



Capilano Elementary

Weekly Reminders – April 11th, 2025

Important Calendar Dates

April 13 - Passover Begins in the Evening
April 14, 15 and 17 - Talent Show Auditions
April 17 – Emergency Release Drill
April 18 - Good Friday - **No school**
April 21 - Easter Monday - **No school**
April 22 – Earth Day
April 24 - Class and Group Photos
April 25 - Poem in Your Pocket Day
April 28 - Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations; Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
April 29 - Talent Show - 6:30-7:30

Attendance

Attendance – Is your student leaving early, arriving late, or going to be absent? A reminder to families to please let the classroom teacher **AND** Capilano Office know of your child's absence by using one of the following methods:

- 1.) Using the [SafeArrival](#) system
- 2.) Calling (604) 903-3370, press '2' at any time to reach the absent line ***leaving a message is the preferred method when calling, as the office is extra busy in the mornings during attendance.**

Please provide the first and last name of your student, grade, and division, if known. **It is important to let both the office (using 2 methods above) and the classroom teacher know (by email) of any absences, late arrivals, or**

early departures. Our school website (staff top tab) is updated with all of the current divisions and classroom teacher emails.

We ask that ALL visitors and parents come to the OFFICE to check-in regarding your visit to the school. For students' safety all other doors are locked before, during and after school.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE – If your student is late, please have them come to the office and sign in.

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY – If you need to pick your child up early, please come to the office to sign your student out, and the office will call the classroom so the student can come down.

*Students must be picked up by individuals on their safe pick-up list (you provided this information on the Student Information Verification Form in the September Package), and cannot leave the school grounds by themselves between the hours of 8:45am – 3pm.

Understanding the Early Years in BC: Transition to Kindergarten

Newcomer parents/guardians are invited to a parent night to learn about the BC School System and how to support your child's transition to Kindergarten in Canada on Thursday, April 23rd, 2025, from 5:45pm to 7:00pm at Carson Graham High School. Please see the attached flyer below for more information.

Dressing for the Weather



Please make sure your child/children are dressed appropriately for outside play. Students will be outside at lunch and recess **rain** or shine. It is helpful for them to have an extra set of clothes at the school.

Lost and Found

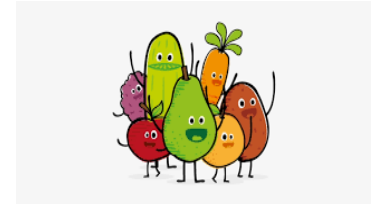
Lost and Found – Missing something? Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please visit the **Lost and Found** area in the atrium.



Extra Snacks and Water

We've noticed many students are coming to the office asking for extra snacks because they're still hungry after eating their lunches. To help make sure everyone stays full and happy, please pack extra snacks in your child's lunch kit.

Also, on Fridays (hot lunch days), we've seen some children coming to school without snacks and getting very hungry by recess at 10:30 AM. **Please remember to pack a snack, a water bottle, and any utensils your child may need.**



Thank you for your help in keeping our students fueled and ready to learn!

If your child won't be at school on a day that you've ordered hot lunch, please email capilanofood@gmail.com by 10:30 am if you'd like to pick up or pass on their lunch to anyone else. Pick ups will be placed on the drop table in front of the office at 12:15pm. In the email, please indicate your child's name, teacher and division number.

Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to their school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

Important Message from Capilano PAC

As we look ahead to the 2025/26 school year, the PAC is reaching out with an urgent call for volunteers to step into key roles on the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executive. Please see the attached documents with information on these important roles.



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Seeking New PAC Executives – Looking for an opportunity to make a significant impact on the future of the Capilano School Community? Interested in seeing your big ideas come to life? The new PAC executive will be elected in June, and we are seeking interested volunteers for a variety of roles. Without volunteers for these positions there will be no PAC, and without a PAC the whole school community will miss out on things like:

- Hot lunch
- After School Programs
- School Carnival
- Helping Hands Fund
- Classroom Resources for all grade levels

If you are interested in learning more about the positions available, the time commitments for various positions, and the training/mentorship that will be available, please contact the current PAC at capilanopac@gmail.com

Thursday April 17 – Emergency Release Drill

Please note that this drill is an opportunity for the school to practice the release of students in the case of an emergency – it may be a lengthy process, so please have patience for the wonderful school staff who are keeping students safe! Some other things to note:

- If you have to pick your student up early (i.e. for an appointment) please do so before lunch, as after lunch you will be required to go through the emergency release process.
- Please prepare your student by letting them know whether you will be picking them up early, or if they will be dismissed as normal at 3 pm.

