



Connaught Heights Elementary

Weekly Newsletter – January 9, 2026

Important Dates

Jan. 14	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm (online)
Jan. 16	Spirit Day – <i>to be determined</i>
Jan. 26	Papa John’s Pizza Fun Lunch
Jan. 27	Collaboration Day – Students dismissed at 12:05pm

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 8:50 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,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break filled with connection and moments that mattered most. It has been wonderful to see our students return with smiles, stories to share, and excitement for the term ahead here at Connaught.

January marks a fresh start and a time to re-establish routines, set goals, and continue growing together as a learning community. To this end, we encourage families to take time to talk with their children about what they are looking forward to, what they hope to learn, and how they can show kindness and responsibility at school.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We are excited for the learning, growth, and celebrations that the months ahead will bring.

With gratitude, Mr. Elves



Glenbrook students presenting to our Grade 5s to share about the Late French Immersion program.

PAC News

PAC Meeting

Please join us for our next PAC Meeting on **Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30pm**, held online. We will be discussing fundraising ideas for the next six months, including our upcoming **Read-a-Thon scheduled for February 2–13**. We would love to hear your ideas and have you join the conversation! Here is the [meeting link](#).



Fun Lunch - Papa John's Pizza

School Cash Online closes on **Thursday, January 15th** for Papa John's Pizza Fun Lunch, scheduled for **Monday, January 26th**.

Please note: this fun lunch will be held on Monday, not Tuesday as usual.

We Need Your Help!

Fun lunches and other PAC fundraisers can only happen with your help. If you are able to help with future fun lunches or upcoming events, 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! Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We look forward to another great year together!

Saleema Noon

Stay tuned for more information regarding the Saleema Noon (Sexual Health Educator) parent & student sessions that will take place in early February.

Stay Connected

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

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

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).

For registration information, [click here](#).

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