



Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – December 5, 2025

Important Dates

Dec. 9	PAC Meeting – 6:30pm online
Dec. 11	Term 1 Report Cards Published
Dec. 12	PAC Winter Fest - 5:00-7:30pm
Dec. 16	White Spot Fun Lunch
Dec. 18	Winter Sing-Along & Jingle Jog PAC Bake Sale
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Re-Opens

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 approach the end of the first term at school, it is that time of year where you will be receiving your child's Term 1 Report Card (see below for details).

This first report offers a snapshot of their learning so far this year, highlighting their strengths, areas for continued growth, and the next steps that will help guide their progress. We encourage you to spend some time together celebrating their accomplishments, reflecting on their goals, and talking about what they feel most proud of.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year. We look forward to the continued growth, curiosity, and learning that Term 2 will bring.

Term 1 Report Cards will be available to view after 3:00pm on Thursday, December 11th, on the MyEducation BC Family Portal. To access the MyEd portal [click here](#).

Should you forget your password, please click the "I forgot my password" link to reset it.

If you need further assistance, please email us at connaughtheights@sd40.bc.ca



With gratitude,

Mr. Elves

Connaught Food and Toy Drive

Connaught Heights is excited to spread some holiday cheer by holding our annual **Food and Toy Drive**.

We invite families to participate by donating non-perishable food items and/or new, un-wrapped toys starting Monday, December 1st through Friday, December 12th. **Donations can be dropped off in the boxes located outside the office.**



In addition to our school-wide drive, students will be actively participating in our beloved **Community Food Drive Collection**.

This special tradition at Connaught Heights brings the community together!

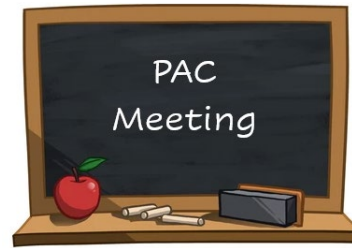
Starting December 3rd, students will deliver flyers to homes in the area, requesting non-perishable food donations.

On **Monday, December 8th**, students will return to collect any donations left at the front doors.

All collected items will be assembled into hampers and distributed to Connaught families in need of extra support during the holiday season.

Thank you for helping us make the season brighter for others!

PAC News



PAC Meeting

Please join us on **Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30pm** online for our next PAC Meeting.

Here is the [meeting link](#).

An invitation card for "The Great Bake Off Bake Sale". The card features a red and green color scheme with various illustrations including a penguin, a girl in a winter hat, a cup of hot chocolate, a cupcake, a gingerbread man, a slice of cake, and Santa Claus with a reindeer. The text on the card reads: "YOU ARE INVITED TO THE GREAT BAKE OFF BAKE SALE". Below this, it lists activities: "FUN FOR EVERYONE!" including music, wonderful treats, spin the wheel, and a guess-how-many-in-the-jar game. The event is scheduled for "THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 3PM TO 4PM" and is held "IN THE SCHOOL GYM". It is noted as "THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT".

Follow us on Instagram:

@connaughtheightspac

Join the [PAC WhatsApp Group](#) for general updates and reminders.

Join the [PAC Volunteer WhatsApp Community](#) to get involved with events and fundraising.

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

Winter Fest 2025



Raffle

Tickets are only available at the event (1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10) and you must be present to win. You won't want to miss out on the amazing raffle prizes! (BC Gaming Event License #168512.)

1. Be the Principal for Half a Day!

Ever wonder what it's really like to run the school? Now is your chance to find out! One lucky winner will spend a half-day shadowing our Principal, Mr. Elves! Go behind the scenes to learn the secrets of what it takes to be a Principal, see how the school works from the inside out and help him make important decisions for the school.



2. \$150 Aritzia Gift Card
3. \$150 WellSkin Spa Gift Card
4. \$170 Greater Vancouver Zoo Family Admission + 2 Lululemon Ball Caps
5. \$100 Greek and Italian Food Basket
6. \$75 Baking Basket including a DIY cookie decorating kit from Woot & Wooks

Activity Tickets Pre-Sale

Skip the line and go straight to the games at Winter Fest! Check your email - School Cash Online is now open until midnight on Tuesday, Dec 9th to purchase activity and food tickets. (Please note that the food truck will accept payment directly using cash, debit or credit and not our activity/food tickets).



Please lend a hand!

We rely on your support in order to run a successful event. Please consider volunteering for a shift or two. Here is the [sign-up sheet](#). Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Community News

Fraser Valley Chess Academy

Fraser Valley Rapid 20 Tournament

Grades K – 12

Date: March 1, 2026 - Port Coquitlam

Early Bird Entry fee: \$35 + GST

Link to register:

<https://fraservalleychess.com/fraser-valley-rapid-20>

BC Youth Chess Championship 2026

This is the official provincial qualifier for the national Canadian Youth Chess Championship 2026 in Ottawa.

Dates: March 21-22, 2026 – Burnaby

Early bird entry fee: \$90 + GST

Link to register:

<https://fraservalleychess.com/bcycc-2026>

For more information [click here for the FVCA website](#).



Douglas College Youth Programs

Looking for a way to make your child's weekends exciting, active, and creative?

Douglas College Youth Programs have you covered! Our **Saturday** and **Sunday** programs are designed for kids aged 6–9 and 10–14, offering a mix of sports, arts, and tech adventures that will keep them learning and having fun.

Programs run every: Saturday in Coquitlam and Sunday in New Westminister, from **January 10th - March 1st**

For more information or to register click here: [Douglas College - Winter Program Registration](#)

SFU Red Leafs Hockey

Simon Fraser University Red Leafs Hockey is pleased to invite all Connaught Heights students to attend one of the upcoming home games FREE!

Just use the promo code "**connaught**" to reserve your free tickets online at tickets.sfuhockey.com

SFU Hockey games feature concession, entertainment, contests, and other activities fun for the entire family. Don't miss your chance to win one of our exciting raffle prizes for 2025: Canucks Tickets, NHL Merchandise, or an official SFU Hockey jersey! Your ticket is your entry for a chance to shoot to win a 2026 Nissan Kicks Car courtesy of Rides with Gavin.

Questions? Contact us at gameday@sfuhockey.com

StrongStart

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

StrongStart is a free early learning program for children ages 0-5 with one adult.

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/>

