



Message to Capilano Families

March 6, 2022

As we near Spring Break, we are wrapping up the fabulous learning opportunities from this term and celebrating the successes. As well, we are setting up for our new learning adventures which will be continued after Spring Break. At Capilano, we are going to continue to focus on how we show kindness through our words, thoughts, and actions to all those around us.

We hope that everyone will have a safe and healthy Spring Break. We continue to encourage everyone to practice measures that will keep you and your loved ones safe during these times. Thank you for continuing to do the Daily Health Check and following protocols about access to the building, including during late drop-off and early pick-ups. For other Health and Safety information, including Travelling Outside of BC, please see information below; there are updated links as of February 28, 2022. We will continue to follow the current Enhanced Health and Safety Guidelines until return from Spring Break (at least until April 11th). Any updates will be shared with families at that time. Thank you for your continued collaborative partnership in supporting us towards providing our learners with successful learning opportunities in a safe and compassionate environment.

Shared in our monthly newsletter are important dates, updates, and a celebration of learning happening at our school. Also, please continue to check our website for up-to-date information: [Capilano Elementary](https://www.sd44.ca/capilano)

Have a safe and healthy Spring Break!

Jeeniece Chand
Principal

Alaina Denny
Vice-Principal

Important Dates

- **March 7:** Learning Conferences (Early Dismissal: K, Gr1, Gr2, Gr5 1:50pm & Gr 3, 4,6,7 2:00pm)
- **March 8:** Learning Conferences (Early Dismissal: K, Gr1, Gr2, Gr5 1:50pm & Gr 3, 4,6,7 2:00pm)
- **March 9:** Report Cards will be posted (An email will be sent once they are available to be viewed)
- **Friday, March 11:** Last day of school before Spring Break
- **March 12 – March 27:** Spring Break
- **Monday, March 28:** First day back after Spring Break

Looking for your child's lost items? Lost and Found will be displayed outside the Visitor Door (front door closest to the parking lot) next week between the hours of 8:30am to 3:00pm



Capilano News & Updates

Staffing Update

Ms. Joia D'Aurora has successfully taken a position at another school which better fits her qualifications and interests. Mr. Vincent Lok will be replacing Ms. D'Aurora in teaching Core French at Capilano. Ms. D'Aurora and Mr. Lok will be working together to create a smooth transition. This includes working together to co-teach this upcoming week so that introductions and connections can be made during Core French class.

We wish Ms. D'Aurora good luck on her new adventure! As well, we welcome Mr. Lok to Capilano Elementary!

Virtual Learning Conferences and Report Cards

Learning Conferences: Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 8th

Virtual Learning Conferences are set for **Monday, March 7th** and **Tuesday, March 8th**. On these two days, students will be dismissed early (**Staggered End Times: Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 5 at 1:50pm and Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 6, Grade 7 at 2:00pm**), to provide time for these conferences. Please make sure your children are picked up promptly on these days, as staff members will not be available to supervise students after 2:00pm. Thank you for your cooperation!

Staff are currently completing assessments and preparing report cards for this term. They will be published to families on MyED on **Wednesday, March 9th**. An email will be sent to families to let you know once they're posted. If you have difficulty accessing your child's report card, please email capilano@sd44.ca and we will try our best to help you.

Code of Conduct and Second Step

We have been supporting our learners' social-emotional, mental, and physical health through various strategies. This has included the school-wide review of our Code of Conduct and implementation of the Second Step program school-wide. We hope that you will be able to use the language we share in our monthly newsletters to support this learning at home. This month, we ask you to continue to review the importance of being kind and being safe.

While our focus will remain on kindness, we will be officially celebrating learners who have been kind this week and then reviewing other aspects of the Code of Conduct & Second Step as we move forward in April. Thank you! ☺

Health and Safety Reminders

As we all have a role to play in keeping our community safe, we request that folks continue to complete a Daily Health Check. We will continue to follow the current Enhanced Health and Safety Guidelines until return from Spring Break (at least until April 11th). Any updates will be shared with families at that time.

Highlights from the Summary of Enhanced Health and Safety Guidelines

Please see my email to the Capilano community containing the Summary of Enhanced Health and Safety Guidelines on Friday, January 7, 2022. Below you only find a few of the highlights relative to families.

