14 Winter Concert	15 Report Cards Home	16
17	18 Jingle Bell Jog	19	20	21 Hot Lunch Last day before Winter Break	22 School Closed	23
24	25 School Closed	26 School Closed	27 School Closed	28 School Closed	29 School Closed	30
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Upcoming PAC Events

PAC Bake Sale: Thursday, December 14th 7:30pm (after Concert)
 PAC Hot Lunch: Thursday, December 21
 PAC Meeting: Wednesday, January 17th, 2018

Get an A+ in keeping kids healthy.



[Fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth](https://fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth)

Visit our new **School Health** web resource for everything you need to keep children and students happy and healthy.





A new online Parks & Recreation system is coming February 2018!

To get ready, our current online system will no longer be available to the public starting December 1st.

Stay tuned for more details about our new registration and booking system and what it means for you. newwestcity.ca/activeliving.

Active living is getting easier!


NEW WESTMINSTER

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a school's out production

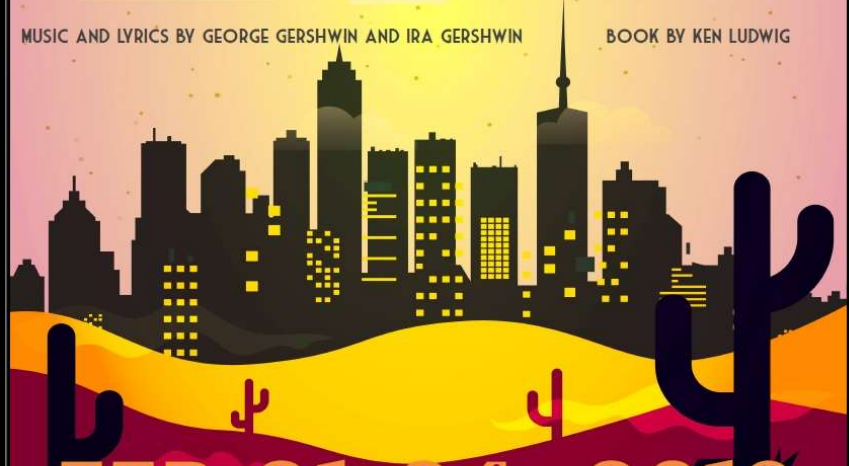
NWSS MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM PRESENTS

THE NEW GERSHWIN MUSICAL



MUSIC AND LYRICS BY GEORGE GERSHWIN AND IRA GERSHWIN

BOOK BY KEN LUDWIG



FEB 21-24, 2018

MASSEY THEATRE



Massey Theatre | 735 Eighth Avenue, New Westminster
T 604 521 5050 | Outlets: Massey Theatre & Anvil Centre
ticketsnw.ca



TICKETS: ADULTS \$20 | SENIORS \$18 | STUDENTS \$15

Co-Conception by Ken Ludwig and Mike Ockrent. Inspired by Material by Guy Bolton and John McGowan. Originally produced on Broadway by Roger Horchow and Elizabeth Williams.

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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.

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 third 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 to 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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