



# Connaught Heights Elementary



## Weekly Newsletter – January 30, 2026

### Important Dates

Feb. 11	PAC Meeting – 6:30pm
Feb. 13	Spirit Day – Valentine’s Day White Spot Fun Lunch
Feb. 16	Family Day (School Closed)
Feb. 17	Pro-D Day (School Closed for Students)

### Dates of Significance

Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day
Feb. 16	Family Day Holiday
Feb. 25	Pink Shirt 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](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,

What an exciting day we enjoyed today at Connaught Heights welcoming Will’s Jams who performed the four songs that were written with Will over the past few weeks as well as sharing some of his own favourites, including Rock n Roly Guacamole and Sushi Role.

With the students, Will developed four catchy and engaging songs including ‘In the Winter’ with Mrs. Blackburn and Mrs. Tucsock’s classes, ‘Creativity’ with Ms. Marken and Ms. Yee’s classes, ‘Heroes’ with Ms. Tyler, Mrs. Jones and Ms. Juliet’s classes, and the new school anthem ‘Connaught Heights’ with Mr. Eckert and Ms. Amy’s classes. So much joy and fun was had by all.

One of the students in Division 5 commented that, ‘he was so kind to us, he was funny and he taught us so good and made rhymes...and, he was like a real teacher!’

With gratitude, Mr. Elves



## Connaught Heights Spirit Wear

### Brought to you by the PAC

Show your school spirit with a Connaught Heights branded t-shirt!  
Ordering through School Cash Online is now open (check your email) and will close Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be delivered in time for Kindness Day (February 25<sup>th</sup>).

We will provide an update regarding delivery time and pick-up instructions.

### T-shirts

There are 4 t-shirt colours available:  
Black, Blue, Pink, and Orange.

Youth Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Adult Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Price: \$15



### Please see sizing charts below:

Youth Tee: [https://media.sanmarcanada.com/pdfs/GILDAN\\_200B.pdf](https://media.sanmarcanada.com/pdfs/GILDAN_200B.pdf)

Adult Tee: [https://media.sanmarcanada.com/pdfs/GILDAN\\_2000.pdf](https://media.sanmarcanada.com/pdfs/GILDAN_2000.pdf)

Youth Hoodie: [https://media.sanmarcanada.com/pdfs/GILDAN\\_185B.pdf](https://media.sanmarcanada.com/pdfs/GILDAN_185B.pdf)

### **Class of 2026 Grad Hoodie (For Grade 5 Only)**

Order your special Class of 2026 hoodie today!  
Check your email for the School Cash Online link.

### **Class of 2026 Hoodie (For Grade 5 Only)**

Colour: Black

Youth Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL

Price: \$40



## PAC News

### **Summer Fundraising Event Update**

On behalf of the PAC exec, a huge thank you goes out to the people that attended this week's meeting. Unfortunately because we have not had enough volunteers sign up to lead and plan the Carnival or Summer Jam, we are not able to move forward with the event at this time.

This is typically the largest fundraiser of the year in support of the PAC. **We are still moving forward with an end of year Raffle** so that we can raise as much as we can for next year's subsidies and events that the PAC supports (subsidy for student supplies, classroom supplies, Pumpkin Patch, field trips, workshops such as Will's Jams, and more.) If you are able to help source prizes, please email [chpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:chpacchair@gmail.com). Thank you!



### **Read-A-Thon: February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**

If you haven't yet, please visit <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/uKsgjW/1?utm=email> and activate your child's account before February 2<sup>nd</sup> - it only takes a minute! From there you can track your child's reading and receive donations from friends and family.



### **Spirit Wear and Grad Hoodie**

School Cash Online is now open for Connaught Heights t-shirts and graduation hoodies (hoodies are for grade 5s only) and will close on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Movie Night**

Save the Date - Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.  
More info to come!

### **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>.



### **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)

## 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=rOM3nwjpbzFV5PzAxr>

Meeting ID: 266 685 158 600 25

Passcode: AH9uw9fN



**BEFORE YOUR BEDTIME**

New Westminster Schools cordially invites parents and guardians of children born in 2021 to a virtual three-part series on key topics that will enable their child's smooth transition to Kindergarten. These sessions entitled "Before your Bedtime" are intended for parents and guardians. Please join district staff and guest speakers to these informative sessions followed by a Q&A.

*Empowering parents and guardians*

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**All sessions are on Teams. [Click here for link.](#)**  
**6:00 to 6:45 p.m.**

 For more information, contact [lnellson@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:lnellson@sd40.bc.ca)

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00pm PST.