



# Connaught Heights Elementary



## Weekly Newsletter – June 12, 2026

### Important Dates

June 18	Indigenous Dancing & Performance – 2:15pm
June 19	Sports Day Bike/Wheels Parade Talent Show
June 24	Term 3 Report Cards Published
June 25	Last Day of School – <b>dismissal at 2:00pm</b> End-of-Year Assembly/Gr. 5 Leaving Ceremony - 11:00am

### 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.



Dear Connaught families,

As we reflect on all the fun memories and experiences of a successful school year, I want to acknowledge and thank our students, families and staff for creating a school environment that embodies kindness, enthusiasm, and a sense of community that make Connaught Heights a special place to learn and grow.

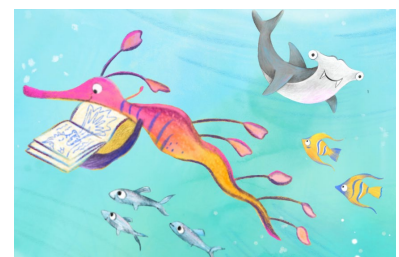
As summer approaches, we encourage our students to keep their minds active by reading, exploring, creating, and spending time outdoors with family and friends. One great way to continue building a love of reading is by joining the Summer Reading Club at the New Westminster Public Library. It is a fun opportunity for students to discover new books, participate in activities, and maintain their reading skills throughout the summer.

Today, Ms. Alicia Dobbs, one of the Children's Librarians with the New Westminster Public Library, spent time with each of the classes talking about the Summer Reading Club encouraging everyone to get involved and to nurture their love of reading over the summer holiday. She was also very excited to share that this year the library will be offering an Adult Reading Club, so we encourage everyone to join (visit any [Library Branch](#) in NW to sign up).

Thank you for a fantastic year. Wishing everyone an enjoyable end to this school year and best wishes for a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer break when it begins on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

With gratitude,

Mr. Elves



## Sports Day

**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> is Sports Day at Connaught Heights!**

There will also be a Bike/Wheels Parade in the morning, and a Talent Show in the afternoon!

*Families are welcome!*



## Indigenous Dance

**Indigenous Powwow & Hoop Dance**

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Performance at 2:15pm

*Families welcome!*



## Report Cards

Report Cards will be published on the MyEd portal on **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** by 4:00pm.



## PAC News

### **A Huge Thank You for Summer Bash!**

On behalf of the PAC Executive, we want to send a massive, heartfelt THANK YOU to every single person who helped make this year's Summer Bash fundraiser such a spectacular success! Together we raised \$6,400.

To our amazing Parents: Thank you for volunteering your time, donating items, buying raffle tickets and bringing your families out to support the school. You make our community so special!

To our dedicated Teachers and Staff: Thank you for your incredible support and flexibility. We know how busy the end of the school year is, and we are so grateful for your partnership and dedication to our students.

Because of your collective hard work, generosity, and community spirit, the Summer Bash was not only an absolute blast, but a highly successful fundraiser that will directly benefit our students.

### **2026-2027 Executive**

Thank you to everyone who attended the PAC AGM. Minutes will be sent next week. Thank you to the 2025-26 Executive Committee members for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Your 2026-27 Executive members are:

Chair: Hiromi Sakalis

Vice Chair: Nicole Tawse

Treasurer: Nataliya Batara

DPAC Rep (shared role): Heather Kamitakahara, Lu Li, and Yulia Yakovyna

Secretary: Fusami Wakita

We're looking forward to working together and continuing to support our school community in the year ahead.

### **Freezie Sale**

Beat the heat and join us after school on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a freezie! Jumbo size will be \$2 and half will be \$1. Sales will be CASH ONLY.

### **Fun Lunch Survey**

If you haven't yet, please take a few moments to fill out this [short survey](#) to help us plan for next year.

### **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)



## District News

### **New to New West**

2026 Intercultural and Information Festival  
Saturday, June 20, 2026 - 11:00am - 2:00pm  
at New Westminster Secondary School

Join us for a free, family-friendly event designed to help newcomers feel informed, connected and at home. Drop in anytime. Everyone is welcome! This event will include information on various services such as jobs and schools, culture, mental health and community supports. It will also include Indigenous learnings, various activities (performances, arts and crafts and games, snacks), and a resume clinic (bring a copy of your resume, plus two job postings).



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| <b>Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jobs and schools</li><li>• Culture</li><li>• Mental health</li><li>• Community supports</li></ul> | <b>Indigenous Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cultural teachings</li><li>• Speakers</li></ul> | <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performances</li><li>• Arts and crafts</li><li>• Games</li><li>• Snacks</li></ul> |
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**>> GET HELP WITH YOUR RESUME!** Bring a copy of your resume plus two job postings. No appointment needed.



### **Provincial Government Survey**

Public Engagement Now Open to Gather Input on the Future of Child Care in B.C.

The provincial government is seeking input to guide the future of child care in B.C., and has launched a survey to hear directly from families, early childhood educators and child care operators about their experiences.

The survey can be found at [gov.bc.ca/childcaresurvey](https://gov.bc.ca/childcaresurvey) and is available from May 28-July 9, 2026.

## Community News

### **Hyack Football Fall Registration** for Football and Cheerleading, ages 6-13



### **New Westminster Family Place**

#### **Thrive Parents Support Group**

Friday, June 19, 6:30–8:30pm

For parents and caregivers of neurodivergent children ages 0–12. This monthly meet-up offers space to connect, share experiences, and learn about resources and practical tools. Light snacks and fidgets are provided.

#### **Thrive Together Playgroup**

Thursdays, 12:30–2:30pm

A weekly registered playgroup for caregivers and children 0-6 who may benefit from extra support, offered in partnership with Kinsight's Supported Child Development and Infant Development teams.

Details and registration:

<https://www.newwestfamilies.ca/program/parent-workshops-talks/>

<https://www.newwestfamilies.ca/program/thrive-together-playgroup/>