Spring Fundraising Events

- **Odd Bunch** – Use the code **CAPILANO** on your orders for the **month of April** and the PAC will receive partial proceed from your purchase. Support the PAC and the planet! Order at www.oddbunch.ca
- **Hanging Baskets** – Order on Munchalunch until April 24!
- **Hot Lunch:** Visit Munchalunch now to place your orders for Term 3.

Here are some important PAC reminders for the next few weeks:

Important Dates:

- **April 15:** Public NVSD Board Meeting 6:30 – 9:30 pm
- **April 17:** Emergency Release Drill
- **April 18:** Good Friday – No School
- **April 21:** Easter Monday – No School

For any further information or inquiries, reach out to our dedicated team or visit Capilano PAC's website, or follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/capilano.pac).



April 9, 2025

Dear Capilano Parent Community,

As we look ahead to the 2025/26 school year, we are reaching out with an urgent call for volunteers to step into key roles on the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executive**. The current Executive team has proudly served a two-year term, and it is now time to pass the torch.

We are seeking parents or caregivers to fill the following roles:

- **PAC Chair** (can be shared between two people)
- **Vice Chair**
- **Secretary**

We are also looking for volunteers to fill the following non-executive positions:

- **DPAC Representative**
- **School Planning Council Representative**
- **After School Programs Coordinator**

Without a PAC Executive voted in at the June AGM, Capilano will not have a functioning PAC next year. This means we will not be able to offer the programs and extras that help make our school community so vibrant:

- No hot lunch program
- No after school enrichment programs
- No spring carnival or community events
- No classroom or teacher resource funding
- No voice for Capilano parents at the district level

We understand that time is precious—especially for parents. The time commitment for each role can truly be what you make it. Meetings can be moved to a day/time that works best for the new team, can be held virtually, and communication and processes can be simplified. As long as the PAC bylaws are followed, there is plenty of room for flexibility and fresh ideas.

If you're curious or considering it, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're happy to chat, answer questions, and provide a clear picture of what's involved. The current Executive team is committed to supporting a full handoff and ensuring a smooth transition.

Capilano thrives when our parent community is involved. If you've ever wanted to make a meaningful difference in your child's school experience, this is the time.

Please email us at capilanopac@gmail.com to express interest or ask questions.

Warmly,

The Capilano PAC Executive Team

(Allie Jackson, Miriam Hildahl, Angie Mitchell & Laura Nickerson)

JOIN THE 2025/26 PAC EXEC!

We are in immediate need of volunteers to take on the following Executive team positions:

PAC CHAIR (OR CO-CHAIRS)

VICE CHAIR

SECRETARY

We also seeing volunteers for the following roles:

DPAC Representative
School Planning Council Rep
After School Program Coordinator

WHY IT MATTERS

Without a PAC Executive elected at the June AGM, we won't have a PAC next year!

That means:

- ⊘ No Hot Lunch Program
- ⊘ No After School Programs
- ⊘ No School Carnival or Fundraisers
- ⊘ No Additional Classroom Resources

MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU!

- ✓ Time commitment is flexible
- ✓ Meetings can be virtual
- ✓ Dates/times can change
- ✓ Communication can be simplified
- ✓ Full support + handoff from current PAC

Want to learn more?

✉ Email us at: capilanopac@gmail.com

💬 Speak with a current PAC member for details

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When: Thursday, April 23rd, 2025 from 5:45pm to 7:00pm
(Doors open at 5:30pm)

Where: Carson Graham High School, 2145 Jones Ave

Who: Families who have recently moved to Canada with children up to 5 years of age

Register using the QR code by April 16th.

Child minding available for 4-5 year old children. Space is limited.



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Website: www.sd44.ca


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