



Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – November 7, 2025

Important Dates

Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - families welcome - please arrive by 10:45am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (School closed)
Nov. 12	PAC Meeting
Nov. 14	Papa John's Pizza Fun Lunch
Nov. 21	Pro-D Day (School closed for students)
Nov. 25	Kamini's Corner Café Fun Lunch
Nov. 28	Spirit Day – Pajama Day

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,

We are excited to share that our school is continuing to grow and learn together through our school growth plan. This year, our focus is on strengthening reading and literacy skills as well as numeracy (mathematical literacy) across kindergarten to Grade 5. Guided by the First Peoples Principles of Learning and the BC Core Competencies, our plan will emphasize the importance of connection, reflection, and a love of lifelong learning.

As a school community, we strive to build a strong foundation for every learner to thrive. We look forward to sharing more information related to our school growth plan over the coming weeks.

With gratitude, Mr. Elves

Remembrance Day 2025

Students will be receiving a poppy on Monday, November 10th before our school assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day. If you would like to contribute a small donation, we will have a collection can at the office on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion in New Westminster.



Parents and family members are also welcome to join us for the

**Remembrance Day assembly on
Monday November 10th, 2025.**

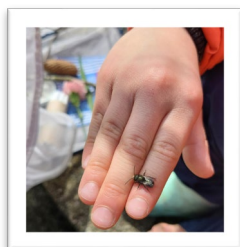
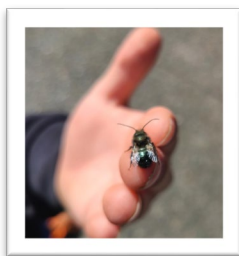
**We ask that you arrive promptly for 10:45am
so that the classes can enter by 11:00am.**

Connaught Heights Bee Club

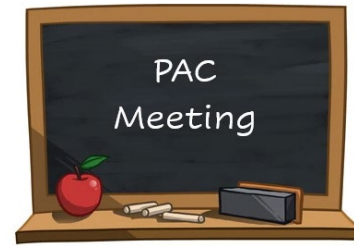


The Connaught Heights Bee Club had their first meeting this week. With the guidance of Ms. Tina, this environmentally focused group is dedicated to the care of our mason bee population. Over the next few weeks, the Bee Club will be busy harvesting, bathing, candling and most importantly tucking the bees in with a bedtime story before they spend the long winter sleeping in Ms. Tina's fridge. We can't wait to meet them when they emerge next spring!

Please enjoy the following video that highlights the amazing opportunity and work the Bee Club is able to be part of:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eF2TNuCIKHs&pp=ygUMbWVldCBtscyB0aW5h>



PAC News



Please join us!

**Next PAC Meeting
Wednesday Nov. 12th at 6:30pm**

Please join us online using this [Google Meet link](#). We will be discussing and voting on some programs that the PAC will fund. Here is information on a few of the options:

- Rhythm Resource - <https://rhythm-resource.com/>
- Will's Jams - <https://artstarts.com/artist-profile/wills-jams>

Winter Fest Date Change!

Please note our Winter Fest fundraising event will now be on **Friday, December 12th**. Watch for more information coming soon!

Summer Event Survey

We would appreciate your input!
Please complete this [survey](#). Thank you!

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

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



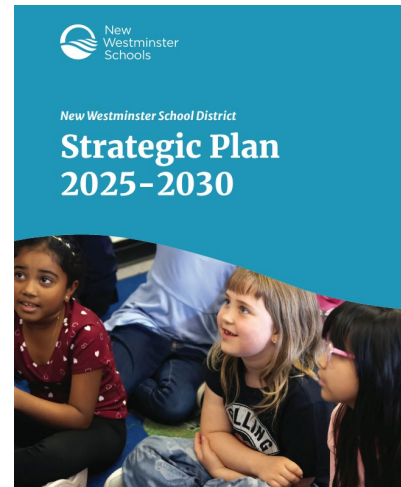
Simon Fraser University Red Leafs Hockey is pleased to invite all Connaught Heights students to attend one of the upcoming home games FREE!

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

School District News



New Westminster Schools has unveiled the new Strategic Plan for 2025-2030.

Click the picture above to read all about what they have in store for the next five years!

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/>

