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Home of the **HAWKS**

September 2019

Principal Jennifer Scorda

Small School, Big Education!

Upcoming Events in September

- **Sept 3**
First Day of School; PAC Welcome Coffee
- **Sept. 6**
Welcome assembly-1:15pm
- **Sept. 11**
Strongstart opens
- **Sept. 18**
PAC Welcome BBQ and PAC Meeting
- **Sept. 19**
Terry Fox Run
- **Sept. 20**
Individual Photos
- **Sept. 23**
Pro-D Day – students do not attend
- **Sept. 25**
Cops for Cancer Ride By
- **Sept. 30**
Orange Shirt Day

Principal's News

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope that everyone had excellent summers. I can't wait to hear all about them from the children. September is such a wonderful month because it promises new adventure, learning and growth. I am really looking forward to being a part of the Connaught Heights community again.

We are fortunate to have some new staff joining Connaught Heights this year. Janice Lau will be our Counselor, Sarah Bieby will be job sharing with Mrs. Jones (Mondays), Mrs. Wong (Tuesdays) and Mrs. Cannon (Fridays), Jovana Petrovska-Kostoska will be our Music Teacher and Tina Morton will be joining us as an Education Assistant. It is always exciting to have new staff join the Connaught Heights team and we welcome them.

One of the things that makes Connaught Heights such a special learning community is the support we have from our families. It is imperative for student learning and progress that home and school work together as a team and I can't tell you how grateful I am to be a part of a community where the families believe in this idea.

Please get in touch with me anytime you have a question or concern. You are more than welcome to drop by, call or email. This summer I got married and just to keep things interesting, I changed my last name. You can now reach me at jscorda@sd40.bc.ca or at 604-517-6010. I apologize if you have been trying to reach me by email and have been unable to.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Scorda (Bourne)



School Goal

To teach self-determination and self-regulation explicitly through all areas of the curriculum.

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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TRAFFIC

Schools are very busy places at the start and end of the school day. We ask that drivers follow the reduced speed limits and watch carefully for our children. Please note that the area in front of the school on London Street is for drop off and pick up only. We ask that you not park there.

The parking lot at the back of the school is of staff only. Thank you.

There is a crossing guard at Eighth Avenue and 22nd Street for students who walk to school.

The New Westminster Police and Parking Service has put together some helpful school zone safety tips to help keep everyone safe during the school year. Please click on the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIctAsHf_WY

PAC Welcome BBQ Wednesday September 18th

5:30 pm

Followed by
PAC MEETING
@ 6:30 in
Library!

TERRY FOX RUN

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH**

Our Terry Fox Run this year will be on Thursday, September 19th. 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.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

8:55 a.m. – Welcome Bell

9:00 a.m. - Instruction

10:50 a.m. - Recess

11:05 a.m. - Instruction

12:18 p.m. - Lunch

1:05 p.m. - Instruction

2:55 p.m. Dismissal

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

<http://connaughtheightsschool.ca/>

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ABSENT AND LATE PROCEDURES

If your child will be absent or late, please leave a message any time at 604-517-6010 or alternatively, you may use e-mail: connaughtheights@sd40.bc.ca. Please include the following information:

- Child's name;
- Teacher's name;
- Expected date/time of return to school;
- Reason for the absence.

If we do not hear from you, the school office will call home or emergency contacts to verify your child's whereabouts. As you can appreciate, this is an important safety precaution. Please keep the school office informed of any changes to your address or phone numbers so office staff may reach you promptly. Likewise, we need to know of any changes to your emergency contacts. Thank you.

NOTE: All students arriving late to school must report to the office before going to class. This will eliminate unnecessary and sometimes upsetting phone calls to parents who have sent their child to school.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

- ✓ Consent Forms & Emergency Forms
- ✓ School Supplies (available for payment on Thursday, September 5)
- ✓ Coming soon fieldtrip permission forms

Register today! Visit www.schoolcashonline.com.

Emergency Release and Student Consent Forms are due by Friday, September 6th. Student Supply payments will be available on Thursday.

