



# Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – September 12, 2025

## Important Dates

Sept. 18	Individual Photo Day
Sept. 19	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 24	Open House – 3:10-4:00pm
Sept. 26	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 29	Pro-D Day (school closed for students)
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school closed)

## Reminders

### 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](mailto: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 has been so exciting to welcome our Kindergarten students and families and to watch how they have quickly adjusted to their beginning school journey with us at Connaught Heights. Please help me in recognizing the work of our incredible Kindergarten team including Mrs. Tucsock, Mrs. Blackburn, Ms. Mankoo, Ms. Lomarda and Ms. Cabrillas. I am extremely proud of all of our students as they have been great role-models for our new Kindergarten friends.

With gratitude, Mr. Elves

## Fraser Health News

Please [use this link](#) for a **Back-to-School letter from Fraser Health.**

**Kindergarten families:** [click here](#) for information on the Kindergarten Dental Screening Program.

## PAC News

Thank you to everyone that attended the PAC meeting this week! It was a great turnout, and we look forward to building on that energy and enthusiasm as we start planning events and fundraising activities for the year. Minutes for the meeting will be shared next week.

The first **Fun Lunch** will be White Spot on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned for details.

### Upcoming Events

- **Open House: Wednesday, September 24 from 3:10 - 4:00pm**  
The teachers are kindly opening their classrooms for one hour after school to welcome parents and caregivers to see their child's learning space and to get connected. Light refreshments will be served by the PAC.
- **Pumpkin Patch: Friday, October 17**  
We will once again be bringing a pumpkin patch to the school! Stay tuned for more details.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteering is a great way to get to know other parents and build community. We need your help to plan and run social and fundraising events to provide great experiences for our kids. Whether you have a lot of time or just a little, every little bit helps. ***We have an immediate need for volunteers to help plan and run the Open House and Pumpkin Patch.*** Please reach out to us if you are interested. Thank you to those that signed up as volunteers at the meeting this week. For those that were unable to come to the meeting and want to volunteer, here is the [volunteer form](#).

Follow us on Instagram: @connaughtheightspac  
Join the PAC WhatsApp Group:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KZOM9Ys9TL0HGL54AcZsWK>  
Email us at [chpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacchair@gmail.com) or  
[chpacvchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacvchair@gmail.com)

## Community News

**New Westminster Parks and Recreation** will be offering free admission to drop-in programs for Grade 5 and 6 students residing in New Westminster. The Grade 5 and 6 ActivePass ([see brochure here](#)) provides an easy, free way for children to try activities at City community centres, arenas and pools. **This is a great opportunity for all of our Grade 5 students!** To download the application form, [click here](#).

### Community School Programs at Connaught

#### **Jewelry Making (Grades 3 - 5)**

Learn how to design and craft your own unique necklaces, bracelets, and earrings using colorful beads, charms, and imaginative techniques!

#### **Connaught Heights - Library**

**Fridays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Date:** Oct 3 – Nov 14 \*No class Oct 24\*

**Registration Fee:** \$67.50

To register, please visit the City of New Westminster Parks and Recreation registration page (link below):

[Jewelry Making - Connaught Heights](#)

#### **Soccer Shots (Grades 1 - 3)**

Soccer Shots afterschool programs focus on supporting growth in individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship.

#### **Connaught Heights - Gym**

**Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Date:** Oct 1 – Nov 12 \*No class Oct 22\*

**Registration Fee:** \$75.60

To register, please visit the Soccer Shots registration page (link below):

[Soccer Shots - Registration](#)