



Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – January 16, 2026

Important Dates

Jan. 26	Papa John's Pizza Fun Lunch
Jan. 27	Collaboration Day – Students dismissed at 12:05pm
Jan. 30	Will's Jams student performances 1:30pm in the gym – <i>families welcome</i>

Dates of Significance

January	Tamil Heritage Month
Jan. 15	Black Excellence 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 8:50am 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,

I am excited to share we have begun working with Will Stroet, an energetic and skilled musician, who is engaging our students in exploring music, voice and storytelling. As part of the Will's Jams Songwriting Workshops that the school is working together with the PAC to provide our school community, students will work collaboratively with Will to create original songs based on suggested themes, using music as a way to express ideas, emotions, and perspectives. To celebrate this enriched musical experience, the classes will then join forces with another class to perform their co-created song on Friday January 30th at 1:30pm in the school gym. Parents and families are welcome to join us for this performance.

With gratitude, Mr. Elves



PAC News

Thank you to everyone that attended this week's PAC meeting. Minutes will be sent next week.



Read-A-Thon

We are introducing a Read-A-Thon fundraiser this year! It's a fun way to encourage reading while raising funds for the PAC and will run from **February 2nd - 13th**. Stay tuned for more information.

Saleema Noon

You should have received an email on Wednesday, January 14th regarding the upcoming Body Science Workshop for students on **Thursday, February 12th**. The Parent Workshop will be on **Monday, February 9th** from 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Mr. Elves at delves@sd40.bc.ca

Stay Connected

Follow us on Instagram:
[@connaughtheightspac](https://www.instagram.com/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

Parent Volunteers Needed

Fun lunches and other PAC fundraisers can only happen with your help. Please consider signing up using our [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#) and join the [PAC Volunteer WhatsApp Community](#). Any amount of help makes a big difference!

Summer Fundraising Event - Friday, June 5th

We hope to have another fun event full of entertainment and activities and bring back the carnival games! What the event will look like will depend on how many parents are able to help us plan the event.

Here is a [document](#) outlining the different areas that need someone to take the lead. It's ok if you don't have any experience! The PAC exec will provide guidance and explain the tasks in detail.

Please email chpacchair@gmail.com by **Friday, January 23rd** if you are interested in being a part of the planning group.

Our first meeting will take place on **Monday, January 26th** at 6:30pm.

Fun Lunch

We have been short-handed for distribution at several Fun Lunches. Help is needed from 11:45am - 12:30pm to distribute lunches to classrooms and also pick-up food items such as milk from Save-On-Foods. The dates are listed in the Volunteer Sign-up Form linked above - thank you!

Movie Night

Coming up we have a Movie Night on **Friday, February 27th** and will be sending a volunteer sign-up form in the coming weeks.

Student Learning Surveys

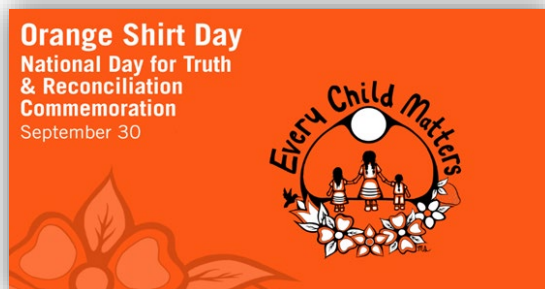


Student Learning Survey >>>>

Students in Grade 4 in BC (along with Grades 7, 10, 11 and 12) will be participating in the Ministry's Student Learning Survey over the coming weeks. Parents and families also have the opportunity to participate in the survey to provide their perspectives.

Click on the image above to access the parent survey, and simply select District 40, the school name and the language preference (if available).

Community News



Orange Shirt Day 2026 Official Design Contest

Students are invited to help raise awareness about the lasting impacts of residential schools and support the healing journey of survivors and their families by submitting a design of their own for the [2026 Orange Shirt Every Child Matters T-shirt contest](#). Entries will be accepted until January 31st at 9:00pm PST.

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/>



Kinsight > Everyone's welcome. Everyone belongs. Everywhere.



New Westminister Sibling Group

January 21, 2026 - Sibling Group gives children and youth a chance to connect with others who understand what it's like to have a sibling with extra support needs. It's a space to share stories, build friendships, and enjoy time together in a fun and supportive environment. We are pleased to offer the Sibling Group at the Kinsight office in New Westminister (ages 8-13) and at the Tri-Cities Children's Centre (ages 9-14).

Community School Programs at Connaught

STEM Builders (Grades 2 - 5)

Explore the basics of STEM through fun, hands-on engineering activities. Students will work on simple projects using components like circuits and LEDs while also building friendships in an interactive learning environment.

Connaught Heights - Library

Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Date: Jan 22 - Mar 5

Registration Fee: \$109

To register, please visit the link below:

[Kids Innovative Registration](#)

If the link above does not work for you, please go to this website: dwul.io and search "Connaught" in the search bar at the top.

Sports of all Sorts (Grades 1 - 3)

Grab your friends for an afternoon of fun playing sports...of all sorts! Sports being played include soccer, basketball, fun relays and more. Each week you will learn new skills and play games. Wear running shoes and bring a water bottle. Suitable for all skill levels.

Connaught Heights – Gym

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:15pm

Date: Feb 4 - Mar 11

Registration Fee: \$58.80

To register, please visit:

[Sports of all Sorts Connaught Heights](#)

Theatre Club (Gr. 5)

Welcome to the world of Wicked—a musical theatre workshop! Students will learn basic skills of musical theatre performance and will demonstrate their skills through song and dance to a medley of songs from the very popular hit soundtrack of Wicked!

New Westminster Secondary School Theatre

(Families are responsible for their own transportation)

Fridays, 4:15 - 5:30pm

Dates: Jan 30 - Mar 6

Registration Fee: Free

There are limited spaces available for this program across the district. To submit an application for the random draw, please follow this link:

[Theatre Club \(Winter 2026\) – Fill out form](#)

Submissions will be accepted until Monday, January 19th.

Have questions?

Contact Community Schools — Phone: 604-517-6291 Email: communityschools@sd40.bc.ca