



# Connaught Heights Elementary

## Weekly Newsletter – September 19, 2025

### Important Dates

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| 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) |
| Oct. 10  | Photo Retakes   |
| Oct. 13  | Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday (school closed)          |

### 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:



At Connaught Heights, we are proud to share that our school participated in the **45th Annual Terry Fox Run**, joining thousands of schools across the country in keeping Terry's dream alive—to find a cure for cancer.

The students' participation along with your generous donations helped us raise awareness and funds for cancer research; more importantly, we continue to honour the incredible courage and determination of Terry Fox. His legacy continues to inspire generations to take action and believe in the power of hope, resilience, and community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, ran, walked, or supported the event in any way. Together, we are helping to carry forward Terry's message: *"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going."*

With gratitude, *Mr. Elves*

## Code of Conduct

Please visit our school website to review the recently updated [Code of Conduct for Connaught Heights](#) that aligns directly with the District's commitment to establish and maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for everyone. Through our Code of Conduct, we endeavour to promote a sense of community and responsibility among students, staff, and parents, ensuring that all individuals can learn and thrive as a whole school community.

## Reminders

Remember that our courtyard is open for students at 8:40am before school. Children must also be supervised until the bell rings at 8:50am to begin the school day.



Please note that animals on school property, as per the New West District Policy ([AP 255](#)), must

be previously approved by the school Principal. As noted in the AP, the District strives to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and others on District property. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## PAC News

Here are the [minutes](#) from last week's PAC meeting.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for volunteers to help plan the **Pumpkin Patch** at the school on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Hiromi at [chpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacchair@gmail.com)

If you are interested in volunteering in general, please fill out the [volunteer form](#) and we will reach out to you.

### **Fun Lunch - White Spot, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

School Cash Online is now open for our first Fun Lunch. The deadline to order is September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open House - Wednesday, September 24th 3:10 - 4:00pm**

The teachers are kindly opening their classrooms for one hour after school to welcome parents and caregivers for an informal open house format to see their child's learning space and to connect with teachers. Please note that families will have the opportunity for one-on-one time with the teachers during the three-way conferences next month. Light refreshments will be served by the PAC in the courtyard.

### **DPAC (District PAC) News**

DPAC is organizing a screening of the [Screenagers film](#) this fall. Stay tuned for more info.

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](#)

## 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 has loved welcoming families, new and returning, to Strong Start this week!

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/>