



Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – October 3, 2025

Important Dates

Oct. 10	Photo Retakes & White Spot Fun Lunch
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday (School closed)
Oct. 17	PAC Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 22 & 23	3-way Conferences – Early Dismissal – students dismissed at 12:05pm
Oct. 24	Pro-D Day (School closed for students)
Oct. 28	Woomi Sushi Fun Lunch
Oct. 30	Elementary Collaboration Day – students dismissed at 12:05

Attendance

If your child will be absent or late, please let the office know. You can report an absence the following ways:

[Use the Report an Absence form](#)

Phone: 604-517-6010 (voicemail available 24/7)

Email: connaughtheights@sd40.bc.ca

Please remember that the morning bell rings at 8:50 am and your child's attendance is taken at that time. If your child is late for school, they **MUST** check in with the office before they go to class.

Principal's Message:

Dear Connaught families,

It is amazing to think that we are already into the month of October. There are many exciting events happening here at the school over the next few weeks that will take us to Halloween at the end of the month. We look forward to connecting with you whether it be at the PAC meeting next Wednesday, at the exciting Pumpkin Patch on Friday October 17th or during the student 3-way conferences on Wednesday October 22nd and Thursday October 23rd. I am truly in awe of the community spirit and engagement here at Connaught Heights, and I raise my hands in respect and gratitude to everyone.

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our amazing and kind custodian, Mr. Charlie as we have just celebrated National Custodians Day on October 2nd. Charlie has worked in our District for the past 5 years and we have been most fortunate in that much of that time he has been an integral member of our school community. Thank you, Charlie!

With gratitude, Mr. Elves



School Photos

School photo ordering is now live online at darbyphotos.ca

Your child was sent home with a blue printed photo proof. Your access code is printed in the top right corner of the proof.

Orders are due on Oct. 6th

Photo retakes are on Friday, October 10th.

Students can attend retakes for one of two reasons:

- Missed picture day, and did not get portraits taken. **No action required*
- The student/family wishes to have the images retaken.

****This MUST be requested ONLINE in the gallery.***

For more information, please [click here](#).

PAC News

PAC Meeting: Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm

Please join us at the next PAC Meeting where this school year's budget will be presented for approval. The meeting will be hybrid - taking place in person at the school in the Library (pizza and childminding provided) **AND** on Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/izw-kmq5-yyq?hs=224>

**Pumpkin Patch:
Friday, October 17th from
1:00 – 4:00 pm**



We will once again be transforming the field in front of the playground into our very own Pumpkin Patch! Watch for more details next week.

Volunteer(s) Needed to Lead Winter Event

Volunteering is a great way to get to know other parents and build community! We typically hold a fundraising event in November and are still deciding what it will look like and will discuss it at the PAC Meeting on October 8th. We are looking for parents to lead and plan the event - it could be an individual or two parents could co-lead. The PAC executive can provide guidance and support as needed. Please reach out to us if you are interested or better yet come to the PAC Meeting and be a part of the discussion.

Fun Lunch - Woomi Sushi on October 28th

School Cash Online will be open October 6th to 15th.

Follow us on Instagram: @connaughtheightspac

Join the PAC WhatsApp Group for general updates and reminders:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KZOM9Ys9TL0HGL54AcZsWK>

Join the PAC Volunteer WhatsApp Community to get involved with events and fundraising:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/C6lkU7Qvmex1UzuccfQWMS?mode=ems_copy_t

Email us at chpacchair@gmail.com or chpacvchair@gmail.com

Lost & Found



Our Lost and Found is already very full!

Please stop by the courtyard, outside the office and take a look for anything your child may have forgotten.

Next Year Kindergarten Information

Kindergarten Information Evening for Parents/Guardians of children born in 2021

- Monday, October 20, 2025
- Location: NWSS Main Commons and Theater
- 5:30-7:00pm - Booths open and hosted by kindergarten teachers and community partners
- 7:00-8:00pm - Main presentation

Community News

New Westminster Hyacks Football

KidSport NW Night – Friday, October 3rd



Burnaby New West Ringette is hosting a FREE Come Try Ringette session for children aged 5-9 on **Saturday, October 4, at Moody Park Arena**. Ringette is a uniquely Canadian team sport that emphasizes fun, cooperation, inclusion and fair play. It has a no-contact policy. More information and the registration link are here:

<https://www.bnwr.ca/content/come-try-ringette>

Kinder Books Program



Kinder Books which is located at the New West Quay is offering a Read & Reward Program for Connaught Heights. If you find yourself shopping for some wonderful book selections, don't forget to mention that you would like to support Connaught Heights Elementary and they will donate 10% from your purchase back to the school.



StrongStart

Ms. Laura, our wonderful StrongStart Educator, is happy to welcome new and returning families to StrongStart!

Here is the [2025-2026 StrongStart Calendar](#)

For more information on the program and how to register click here:

<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/early-learning/strongstart/>