



## *Message to Capilano Families*

April 11, 2022

We have returned from Spring Break to a last term that includes openings for a variety of learning activities to return in a mindful manner. As Health and Safety guidelines change yet again, we have been evolving learning opportunities and activities at the school. As we move forward, we will continue to do so with a compassionate approach and trauma-informed lens. With evolving guidelines, we are finding that students are re-learning how to interact with peers outside of their grade group and participate in diverse activities as individuals have varying comfort levels. The school and our classroom teachers will continue to communicate about opportunities being offered to learners as we move forward. Accordingly, we are going to continue to focus on showing kindness, respect, and making safe choices at Capilano.

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-elementary)

Thank you so much for following the Health and Safety Guidelines at home, at school, and in our community. We appreciate your cooperation and support as it has made a huge difference for our learning community.

Jeeniece Chand  
Principal

Alaina Denny  
Vice-Principal

### **Important Dates**

- **April 12:** Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 6, Grade 7 Immunizations
- **April 14:** Climate Action – Community Clean-Up
- **April 15:** Good Friday (No School)
- **April 18:** Easter Monday (No School)
- **April 20:** School Planning Committee Meeting 3:45pm – 6:00pm
- **April 28:** Grade 6 & 7 Outdoor School Day Trip

## *Capilano News & Updates*

### **Track and Field**

Intermediate students have their first meeting to find out about Track & Field opportunities on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. After the meeting, forms will come home for those interested. Practices start the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Ministry of Education Learning Survey

**Grade 4 & 7 Families:** *(The same message was emailed to all Grade 4 & 7 Families earlier this month).* Each year the Ministry of Education conducts the Student Learning Survey. The North Vancouver School District is participating in the 2022 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. As in previous years at Capilano, we will be conducting the survey online. Students will be completing the survey in class this month and parents/guardians/caregivers also have the opportunity to complete the survey online. Please use the step-by-step instructions at the bottom to assist you in completing the survey. The survey consists of about 45 questions that should take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

The primary objective of the Student Learning Survey is to provide information that will support discussions about improving student achievement at each school. The survey gathers perceptions from students, parents and staff on areas which include achievement, human and social development, and safety. The information collected by the survey will help schools, school districts, and the Ministry of Education set goals and establish priorities for future school years.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, providing immediate results to the school and the district. Please take the time to complete the survey online as soon as possible.

### To complete the survey:

1. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
2. Under the Parents section Direct Access – no logon number required select:
  - o District: North Vancouver School District
  - o School: Capilano Elementary
  - o Language: the language of your choice
3. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
4. When complete, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
5. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

## 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

We have been actively working on aligning our learning opportunities at Capilano with the aspects of our school goal. We will be reviewing our School Plan at the next meeting on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. One aspect of the teaching, learning, leadership, and action taking place at Capilano is the Community Cleanup. As part of Climate Action and Sustainability Week, Capilano is participating in the Community Cleanup. Many classes will be seen out in the community being environmental stewards as they take action and remove waste.

## 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. As guidelines change, we are reviewing them with a different perspective; especially as students re-learn to interact with each other in a variety of new ways. This includes sharing the grass field between grade levels while playing football to learning how to interact safely with younger peers when on the playground and more. 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 have a conversation with your child about the importance of being Respectful, Open-Minded, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe as we return to learning activities that have some routines that were in place prior to Covid.

## Health and Safety Reminders

### Highlights from the Summary of Enhanced Health and Safety Guidelines (Effective: April 4, 2022)

#### \*Same as email to community on March 31st

We will continue to apply a trauma-informed lens and compassionate approach, including consideration of:

- Respecting students and staff comfort levels regarding personal space
- Using space available to spread people out as much as possible, respecting room occupancy limits, and ensuring enough space is available to prevent involuntary physical contact between attendees (i.e. overcrowding); and
- Gradual transitions to larger gatherings/events

*As we move forward with our journey while taking a trauma-informed lens and compassionate approach, it is important to note that each class is unique, and educators will continue to make decisions that are appropriate for the learning opportunities planned to meet the specific needs of the learners in that classroom. For instance, opportunities for parent volunteers and cross-grade learning opportunities will be determined by the classroom teacher as it always has been based on the needs of the class and types of learning activities planned. If you have questions related to your child's learning, please check-in with your child's classroom teacher.*

