



# Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – November 28, 2025

## Important Dates

Dec. 2	Discover New Westminster Schools event at NWSS
Dec. 9	PAC Meeting
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](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,

Recently, the students in Division 8 visited the "Season's Tree" where they will observe how the tree and surrounding area changes over time. This will be a great opportunity to nurture their relationship with nature and to reflect on our collective responsibility to take care of the environment around us.

This responsibility extends to the work we do every day as parents and teachers to help our children take responsibility for their actions and to navigate conflict situations with empathy and awareness. This includes recognizing emotions, listening actively, understanding different perspectives, and working toward peaceful solutions. Conflict is a natural part of growing and learning, and our role is to guide students in turning these moments into opportunities for growth.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home talking about feelings, modeling calm problem-solving, and reinforcing the idea that relationships are strengthened when we approach challenges with patience and kindness.

Together, we can support our students in becoming thoughtful, compassionate members of their school community and beyond.



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 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. **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 3<sup>rd</sup>, students will deliver flyers to homes in the area, requesting non-perishable food donations.

On Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

The **December PAC Meeting** originally scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> has been changed to **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.



### **Winter Fest - December 12, 2025**

We would be grateful if parents would consider signing up to volunteer a shift or two. Here is the [sign-up sheet](#). Thank you!



### **Fun Lunch**

School Cash Online will close on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for the last fun lunch of 2025 - White Spot on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Here is the revised [PAC calendar](#).

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)



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# THE GREAT BAKE OFF BAKE SALE



## FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- MUSIC
- WONDERFUL TREATS
- SPIN THE WHEEL
- GUESS HOW MANY IN THE JAR



IN THE SCHOOL  
GYM

THIS IS A CASH ONLY  
EVENT



THURSDAY

18

DECEMBER  
3PM TO 4PM



## 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

### 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](#).



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](#)