FUEL UP!

New Westminster School District School Lunch Program

New Westminster School District has launched a new school lunch program aiming to make available food programs to all of our schools so that "...no child is hungry and every child eats healthy". The school district has partnered with Ready Maid Meals to provide parents with the option to order a healthy and nutritious lunch on a daily, weekly, monthly or occasional basis.

Parents are invited to attend the information night and tasting event to learn more about the program and to try a sample of the food the caterer provides. Our Parent Information night is on:

OCTOBER 2, 2019

6 – 9pm at

Fraser River Middle School

PRO-D

Friday, Sept 23

Students do not attend.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

MONDAY, SEPT 30th

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Parents' Advisory Council

In addition to the many ways for parents to volunteer at the school, we also encourage parents to consider becoming active members of the **Parents' Advisory Council (PAC)**. The Connaught Heights PAC is a very active group that makes a tremendous difference in our school.

We invite you to join the PAC. The meeting schedule is on the school website.

You may contact the PAC Executive at chpacchair@gmail.com

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.** (right after the Welcome Back BBQ).

PICTURE DAY



**Friday,
September 20th**

Retakes: October 24th

Visiting the School

Parents are always welcome at school and we look forward to having parent volunteers this school year. Please note that **ALL VISITORS** must wear identification so that they are identifiable to students and staff as permitted visitors. Visitor tags will be provided when you sign in at the office and we ask that you return these tags when you sign out at the end of your visit. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school safe. And, if you're interested in volunteering in the school, please fill out a Volunteer Form. They are available from the school office or the website:

<http://connaughtheightsschool.ca/>

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The City of New Westminster Parks and Recreation is updating the Connaught Heights playground. Unfortunately, it is not done in time for the beginning of school but we will have extra activities in the gym and in the courtyard for students until the playground is complete. Please visit the New Westminster City webpage for more information!

<https://www.newwestcity.ca/planning-building-and-development/projects-on-the-go/articles/6478.php>



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MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ALLERGIES

If your child has any medical issues or allergies of which we need to be aware, please let the office know right away. We need to have the appropriate information from your child's doctor so we may respond accordingly.

It is possible to have staff administer medications at school provided you and your doctor have given us authorization to do so. There is a special form that must be completed and signed by both you and your doctor.

There are adults and students at the school who have a variety of allergies. A letter will be sent home about any allergies present in your child's classroom. We ask that you refrain from sending these to school. Also, please do not send food for the class without checking with the teacher first. Thank you.

HEALTH

As children 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 the following:

- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your mouth and nose 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, drink plenty of fluids, manage stress and eat nutritious food.

FRIENDLY PET REMINDER

To support the health and safety of students and others on school property, animals are not allowed on school district property without prior approval. The exception, of course, is service animals.

If you bring pets when you pick up your child, please arrange a meeting spot just off the school grounds. We appreciate your support with this matter.



**WELCOME
ASSEMBLY
Friday, Sept. 6
1:15pm
in the gym**

Families Welcome!



PICTURE DAY!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Upcoming Events in October

- Oct. 14
Thanksgiving -
School Closed
- Oct. 16
PAC Meeting
- Oct. 24
Photo Retakes
- Oct 24
PAC Community
Event
- Oct. 25
Pro-D
- Oct. 31
Halloween Parade



SEPTEMBER 2019						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 First Day of School	4	5	6 Welcome Assembly - 1:15pm	7
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School Supplies 2019-2020

Available online at



<https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn>



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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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web!**

[http://connaughtheight
sschool.ca/](http://connaughtheightsschool.ca/)

Follow us on Twitter:
@connaughtelem

New Westminster Montessori Society

We invite Montessori parents to be involved with the New Westminster Montessori Society which provides tremendous support to the Montessori programs at Connaught Heights and Richard McBride schools.

For more information, please email:

www.newwest.montessori.society@gmail.com

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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, Mandarin, Farsi and Turkish.

Interpretation can also be arranged if necessary.

For more information, please contact: Maniya Rafiei

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