



# Connaught Heights Elementary



## Weekly Newsletter – February 6, 2026

### Important Dates

Feb. 11	PAC Meeting – 6:30pm
Feb. 13	Spirit Day – Valentine’s Day White Spot Fun Lunch
Feb. 16	Family Day Holiday (School Closed)
Feb. 17	Pro-D Day (School Closed for Students)
Feb. 19	DPAC Meeting – Queen Elizabeth Elementary
Feb. 20	Rocks n’ Rings Curling Workshop
Feb. 24	Woomi Sushi Fun Lunch
Feb. 25	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 27	PAC Movie Night

### 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,

I was most impressed to learn that students participating in the PAC-supported Read-a-Thon at Connaught had logged more than 5400 minutes in the first 5 days of this epic event. As an educator and a parent, it is my belief that a read-a-thon is designed to help children develop positive reading habits in a fun and encouraging way. We know that regular reading supports language development, concentration, and imagination, and it helps children grow more confident as learners. When families read together or talk about books at home, children see further that reading matters not just at school, but in everyday life. Your encouragement and support make a big difference!

Here at school, the Read-a-Thon supports our literacy goals by increasing student engagement and by reinforcing daily reading routines. It emphasizes effort over ability, helping all students, especially emerging readers, feel successful. By framing reading as enjoyable and community-centered, we strengthen the children’s identities as readers and build momentum that extends well beyond this amazing event itself.

Thank you to the PAC for your thoughtful organization and engagement in such a powerful and meaningful opportunity for our students and the school community.

With gratitude, Mr. Elves



## PAC News

### **PAC Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Please join us for our next meeting online here:

<https://meet.google.com/izw-kmqs-yyq?hs=224>

Mr. Elves and a school board trustee will speak about the Grade 6 option.



### **Fun Lunch**

The next Fun Lunch is White Spot on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. School Cash Online is now open until February 8<sup>th</sup> for Woomi Sushi on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.



### **Rocks and Rings - February 20<sup>th</sup>**

In time to celebrate the Winter Olympics, the PAC has collaborated with the school to bring [Rocks & Rings](#) to Connaught Heights Elementary! The program features interactive gym activities and includes a variety of drills, relays, and team-building activities that introduce students to the sport of curling with a focus on FUN!

### **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)

## PAC Read-A-Thon

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**



Thank you to everyone that has been participating so far in the Read-A-Thon! Our students have made an amazing start, and we still have one week to go!

So far we have **5,463** minutes read with **45** readers.

**Our goal is 100% participation!**

If you haven't yet, please visit:

<https://www.read-a->

[thon.com/readers/r/uKsgjW/1?utm=email](https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/uKsgjW/1?utm=email)

to activate your child's account and start logging minutes to reach our goal of every student participating. Include bedtime stories and when you're reading with your child!

Here is a [Reading Log Sheet](#) so your child can track their reading at school and then bring home for you to log on the website (this is intended for your child to manage independently, not for the teacher to manage).

There will be a draw in each Division for a \$20 Kinder Books gift card for students that log minutes read (not for donations received). And of course, please also share this fundraiser with family and friends! Emails and texts can be sent directly from the website after you activate your child's account. Donations are not tied to minutes read. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

## School District News

**Before Your Bedtime** - New Westminster Schools is inviting parents and guardians of children born in 2021 to a three-part “Before Your Bedtime” information series. The short evening sessions, held ahead of Kindergarten entry in September 2026, will feature district staff and guest speakers who will share expertise and practical tips to help families prepare for Kindergarten. See the [flyer](#) for more information.

Topics and dates:

- **Feb 9, 2026:** Social-Emotional Learning: Sleep, Nutrition, Everyday Anxiety and Physical Literacy.
- **March 9, 2026:** Foundations of learning: Play, Early Learning Framework and the First Peoples Principles of Learning.
- **April 9, 2026:** Literacy and Numeracy -Play based practical tools and strategies.

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26668515860025?p=rOM3nwjpbzFV5PzAxx>

Meeting ID: 266 685 158 600 25

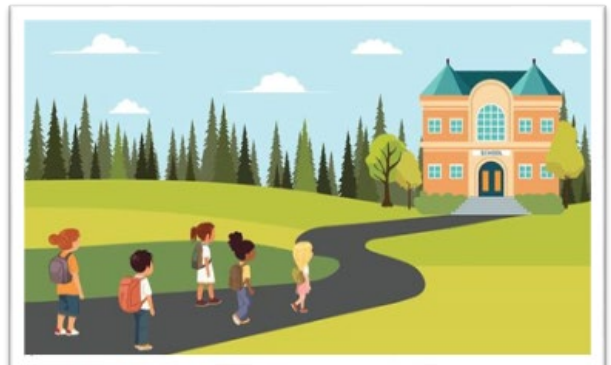
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## Walking Safety Reminder

As many of our students and families walk to and from school each day, we would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of walking safely.

- Please use crosswalks, look both ways before crossing, and follow crossing guard instructions.
- Stay alert and avoid distractions like phones or headphones while walking.
- Families are encouraged to talk with children about safe walking routes and personal safety (including staying with friends when possible and never talking to or going anywhere with someone you don't know).

**Thank you for helping keep our school community safe!**



## 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).

