



# Connaught Heights Elementary



## Weekly Newsletter – May 8, 2026

### Important Dates

May 13	PAC Meeting – 6:00pm in the School Library
May 15	Pro-D Day (No school for students)
May 18	Victoria Day Holiday (School Closed)
May 22	PAC Bubble Tea Afternoon Math Fest
May 26	Papa John’s Pizza Fun Lunch

### Principal’s Message:

Dear Connaught families,

Today at Connaught Heights, it was affectionately known as class photo day, where each of the classes had an opportunity for a whole class photo as well as taking part in our school-wide panoramic photo. The panoramic photo was extra special and exciting as it was captured by a hovering drone.

School and class photo day is special because it serves as an annual, nostalgic milestone that documents a child's growth, friendships, and evolving personality from kindergarten all the way through graduation. It is a cherished keepsake that captures the fashions, smiles, and social dynamics of a memorable school year.

These photos allow families to preserve the memory of their children, and it allows us to create special collections that can be enjoyed over time. The side-by-side comparisons from year to year are heartwarming, plus it’s a nice opportunity to share with your children what you looked like during your school years, whether it’s realizing you share the exact same grin or laughing with your child about different styles and fashions that were popular ‘back in the old days’.

### 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.



Warmly,

Mr. Elves





**SUMMER BASH**

**FRIDAY JUNE 5, 2026  
3:00-4:30PM**

**Connaught Heights families!  
Join us for a fun afternoon to  
celebrate the end of the school year!**

- **GAMES & PRIZES**
- **BOTTLE PICK**
- **FOOD TRUCK & CONCESSION**
- **RAFFLE DRAW @4PM**

Presented By:  
**Connaught Heights PAC**

**Check your email for more information!**

**PAC Meeting - Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us **IN PERSON** at the next PAC meeting - Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Library. Pizza and childminding will be provided.

**\*IMPORTANT\***

Some current executive members will not be returning next year and positions will be open for the 2026-2027 school year, which will be voted on at the June meeting. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the executive to attend next week's meeting and/or reach out to us at our email addresses below.

## PAC News

### **Bubble Tea Afternoon at Connaught! - May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

School Cash Online will be open until Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Drinks will be distributed after school in the courtyard on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Bubble Tea Afternoon at Connaught**  
BY GONG CHA AT NEW WEST ROYAL CENTRE  
FRIDAY, MAY 22 AFTER SCHOOL

- BROWN SUGAR MILK
- STRAWBERRY LEMONADE
- MANGO MILK
- STRAWBERRY YOGURT DRINK

Large \$8.50  
Small \$4.50

Order on School Cash Online May 4-11

CONNAUGHT HEIGHTS PAC FUNDRAISER

The poster features a cartoon illustration of a bubble tea cup with a smiling face, arms, and legs, giving a thumbs up. The cup is filled with pink liquid and black boba pearls. The background is a light beige color with starburst shapes for prices and a yellow starburst for the online ordering information.

### **Fun Lunch**

School Cash Online is open until May 14<sup>th</sup> for the **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Papa John's Pizza** fun lunch.



### **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)

## New Westminster Family Place

### New Westminster Family Place Free parent support groups

#### Middle Matters

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30–7:30 pm

New Westminster Family Place, Quayside

For parents and caregivers of children ages 6–12

Middle Matters is a monthly discussion group for parents and caregivers navigating the middle years. This month's topic is friendships and social worlds: changing friendships, conflict, connection, belonging, and how parents can support kids as relationships become more complex.

#### Thrive Parents Support Meet-Up

Friday, May 22, 6:30–8:30 pm

New Westminster Family Place, Quayside

For caregivers of neurodivergent children 0-10

Thrive Parents is a free monthly peer support meet-up for caregivers of neurodivergent children. This adults-only space offers a chance to connect with other parents and caregivers, share experiences, and feel supported. Snacks and fidgets are provided.

Registration and details are available at:  
[newwestfamilies.ca](http://newwestfamilies.ca)



## Douglas College Summer Camps

Douglas College Youth Camps registration is now open for **Summer 2026**.

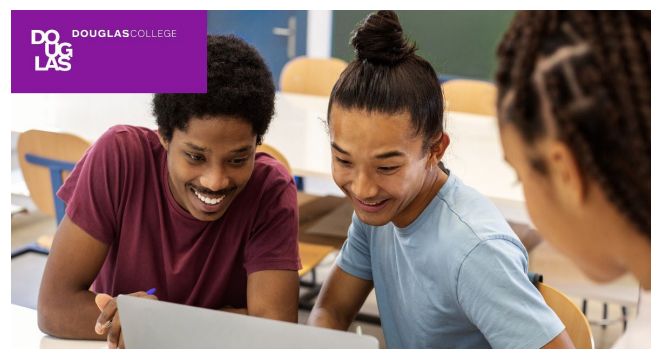
Camps will run from **June 29th to September 4th, 2026**, with a variety of fun and engaging programs available for children and youth, including sports, computers, arts, leadership, and more.

Camps will be offered at both the **New Westminster** and **Coquitlam** campus locations.

Families can view the full camp schedule and register through Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/2026-douglas-college-summer-camps-4835035?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you have any questions, please contact [youthcamps@douglascollege.ca](mailto:youthcamps@douglascollege.ca).



### SUMMER CAMPS

Computer programs for children & youth 6-14

Choose from coding, art, writing, and more!

Programs run from  
**June 29 -  
September 4**

[youthcamps@douglascollege.ca](mailto:youthcamps@douglascollege.ca)

For more  
info or to  
register use  
the QR code



## Community News

### **Challenger Baseball in New Westminster**

Challenger Baseball offers children with physical or cognitive disabilities the opportunity to play baseball in an adaptive, developmentally appropriate environment that emphasizes inclusion, teamwork, and fun.

For information on how to [participate - click here](#)

For information on how to [volunteer - click here](#)

Games will take place **on Sundays during the spring and part of the summer** at the field located behind **Glenbrook Middle School**.

Register for

# CHALLENGER BASEBALL



An adaptive baseball program designed to empower children and youth with physical and/or cognitive disabilities



11AM - 12PM Sundays  
Starting May 10

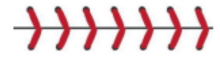
Terry Hughes Park

[NewWestChallenger.ca](http://NewWestChallenger.ca)



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## CHALLENGER BASEBALL



Become a Buddy & Volunteer today

### BUDDIES:

Help create a fun and safe environment for children and youth with physical and/or cognitive disabilities to enjoy sport!

No Baseball or Adaptive experience required.



11AM - 12PM Sundays  
Starting May 10



Terry Hughes Park



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### **St. Francis De Sales 4th Annual Spring Fair**

Mark your calendars for the **4th Annual St. Francis De Sales Spring Fair** on **Saturday, May 23, 2026**, from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Rene Memorial Park (6961 Sperling Ave., Burnaby). Admission is **free**, and families and friends are welcome for a full day of fun.

Tickets are required for rides and games and can be purchased online. Options include Ride-All-You-Can wristbands and Basic Punch Cards, available as value packs or individual purchases. A QR code on the [event poster](#) also links directly to ticket sales.

Don't miss out on this exciting community event!