- **Daily Health Check**
  - Students, staff, or other adults should stay at home when sick.
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    - Resources: [BCCDC/VCH Resources - COVID-19 - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca/BCCDC/VCHResources-COVID-19-NorthVancouverSchoolDistrict)
- **Visitors/Guests – returning to normal routines, please see below:**
  - **All parents/visitors please use the front door ("Visitor Door") closest to the parking lot at all times for entering and exiting and come to the Office to sign-in.** All other doors will be locked before, during, and after school for our students' safety. The Visitor Door will be locked daily at 3:30pm.
  - **Late Drop Off** – If you need to enter the school with your child, please proceed to the office and have the student sign-in.
  - **Early Pick Up** – If you need to pick up your child early, please come to the office to sign them out and we will call them down from the classroom.
  - **Drop Table** – The drop table will now be relocated to the front of the office. Please put your child's name on the item and we will call them down before the next recess or lunch break.
  - **If you are entering the school for any other reason than the above, please check-in with the office staff regarding your visit.** We ask that you do not go to your child's classroom. Please ensure that you have pre-arranged a meeting with your child's teacher before entering the school. We ask that all visitors/parents check in with the office staff before your visit and sign-out before leaving.
- **Diligent Hand Hygiene**
  - Hand hygiene will continue to be done regularly in alignment with routines currently in place.
  - Cough and sneeze into elbow, sleeve, or tissue. Throw away used tissues and immediately perform hand hygiene.
- **Staggered Entry / Exit / Recess / Lunch and Zones**
  - The Staggered Entry / Exit / Recess / Lunch will all continue in the same manner for several reasons, including scheduling for library, music, and minutes of instruction. As well, the provincial guidelines still require us to implement strategies that prevent crowding at pick-up and drop-off times. Also, to manage the flow of people in common areas, including hallways, to minimize crowding.
  - However, Zones within the respective recess/lunch have been removed to enable learners to play outside with a variety of children.
- **Personal Space / Environment**
  - Students and staff should respect others' personal space. Use available space to spread people out, both in learning environments and for gatherings and events, where possible.
  - Classroom and learning environment configurations and activities will be designed so that they best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches, while still implementing strategies to help create space between people and to support students and staff using a trauma-informed approach. Classes will continue to be encouraged to go outdoors as much as possible.
- **Masks**



- *Students and staff may choose to wear masks, face shields or other personal protective equipment in schools, and those choices must be respected.*
- **Parent Volunteers**
  - *Invited by the classroom teacher at their discretion. Parent Volunteer Forms must be completed.*

### Travelling Outside of BC? (Updated: April 4, 2022)

- For those returning from travel outside of Canada, please ensure you follow any and all [federal travel guidance](#) provided to you upon re-entry, which includes wearing a well-constructed and well-fitted mask in public spaces, schools and daycares for the first 14 days after entry.

## Community Connections

### Watermain Project: West Keith Road to Pemberton Avenue

It has come to our awareness that up until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the North Vancouver District will be carrying out a District watermain project in our community. The project will involve installing new watermain and services. Please note that there will be no parking allowed on the street of the affected area between the hours of 7:00am to 5:00pm during the construction stage of the project. The notice received by the community and school reminds families to keep small children and pets away from the excavations and construction sites. If there are any planned interruptions to the service, they have notified us that notices will be provided. If the school receives any information that is relevant, we will share it with families. As this is a North Vancouver District project, if you have any questions, please contact their Utilities Department at 604-990-3860. Thank you!

### Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House

**Date: May 7, 2022 Time: 11am – 2pm at École Secondaire Argyle Secondary School**

A family-friendly community even will showcase the expertise of local emergency management bodies and first responders and aims to build your awareness and resiliency around outdoor safety and emergency preparedness. The event consists of an outdoor trade show and select workshops hosted by participating organizations. Speak with local experts and get up close to emergency vehicles and equipment used in real-life rescues. There will be a variety of food trucks and complimentary bike valet! Please see the poster attached at the end of the Newsletter.

## Celebrating Capilano

In every month's newsletter, we hope to celebrate the learning happening at Capilano by featuring a grade group. This month, we share learning activities in Grade 5. The grade 5s have had fun while engaging in a variety of learning opportunities, from Activity Day to learning about chemical reactions in a magical way.



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École Secondaire Argyle Secondary School

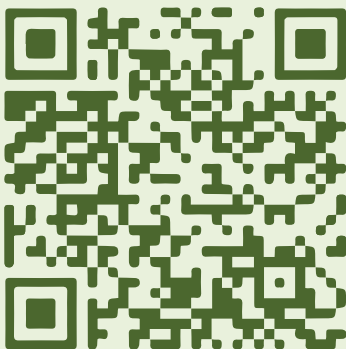
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Visit our website  
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