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January 2018

Principal Jenny Richter

Small School, Big Education!

Upcoming Events in January

- **January 8**
2018-2019
Registration begins
- **January 15**
Program of Choice
Registration
- **January 19**
PAC Hot Lunch
- **January 23**
PAC Breakfast
- **January 22**
Bricks 4 Kids
- **Jan. 22-24**
Lacrosse
- **January 26**
PAC Community
Event

Principal's News

Happy New Year!

Dear Connaught Families,

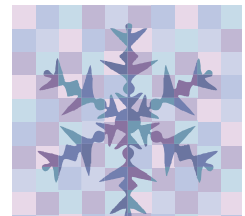
Welcome back! We hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday. We are looking forward to a number of exciting activities for the month of January and hope that all of our students will have many opportunities to take creative risks, approach tasks with an open mind and to find something unique to them that they are excited about learning. Watch for your Term 2 previews coming home soon!

We had the opportunity to say goodbye to Ms. Sonia Samra from Division 7 who is moving on to a new school district and we will look forward to welcoming a new staff member to this classroom in the near future. In addition, Dan Willows will remain with Division 5 until the end of June.

I would like to take a moment to thank the entire school community for their support with our very busy December schedule. Students were involved with a number of activities including our community food drive, our annual Scholastic book fair, and of course, our fantastic concert which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead,

Jen



School Goal

To nurture a positive school culture that will empower and engage all learners.

School Vision

At Connaught Heights, we want all learners in our school community to be open-minded, creative risk takers who nurture a love of learning.

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2018/2019

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/>)

**2018/2019
Programs of Choice
Online Registration**

**Monday, January 15
to
Friday, February 9,
2018**

Please visit
[https://newwestschools.ca/
programs-
services/programs-of-
choice/overview/](https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/programs-of-choice/overview/)
for more information.



LACROSSE PROGRAM

Thank you to the New Westminster Salmonbellies for sponsoring the upcoming lacrosse program at Connaught School. This program runs from January 22 – 24 and will give all of our students an opportunity to learn basic lacrosse skills in a fun, safe environment.

Connaught Heights Elementary School StrongStart Program
2201 London Street, New Westminster **Phone:** 604.517.6010

The overall goal of **StrongStart Early Learning Centres** is to support the development of young children by providing opportunities for their parents and/or caregivers to be involved in and learn about effective strategies that support early learning. The Centres have many materials and stimulating activities for children and their parents/caregivers to interact with.

**This is a FREE Drop-In Program for preschoolers
0—5 years old and their parents and/or caregivers**

Program Hours: Monday to Friday 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
StrongStart Facilitator: Ms. Laura

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

<http://connaughtheightschool.ca/>

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

@connaughtelem



PAC HOT LUNCH

The next PAC hot lunch will be on
January 19, 2018

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ROCK THE SALISH

Connaught students will be participating in a 4 day Artist-in-Residence Program starting in April.

The Artist Response Team (ART) features Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright who will be coming to Connaught for 4 days to rehearse with students.

Students write about the issues raised in the songs, and what they believe people can do to help. The culmination is a professional concert for families and friends, where every child is put in a leadership role to sing out and speak up for nature!

SAVE THE DATE – Rock The Salish Concert

April 26, 2018 @ 7 pm – Anvil Centre

Music is the medium.

Songs are the message.

Artists and children are the messengers.

The result is joyous and effective action!

Make payments online with:

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

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

Please see page 8 for more information as to how to sign up to make online payments at Connaught.



The staff and students of Connaught Elementary would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the PAC for their ongoing support of school activities, such as:

- ❄ December's Craft Event
- ❄ Holiday Treat
- ❄ Book Fair Support
- ❄ Bake Sale



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

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2018 Student Learning Survey for Grade 4 Students and Families

The Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2018 the Survey will be administered to students in grade 4, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. More information to follow.

For more information about the Student Learning Survey, please visit their website at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey

Outside Playtime!!

Winter has arrived in full force and we are experiencing cold and wet weather. 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 for either snow or rain conditions. Gloves, hats and boots and even snow pants are a very good idea to keep your child warm and dry in these conditions.

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



Book Fair

Thank you to all that supported our Scholastic Book Fair in December. It was a great success and the school raised a total of \$1804.63 in product that will go towards purchasing new books and kits for the library and our school.

UPCOMING PAC EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2018

- ❄️ **January 17 – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the school library**
- ❄️ **January 19 – Subway Hot Lunch**
- ❄️ **January 26 – PAC Community Event – Family Board Game Night**

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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 under cover by the top field portables. Ms. Sara will let everyone in at 8:15am sharp.

Upcoming Events in February

- ❄️ **Thursdays**
Feb. 1 – March 8
Art Waves
3-4:15 p.m.
- ❄️ **Mondays**
Feb. 5 – March 5
Bricks 4 Kids 3-4 p.m.
- ❄️ **Feb. 9**
Valentine's Skate
- ❄️ **Feb. 12**
BC Family Day – no school
- ❄️ **Feb. 16**
PAC Hot Lunch
- ❄️ **Feb. 22**
PAC Community Event
- ❄️ **Feb. 23**
Pro D – no school
- ❄️ **Feb. 28**
Pink Shirt Day

JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 School Closed New Year's Day	2 School Closed	3 School Closed	4 School Closed	5 School Closed	6
7	8 School reopens Registration for 2018-2019 school year begins	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Programs of Choice On-line Registration Opens	16	17 PAC Meeting	18	19 PAC Hot Lunch	20
21	22 Lacrosse Program Bricks 4 Kids 3-4 p.m.	23 Lacrosse Program	24 Lacrosse Program	25	26 PAC Community Event	27
28	29 Bricks 4 Kids 3-4 p.m.	30	31			

Late French Immersion Parent & Student Information Night

Thursday, January 11, 2018
6:30 – 7:30 pm @ Glenbrook Middle School

New Westminster Late French Immersion Parent & Student Information Night



Why choose Late French Immersion?

