Connaught Heights Herald

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February 2020

Principal Jennifer Scorda

Small School, Big Education!

Upcoming Events in February

- Feb. 4
  PAC Community Breakfast
- Feb. 4
  After School Pottery Class begins
- Feb. 7
  PAC Valentine Skate
- Feb 14
  Pro-D Day – no school for students
- Feb 17
  Family Day –School closed
- Feb 18 – 19
  Lacrosse Program
- Feb. 19
  PAC Meeting
- Feb. 21
  PAC Hot Lunch
- Feb. 21 – 28
  Dance Program
- Feb 26
  Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 28
  Dance Performance

Principal's News

Dear Families,

Wow! How is it already February?

January was an exciting month of learning- all our intermediate classes began collaborating together to learn ukulele, the children engaged in creative fine art's projects with Ms. X, we hosted our first Family Literacy Evening, Cassie and Friends came and did a puppet show on inclusion, classes celebrated lunar new year and so, so much more.

If you came to our Family Literacy Evening, we would greatly appreciate it if you could complete our questionnaire and send it back to us. Your feedback gives us invaluable information about how we can best move forward.

Many of the families were interested in apps/websites/technology that they can use to support literacy development at home. Here are some great ones:

Raz-kids- https://www.raz-kids.com/

Scholastic Story Generator-http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/

Starfall- https://www.starfall.com/h/

Between the Lions- https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/btl07-ex/

February is going to be a busy and active month for the students. We have our PAC skate, lacrosse lessons, dance program and Pink Shirt Day.

We have so much to look forward to! I am going to try something new in each newsletter. At the end of the newsletter I will put a question and any child who brings me an answer will get a special treasure. This month's question is: *What is your favourite part of the school day?*

Sincerely,
Jennifer Scorda

PAC Community Breakfast

Come and join us for a tasty Continental breakfast hosted by the PAC on Tuesday, February 4th at 8:15am in the gym.

Message from the PAC Chair:

We will be starting off the month of Love with our Community Breakfast the morning of Tuesday, February 4th. However, we are making some changes!

First off, the PAC would like to offer a heartfelt apology to all the families that came out to the last breakfast to find it cancelled. We only had two volunteers show up that day and with all the work that is involved to deliver a hot breakfast it just could not be done. Our hearts go out to the families that came out in the messy winter conditions who then went back home without breakfast. In order for that to not happen again and to continue our monthly Community Breakfast we came up with something that is easier and will not require as many volunteers.

(Note:) the PAC relies on parent/guardian Volunteers to enrich our children's education and overall school experience.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST this upcoming Tuesday, Feb 4th, same 8:15 start, inside the GYM.

We will be having: Breakfast Pastries (donated by Cobs Bread), Yogurt, Fruit, Milk and Tim Horton's Coffee supplied by the PAC.

Please come and join us so we can continue to have the feel of "small school with a big heart" with our Connaught Families, something that makes our community unique and special.

Christine Stover, Co-Pac Chair

Connaught Heights Valentine Skate

Friday, February 7th, is our school-wide PAC Valentine Skate and Activities! We will traveling by bus to the Richmond Olympic Oval! There is no charge for this event as the the PAC has generously covered the entire cost of this field trip. However, each student will be responsible for his/her own skates and helmet. Richmond Olympic Oval has skates and helmets but there are a very limited number of both so please bring your own if you have them.

Only students wearing hockey helmets will be permitted to skate.

A HUGE THANK-YOU to our PAC for funding this event!

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 26th!

Wear your pink shirt and show your support!

No School!

Pro-D Day
February 14th

BC Family Day
February 17th

For up-to-date information about the Corona virus please visit the BC Centre for Disease Control's website. The link is below:
http://www.bccdc.ca/

2020/2021 Student Registration

Children who were born in 2015 are eligible to begin school in September 2020. Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year opened on Monday, January 13th at elementary schools. All students register at their neighborhood school. Registrations received after Friday, March 13, 2020 will be accommodated at the student's catchment school as space allows.

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/).

DANCE IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

February 21 – February 28
(please note there is no dance on Wednesday, February 26th)

PERFORMANCE
Friday, February 28
THANK YOU to our PAC for funding this program!

March Break Reminder

School Closed:

Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 27

School Re-Opens: Monday March 30, 2020

Upcoming Events in March

- Term 2 Report Cards
- Hot Lunch
- BC Lions 2020 Champions Visit
- School Closes for Spring Break

February Notices

- Organization Form
- Grade 5 May Day Suite Consent

Please watch for this notice this month!

February 2020

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
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2	3	4 After school Pottery Class PAC Breakfast	5	6 After school Power Within You	7 Olympic Oval Valentine Skate	8
9	10	11 After school Pottery Class	12	13 After school Power Within You	14 Pro-D Day No school for students	15
16	17 BC Family Day School closed	18 After school Pottery Class Lacrosse Program →	19 PAC Meeting	20 After school Power Within You	21 Dance Program PAC Hot Lunch	22
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Upcoming PAC Events in February

- February 4 – PAC Community Breakfast @ 8:15am
- February 19 – PAC Meeting 6:30pm in the School Library
- February 21 – Hot Lunch

NWSS Musical Theatre Program
presents a school's out production
Disney's
Beauty and the Beast
Music by
Alan Menken
Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice
Book by
Linda Woolverton
Originally Directed by
Robert Jess Roth
Originally Produced by
Disney Theatrical Productions
FEBRUARY 26 - 29, 2020
MASSEY THEATRE
TICKETS: ADULTS $20 | STUDENTS / SENIORS $15 PLUS SURCHARGES
WWW.MASSEYTHEATRE.COM
Disney's Beauty and the Beast presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 | Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684 | www.MTIShows.com

Conaught Heights PAC invites you

Join us for Community Coffee

Every Friday

9am-10am

In the Strong Start room

Coffee, tea and snacks
come in and mingle with other parents and
get to know your community

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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 visit the Montessori Society for more information: http://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 and the Principal 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. Everyone welcome and free childminding provided.

Please email: chpacchair@gmail.com

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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