



# Connaught Heights Elementary



## Weekly Newsletter – February 20, 2026

### Important Dates

Feb. 24	Woomi Sushi Fun Lunch
Feb. 25	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 27	PAC Movie Night
Mar. 11	PAC Meeting
Mar. 12	Term 2 Report Card Published Papa John's Pizza Fun Lunch
Mar. 16 - 27	Spring Break
Mar. 30	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 8:50am 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,

It has been a busy week and especially an action-packed and festive Friday here at Connaught this week. Today was a very big day for our Kindergarten students as they had a full day celebrating their first 100 days at school. From counting collections on the playground to creating '100' themed projects, their day was filled with excitement and hands-on learning. They even welcomed an 'old' friend, Mr. Coppersmith who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with them 😊.

At lunch, the students in Ms. Juillet's Division 5 class enjoyed a vibrant Lunar New Year Potlatch celebration, sharing food, traditions, and learning connected to this special cultural holiday. It was a joyful opportunity to celebrate community, honour cultural traditions, and share with and learn from one another. Thank you to the families who contributed dishes and helped make the celebration so meaningful.

Moments like these remind us how special it is to learn and grow together as a school community.

With gratitude, Mr. Elves



## PAC News

Here are the [minutes](#) from last week's PAC meeting.

### **Read-A-Thon - THANK YOU!**

A HUGE THANK YOU to our incredible school community!

We had **64** readers log an amazing **16,095** minutes of reading and we have raised **\$6,547!** 80% of all donations made through the Read-A-Thon platform go directly back to our school - this amounts to **\$5,237.60**. Your generosity and encouragement made this fundraiser such a great success!

Donations can still be made through the Read-A-Thon platform until February 24<sup>th</sup> if you or your family would still like to contribute.

The prize draw for the \$20 Kinder Book gift cards will take place on Movie Night, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Movie Night - Volunteers Needed**

We need help organizing and distributing the pizza orders, as well as manning concession with help from high school student volunteers. Please sign up [here](#).



### **Fun Lunch**

The next Fun Lunch is Woomi Sushi on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

School Cash Online is open until February 25<sup>th</sup> for Papa John's Fun Lunch on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Wagon Wheels will be added to the Papa John's Fun Lunch!

Also, we have been short-handed with volunteers to pick-up and distribute fun lunches and really need some help to keep them going! Please reach out to Fusami at [chpacsec@gmail.com](mailto:chpacsec@gmail.com) if you can help.

### **Spirit Wear Pickup**

PAC Spirit Wear T-Shirts are ready for pickup! Parents can pick up their orders in the courtyard, outside the office, on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:45-3:15pm.

### **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](mailto:chpacchair@gmail.com) or [chpacvchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacvchair@gmail.com)

## Will's Jams Songs

Some families have been asking about receiving the lyrics from the songs that the students wrote with Will Stroet in January as part of the Will's Jams program that the classes participated in.

Please click on the picture below for a copy of the lyrics. We are also working on developing a format to share the music with everyone either in audio or video format.



## 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

**Douglas College** is offering a variety of [Spring Break Youth Programs](#) running **Monday to Friday from March 16–27<sup>th</sup>**.

Families can choose from half-day or full-day options across two one-week sessions.

### PROGRAM DATES:

- **Week 1:** March 16–20<sup>th</sup>
- **Week 2:** March 23–27<sup>th</sup>

### PROGRAM OPTIONS & COSTS:

Active and educational programs for children and youth.

- Half-Day Programs (3 hours/day): \$165 per week
- Full-Day Programs (7 hours/day): \$275 per week
- Optional Hot Lunch Program: \$65 per week
- [Register here!](#)

### LOCATIONS:

- **New Westminster Campus:** 700 Royal Avenue
- **Coquitlam Campus:** 1250 Pinetree Way

Programs are offered at both campuses.

### REGISTRATION & CONTACT INFORMATION:

Registration is completed online through the Douglas College website. Please note that a [new registration system](#) is being used this year, and all families will need to create a new family account before registering. For additional program details or assistance, families can contact the Youth Programs team at [youthcamps@douglascollege.ca](mailto:youthcamps@douglascollege.ca) or 604-527-5680. For registration-related questions, please call 604-527-5472.