



# Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – November 20, 2025

## Important Dates

Nov. 21	Pro-D Day (School closed for students)
Nov. 25	Kamini's Corner Café Fun Lunch
Nov. 28	Spirit Day – Pajama Day
Dec. 10	PAC Meeting
Dec. 11	Term 1 Report Cards Published
Dec. 12	PAC Winter Fest

## Principal's Message:

Dear Connaught families,

Just a quick note with a reminder as the weather is beginning to look and feel a bit more *wintery* to ensure that your child has a warm coat as well as gloves and toques as needed. We would also appreciate if you could remind your children the importance of dressing warmly in the cold weather as we still have a few students going out for recess and lunch in their t-shirts.



With gratitude,

Mr. Elves

## 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.



## Connaught Heights Spirit Day

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Pajama Day!**

Come to school in your cozy PJs!



Winter Fest 2025

Connaught Heights Elementary PAC Presents

# Winter Fest

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 2025  
5:00PM TO 7:30PM

**FREE ENTRY!**

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,  
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING  
OF HOLIDAY FUN!

GAMES & PRIZES  
CRAFTS  
RAFFLE & MORE ACTIVITIES!  
FOOD TRUCK  
CONCESSION  
HOLIDAY TREATS

2201 LONDON STREET  
NEW WESTMINSTER  
CONNAUGHT HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY - GYM

**CASH ONLY**

## PAC News

Here are the [minutes](#) from the November 12<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting and an updated [PAC calendar](#).



### **Fun Lunch**

School Cash Online will be open **November 24<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for the last fun lunch of 2025 – White Spot on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **District PAC Meeting**

The next DPAC Meeting is Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00pm in-person at Fraser River Middle School and online using this [link](#).

### **Support Connaught Heights Elementary and the PAC**

If you're unable to attend upcoming PAC events and would like to support the school and/or the PAC, please consider making a donation. New Westminster Schools is a registered charity and tax receipts are issued for donations of \$20 or more. You can choose to designate your gift to Connaught Heights Elementary School using this [link](#). If you would like to make a gift directly to support the PAC (no tax receipt), please make cheques payable to "Connaught Heights PAC" and deliver to the school office. Thank you for all you do to support the school and the students!

### **WhatsApp Update**

Our WhatsApp groups have been getting spammed. We are updating the links periodically so please use the links in the most recent newsletter. And if you get removed from a group by mistake, please email us and we can add you back in.

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](mailto:chpacchair@gmail.com) or [chpacvchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacvchair@gmail.com)

## School District News

### DISCOVER

#### New Westminster Schools

You're invited to attend our information evening showcasing what we have to offer at New Westminster Schools!

Visit our information booths in the Grand Commons and speak to district staff and community members about their programs!

We look forward to seeing there!

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 2, 2025

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

**PLACE:** New Westminster Secondary School  
(820 Sixth Street)



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

It's almost time to

**Discover New Westminster Schools** again!

Join us on **Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **New Westminster Secondary School** from **5:30pm to 8:15pm** for an evening of educational exploration!

- Visit our booths in the Grand Commons to learn more about exciting learning opportunities!
- Interested in enrolling your child in a Program of Choice? Learn more about French Immersion, Montessori, Home Learners, dual credit programs, and more.
- Meet our Grade Counsellors and support your child's path to graduation by attending a course planning session for Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- [Download the Discover New Westminster Schools event schedule](#)

Please note our booths will be open from 5:30-7:30pm and info sessions will run from 6:00-8:15pm.

## Community News

### Thrive Parents: "Strategies for Surviving the Holidays"

**Fri, Nov 21, 6:30–8:30 PM**

New West Family Place - Quayside  
112 - 960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster

A welcoming peer support for caregivers/parents of neurodivergent children. This month's guest: Hina Mahmood, OT will discuss practical strategies for a calmer, more joyful holiday season.

**Register:** [bit.ly/48A4SWz](https://bit.ly/48A4SWz)



**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](https://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](mailto:gameday@sfuhockey.com)

## 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 Westminster  
from **January 10<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

## 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/>