- All students and staff are reminded to practice appropriate hand hygiene on a regular basis, wear masks appropriately, respect personal space, and stay home when unwell.
- **ACTION: We kindly request that families consider sending extra masks for their child to keep in their classroom and/or backpack.** We find that learners sometimes lose/drop/damage their masks over the course of the day, so having extra masks easily available to them is helpful. Similar to needing an extra change of clothes when wet at school or bringing their water bottle every day, these measures are beneficial to our learning community. We will have masks provided by the school district in the office should a student or staff member require it.



- **IMPORTANT:** If your child is late to school, we ask that you please drop them off at the front door. **For the next while, we are requesting that parents/guardians please do not enter the school.** There will be a staff member there to walk your child to the office and/or your child's class. If the door is closed and a staff member is not present, please call the office.
- **IMPORTANT:** If your child is needing to be picked-up early from school, we ask that you please wait at the front door and call the office. If you are able to, please provide advanced notice of an early pick-up time via email to capilano@sd44.ca and your child's classroom teacher. Please Note: as part of ensuring safety for your child, we check to see that the appropriate adult is waiting at the door for early pick-up. However, we cannot support walking a child to the car as this removes staff from the building for longer periods of time and therefore prevents the office team from being able to support others. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **IMPORTANT:** If your child is unwell, a gentle reminder to please let your child's classroom teacher and the school know via capilano@sd44.ca and/or [SafeArrivals](#).
- As per the Superintendent's Update, the North Vancouver School District will "look to use functional closures as a last resort; instead, school and school district leadership would work together to address emerging issues to minimize disruption to in-class learning and transition to online learning, if necessary. It is also important to know that a functional closure would not necessarily impact the entire school (i.e. it may only impact a single class). You can expect us to be in close contact with students, families, and staff and to support those who are impacted by any type of school closure."
- **With awareness that the focus for continuity of learning for the remainder of this school year is still in-person instruction,** if a functional closure were to occur, we would be using Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) to communicate with our learners during that time. As part of the contingency planning for continuity of learning, classes have been created on MS Teams already to help us transition smoothly should the need arise. Your child should have their MS Teams username and password accessible already as they were used for Student-Family-Teacher Conferences earlier this year.
- **ACTION:** As part of our efforts to plan for all possibilities regarding the continuity of students' learning, **we are considering options to support families who may have limited / no access to technology for their child at home.** If this applies to your family, please complete this survey: [Technology Survey 2022 - Planning for Continuity of Learning \(Capilano\)](#). The information you provide will help ensure we are prepared to pivot as efficiently as possible should your child's class have to transition to online learning for an amount of time during a functional closure.
- Please help us by avoiding crowding on our school grounds during school hours.

Daily Health Check (Updated: Feb 28, 2022)

- All students and staff are reminded of their responsibility to complete a Daily Health Check prior to entering the building. Click on the link to direct you to the NVSD Website: [Daily Health Check](#)

Travelling Outside of BC? (Updated: Feb 28, 2022)

- Click [HERE](#) for updated information regarding the Federal Government's Travel Health Notice, effective February 28, 2022. Link found on NVSD website: [COVID-19](#)
- For more information, please check the link for updated travel information from the BCCDC: [Travel \(bccdc.ca\)](#)

Capilano School Plan

As part of our School Plan, we continue to work on our school goal which is alignment with our [NVSD Strategic Plan](#).

Goal: Enhancing our Sense of Community through Compassionate Integrity – By supporting our community's social and emotional well-being and our sense of belonging at Capilano, through mindfulness of:

- Approaches to Teaching and Learning
- Diversity of Students, Families, and Staff
- Community Connections



Celebrating Capilano

In every month's newsletter, we hope to celebrate the learning happening at Capilano by featuring a grade group. This month, we take a break from grade groups and celebrate learning around the school.

In this newsletter, we share a few highlights. Capilano's Hallway of Kindness is full of notes of recognition of learners who have shown an Act of Kindness. We have a wall full of student learning focused on Black History Month. As well, Ms. Farrell worked on creating a "Take What You Need" wall to support a social-emotional wellbeing and mental health as part of a positive and compassionate learning environment. Also, please see photos of learners exploring the importance of environmental stewardship and grade 6s participating in an outdoor pickling lesson with Cheakamus Centre Outdoor School's Chef Wade.

