



Message to Capilano Families

June 5, 2022

As we head towards the last few weeks of the school year, we are celebrating our learners as we reflect on our successes this year and prepare for the upcoming school year. We have many fun learning opportunities and celebrations planned for the month of June. We are excited to be able to welcome the community back into the school through organized meetings and events. Thank you to those who were able to join us for the Volunteer Tea, in-person PAC Meeting in May (this week we have our last PAC meeting and AGM, so please join us!), and our grade 7's successful IB Exhibition. And, this week, students head to Swangard to compete in Track and Field events and band students have the opportunity to shine during their first in-person band concert since the pandemic started. As we move ahead, we will continue to take time to re-build community. Accordingly, we will be re-connecting as a school, while we deepen our understanding focused on appreciating diversity as we recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st and Pride Month led by student initiatives. We will also be taking time to celebrate the grade 7s at year-end events and to prepare them for transition to Carson. We look forward to celebrating how far we have come by working together to support each other as a community, while beginning preparations for the upcoming school year during this month.

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.capilano.ca)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

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Principal Vice-Principal

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, June 7:** Swangard Track and Field
- **Tuesday, June 7:** PAC Meeting at 7:00pm in the Capilano Library
- **Wednesday, June 8:** Band Concert for Band students & families at 6:30pm in the Gym
- **Tuesday, June 21:** National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **Monday, June 27:** Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony for Grade 7 students and families at 1:00pm in the Gym
- **Wednesday, June 29:** Last Day of Class and Report Cards Published



Capilano News & Updates

Approved School Calendar for 2022-2023 School Year

Earlier this past week, the approved Capilano School Calendar for the 2022 - 2023 school year was shared with families via an email. At this time, the calendar does not include early dismissal days for conferencing or any other operational dates such as Outdoor School, family evenings, or athletics. These events will be added to the school monthly calendar on our school website when identified and confirmed. Please find the most up-to-date information about the School Calendar on our school website: [Capilano Calendar & Bell Schedule](#)

Please Note: With the opportunity to have tried both versions of Play First or Eat First during the pandemic, the school staff have planned to try the "Play First, Then Eat" version of the lunch schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. Staff have found many benefits to students being able to play first, especially for those who might rush to eat quickly and not finish their entire meal before heading outside. Students will be able to a pocket snack outside with them if they feel hungry at the start of lunch and staff will accommodate those who require additional time to finish eating after lunch. If you have any relevant information specific to your child that needs to be considered, please connect with your child's current classroom teacher to pass along for next year or with your child's new classroom teacher once it is finalized in the fall of 2022.

As well, we are moving ahead with these plans with hope that the Health and Safety guidelines will enable us to use such a schedule for the 2022-2023 school year; however, we might need to make changes to it, if the guidelines indicate it is necessary in the fall.

Self-Assessment of the Approaches to Learning

As mentioned earlier this week, the SATLs have been completed by learners and uploaded to ManageBac. Please login to your child's ManageBac to view your child's self-assessment and examples of their learning from this school year. If you have any questions on how to access your child's ManageBac account, please contact our IB Coordinator, Mr. Kaboli, at akaboli@sd44.ca.

Track and Field

Many of our intermediate students have been engaging in practices and meets for Track and Field events. A significant number of our students will be participating at the events on Tuesday, June 7th at Swangard. We are grateful to our students and coaches for engaging in this wonderful opportunity in a safe and healthy manner! Good luck Capilano!

Grade 7 IB Exhibition, Farewell Ceremony, and Legacy Gift

Our grade 7 learners spent a lot of time and energy on their IB Exhibition projects. They used an inquiry-based approach, consulted mentors, and found ways to take action. Their passion to make positive contributions to our community is noteworthy and we share a glimpse into their amazing work with a few photos below. Well done Grade 7s! It was great to have families be able to participate in the celebration of learning in-person! As well, grade 7 families are invited to join us as we celebrate and recognize our grade 7s at this year's Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony on June 27th at 1:00pm. Also, we would like to thank the grade 7 learners and their families for their contribution to our learning community via the Legacy Gift. With the help of the Facilities department, we look forward to updating the basketball baseboards in the Tennis Courts. Thank you Grade 7 students and families!!

Congratulations Ms. Sealey and Ms. Gliener! (Same as message earlier this week)

We would like to share that Ms. Sealey and Ms. Gliener are retiring at the end of this current school year. Ms. Sealey is an integral part of our community as she works with all members of our learning community, from supporting with band-aids for little ones with cuts; to helping families with MyEd questions; to keeping the office functioning and more.



Ms. Sealey is greatly appreciated by everyone and will be missed! Similarly, Ms. Gliener has positively impacted our learning communities as an educational leader, from supporting learners to grow into inquirers; to sharing innovative ideas during grade 3 team collaboration time; to providing vital input at a pedagogical level through IB Ped Team. Ms. Gliener's educational contributions will continue to impact the learning community and she will be missed! This is bittersweet news as both educational leaders have been longstanding members of the learning community, but we wish them well on their new well-deserved adventures. We will be finding ways to celebrate both Ms. Sealey and Ms. Gliener within the school in the coming weeks. Congratulations on your retirement and good wishes for new adventures Ms. Sealey and Ms. Gliener!

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

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 have spent time re-learning to interact with each other in a variety of new ways. This month, we ask you to have a conversation with your child about the importance of being Safe. As the weather gets warmer and students interact in different ways, we ask that families remind students how to be safe indoors and outdoors. This includes reminding students to sign-out at the office and wait for their guardian to pick them up.

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.
 - Students, staff, or other adults must stay home if they are required to self-isolate.
 - Resources: [BCCDC/VCH Resources - COVID-19 - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](#)
- **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 30th, 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!

North Vancouver School District – Summer Learning

North Vancouver Summer Learning offers a variety of opportunities for students in the month of July. This includes Secondary Full Credit Courses; Secondary Foundations Courses (7/8 Transitions, ELL, Literacy, and Numeracy);



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EsL/7an Secondary Review & Completion for Indigenous students; and Elementary Summer Learning (by referral of School Based Team only). These innovative programs provide students the opportunity to enhance core skills and/or earn credits towards graduation. Families with children in grade 7 may wish to inquire into options available: Grade 7/8 Transition, Grade 7/8 English Language Learners Transition, Grade 7/8 International Baccalaureate Transition, Grade 7/8 French Immersion Transition, and Grade 7/8 Music Transition. Registration opened on May 2nd, so please click the link to find out more if your family is interested: [Registration - Summer Learning](#)

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 7.

Grade 7 students have been working hard over the last few months on their Exhibition projects, which celebrates their IB learning and skills acquired from Kindergarten to Grade 7. Students developed their topic through a concept-driven inquiry and shared their learning through digital presentations and physical artifacts with the students, staff, and larger IB learning community. On behalf of the students and teachers, we thank the Capilano school community for your ongoing support of this group of fantastic learners. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the Grade 7s and their accomplishments through the Farewell at the end of June, as well as with end-of-year activities and leadership opportunities.





