



Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – September 26, 2025

Important Dates

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)
Oct. 22 & 23	3-way Conferences – Early Dismissal – students dismissed at 12:05pm

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,

As we recognize Orange Shirt Day and as we approach the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Tuesday September 30th, we want to take a moment to share its importance for our school community.

First recognized in 2013, Orange Shirt Day is a time to honour and remember the Indigenous children who were taken from their families and sent to residential schools in Canada. It is a day of reflection, learning, and commitment to truth and reconciliation. The orange shirt represents the loss and resilience of these children, inspired by the story of Phyllis Webstad, whose new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day at a residential school.

By recognizing this day, we help our students learn about the past in an age-appropriate way, build empathy, and support a more inclusive future for everyone.

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

Thank you to the teachers for their warm welcome into their classrooms this week at the Open House! It was wonderful to see the students showing their families their classrooms and we hope that you enjoyed it. Thank you as well to all of the volunteers that helped make the event happen. And lastly, thank you to Tim Horton's on Kingsway for their kind donation of coffee. If you'd like to share any feedback on the event please reach out to us at our email addresses below.

If you are interested in volunteering with the PAC, please join our Volunteer WhatsApp Community: https://chat.whatsapp.com/C6lkU7Qvmex1UzuccfQWMS?mode=ems_copy_t

Product Fundraisers

The PAC runs product fundraisers throughout the year. Some examples are Stofer's Art (students' art turned into notecards, magnets, etc.), Purdy's chocolates, and Astro Foods. A new idea is Fundscrip - a gift card fundraiser. We would love to hear what ideas you have and what you would be interested in purchasing! Please reach out to us at our email addresses below.

Support our Students

Did you know you can donate any amount to our school and you will receive a tax receipt on the [New Westminster Schools Donations](#) page? Just be sure to select "Connaught Heights Elementary School" for the Fund Destination!

Save the Date!

The budget will be presented for approval at the next PAC Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Follow us on Instagram: @connaughtheightspac

Join the PAC WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KZOM9Ys9TLoHGL54AcZsWK>

Email us at chpacchair@gmail.com or

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)

Connaught Heights - Library

Fridays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

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

Registration Fee: \$67.50

[Jewelry Making - Registration](#)

Soccer Shots (Grades 1 - 3)

Connaught Heights – Gym

Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

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

Registration Fee: \$75.60

[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, 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/>