If your child is in grade 5, one of the important decisions you and your child will make is whether you want to complete an application for Late French Immersion which starts in grade 6.

What is the program like? What can my child expect? Are all the classes in French? How can I help my child? Help answer these questions by attending the information meeting on Thursday, January 11th.

Thursday, January 11th, 2018 [6:30-7:30]

École Glenbrook Middle School

701 Park Crescent, New Westminster, BC V3L 5V4

Multi-Purpose room (located on the bottom floor – enter near the gym)

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2018-2019

All new students register at their catchment school between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Information regarding the school registration process, along with a downloadable registration form and a checklist of required documentation, is available through the District website at: <http://newwestschools.ca/> (Registration). Applications from new students are date-and-time stamped.

Kindergarten

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 8, 2018 at your catchment elementary school. Registrations received after Friday, March 9, 2018 will be accommodated at the student's catchment school as space allows.

In-Catchment

Registrations for the 2018-2019 school year will be accepted at your catchment school, starting Monday, January 8, 2018, for all students new to New Westminster. Students will be accommodated at their catchment school provided they have registered by 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018. Registrations received after March 9, 2018 will be accommodated at the student's catchment school as space allows.

Out-of-Catchment AND In-District

Out-of-catchment and in-district students must first register at their catchment school and then complete an Out-of-Catchment form at their catchment school from Monday, January 8 to Friday, February 9, 2018. Admission decisions may not be finalized before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018.

Out-of-District

Out-of-district students apply for admission by completing an Out-of-District form at their preferred school from Monday, January 8 to Friday, February 9, 2018. Admission decisions may not be made before 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2018.

NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL (NWSS)

Registration for students not currently enrolled in a New Westminster School begins Monday, January 8, 2018. Applications for out-of-district students are subject to available space and resources.

Information Meeting: A session for incoming 2018-2019 grade 9 students and their parents will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the library at New Westminster Secondary School (835 Eighth Street). For more information contact 604-517-6220.

Open House: An evening for all NWSS students and their parents will be held at Massey Theatre on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

FRENCH IMMERSION/MONTESSORI PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

For information about the District's Programs of Choice and the online application process and information nights, please visit the District website and click on the Programs & Services tab to follow the link for Programs of Choice. Please note: Applications for Programs of Choice are accepted online from 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 15, 2018 to 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2018.

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION (EFI)

Locations: École Herbert Spencer (Grades K-5), École Qayqayt (Grades K-5), École Lord Tweedsmuir (Grades K-5) and École Glenbrook Middle School (Grades 6-8)

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION (LFI)

Location: École Glenbrook Middle School (Grades 6-8)

FRENCH IMMERSION (FI)

Location: New Westminster Secondary School (Grades 9-12)

MONTESSORI (Elementary)

Locations: Connaught Heights and Richard McBride (Grades K-5)

HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM (HLP)

Locations: Homelearners at Hume Park, New Westminster and IDLC at Bowen Island.

Are you looking to play an active, hands-on role in your child's education? Why not investigate your options with the School District No. 40 Home Learners' Program?

Please contact:

Homelearners at Hume Park: 604-517-5917

<http://www.humepark.ca>

Bowen Island: 604-947-

0700

<http://www.islanddiscovery.ca>

ADULT AND ONLINE LEARNING

If you are an adult learner who wants to begin, continue or restart your education or a current high school student wishing to upgrade, New Westminster Schools offers several additional options. Please visit the District website at: <http://newwestschools.ca> and click on the Adult & Online Learning tab for more details.

ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

The Pearson Adult Learning Centre is open year-round on weeknights and offers English Language upgrading classes, as well as academic grade 11 and 12 classes and self-paced courses. Register now for self-paced courses or for our upcoming second term.

ACADEMIC NIGHT SCHOOL

Adult and high school students can register for Academic Night School courses. Our second term begins in February 2018.

ONLINE LEARNING

Is your schedule unpredictable? Why not give online learning a try? New Westminster's Virtual School has a full range of academic grade 10, 11 and 12 courses for adult and high school students.

Please contact: <http://newwestadulthoodlearning.ca>

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SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, New Westminster Schools would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Follow these step-by-step instructions to begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

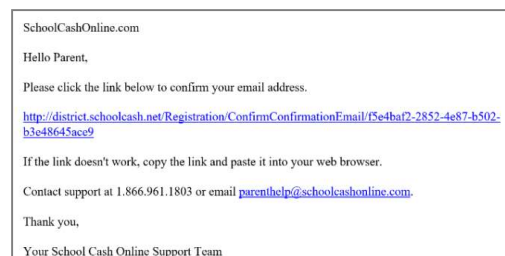
Step 1: Register

- a) If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
**For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name – New Westminster Schools
- b) Enter the School Name – Connaught Heights Elementary
- c) Enter Your Child's First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- d) Select **Continue**.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

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Check us out on the web!

<http://connaughtheightsschool.ca/>

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 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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