



# Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – December 12, 2025

## Important Dates

Dec. 18	Winter Sing-Along & Jingle Jog Red & Green Day PAC Bake Sale
Dec. 19	White Spot Fun Lunch Festive Friday
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Re-Opens

## Dates of Significance

Dec. 14-22	Hanukkah
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26	Boxing Day
Dec. 26 – Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

## 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,

It is so hard to believe that we are just one week away from the winter holidays. As we prepare to enjoy our Winter Fest that our amazing PAC and family group have worked so hard to organize for our school community, I wanted to share a few highlights from this past week that reflect how caring and supportive our entire community is. On Monday, the students and teachers braved the rainy conditions to walk about the neighbourhood to collect the incredible donations that will be shared within and beyond our community. Then, on Wednesday morning, the Kindergarten classes had an unexpected visit from a special someone to collect some work they had done for a colouring contest and to share some holiday spirit.



## Connaught Spirit Days

Connaught Heights will be having two Spirit Days next week to get into the festive spirit!

### Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> **RED & GREEN DAY**

Wear red, green, or even better... both!

This is also the day of our Winter Sing-Along & Jingle Jog. Join us at 1:30pm in the Gym.  
Then from 3:00-4:00pm for the PAC Bake Sale.



### Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> **FESTIVE FRIDAY**

Wear your favourite Christmas or Winter pajamas or a festive sweater.



## PAC News

We look forward to seeing everyone tonight at Winter Fest!



### **Fun Lunch - White Spot**

Our apologies to the families that ordered the White Spot fun lunch scheduled for Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the date had to be changed. It will now be on **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

***Please remember to pack a lunch for your children on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.***

We apologize for this inconvenience, please reach out if you have any questions.

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)

## PAC Bake Sale

As Winter Fest gets underway, we'd love to remind our wonderful Connaught families about our much anticipated...

### ❄️ The Great Winter Bake-Off Bake Sale! ❄️

Join us on **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00–4:00 PM in the Gym** for tasty treats, warm community spirit, and plenty of festive fun. We'd be thrilled to have you show off your amazing baking skills and help make this fundraiser extra special!

As with every PAC event, we rely on your support. Please add your name to the [volunteer form here](#).

This sweet event brings our school community together while supporting important PAC initiatives. Thank you for helping make it a success!

### 🍪 Baked Goods Donation Guidelines

Please ensure all items:

- Are **nut-free** (no peanuts or tree nuts)
- **Do not require refrigeration** (no cream or custard)
- Are **individually wrapped**
- Include a simple **allergen label** (e.g., wheat, dairy)

### 🎁 Donation Drop-Off

We will happily accept baked goods on:

- **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, OR**
- **Morning of Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please bring donations to **Ms. Bachra** at the school office.

Thank you for your delicious contributions and for helping create a fun, festive, flavour-packed event for our community.

We can't wait to see—and taste!—what you bake up! 🎄 🍪

## 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](#).

## 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/>

