



Capilano Newsletter



Message to Capilano Families

June 11, 2023

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.

It has been wonderful to have the community at our recent events. Thank you to those who were able to join us for the Volunteer Tea, track and field events, band concert, and our grade 7's successful IB Exhibition.

Congratulations to all our Track and Field athletes! Capilano students did an amazing job of showing up at practices and giving it their best during the events. As well, we are proud of our band students who celebrated their learning and had a wonderful concert this past week. Well done, Capilano!

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the current PAC Executive! As they transition out of their roles and new members of the PAC Executive are voted at this upcoming week's PAC Meeting, we share our gratitude for their time and energy. Thank you to the PAC and parent community for your continuous support!

This month we have been deepening 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.

As we engage in fun learning opportunities this month, we are reminding our learning community to make kind and safe choices. As well, we remind everyone to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather.

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)

We look forward to seeing many of you during our many fun learning opportunities!

Jeeniece Chand
Principal

Alaina Denny
Vice-Principal

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, June 12:** PAC Meeting at 7:00pm in the Capilano Library
- **Wednesday, June 28:** Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony for Grade 7 students and families in the Gym
- **Thursday, June 29:** Last Day of Class and Report Cards Published



1230 20th St W, North Vancouver, B.C. V7P 2B9
Phone: 604.903.3370 Email: capilano@sd44.ca
Website: [Capilano Elementary School](https://www.capilano.ca)

Capilano News & Updates

Approved School Calendar for 2023-2024 School Year

At the end of May, the approved Capilano School Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year was shared with families via email. At this time, the calendar does not include 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](#)

Updates to Communicating Student Learning (Report Cards) *Starting in 2023-2024 School Year

Communicating student learning is a vital component of the learning process and fundamental to student success. It is an ongoing process that takes place throughout the school year; involves the teacher, student and parent/guardian; and can take a variety of forms. **Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year**, as per the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care's updated mandate ([click here](#)), the way teachers and schools communicate student learning, and the format of traditional report cards, is shifting. There have been communications sent through the Superintendent's Office ([link here](#)) about how this relates to NVSD. We have also been speaking about Reporting Updates at PAC Meetings, including the one that will take place in June. At Capilano, the practices will look quite similar to the practice we have already been following as we have been involved in updated methods of reporting in our Family of Schools. There will be slight changes: including a change to our first term conferences (earlier conference dates in Term 01 that will look slightly different than Student-Family-Teacher Conferences) and first term reporting (reporting might shift back to MyEd similar to Term 02 and Term 03). More information will be shared at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Self-Assessment of the Approaches to Learning for Current 2022-2023 School Year

As mentioned at the end of May, 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.

North Vancouver School District – Summer Learning

North Vancouver Summer Learning offers a variety of opportunities for students in the month of July. Families with children in grade 7 may wish to inquire into options available: Grade 7/8 Transition, Grade 7/8 English Language Learners (ELL) Transition, Grade 7/8 International Baccalaureate (IB-MYP) Transition, Grade 7/8 French Immersion Transition, and Grade 7/8 Music Transition. Registration opened on May 1st, so please click the link to find out more if your family is interested: [Registration - Summer Learning \(sd44.ca\)](#)

Health and Safety Reminders

A reminder that the Medical Health Officer on the North Shore has encouraged the following:

- Prevention is key! Please continue to handwash, use coughing etiquette, and stay home if unwell.
- Please follow the [Health Awareness](#) guidelines, some of the highlights can be found below.
- Here is a helpful resource: Sneezes and Diseases: <https://sneezesdiseases.com/>

Please remember to keep your children at home when they are unwell as this helps us continue to function as a learning community in a healthy manner. Having been through this journey together in the past few years, we are so excited to be able to bring in the community again to our school as per the current Health & Safety Guidelines. Therefore, the reminder to stay home when sick also applies to all our visitors and volunteers. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us ensure that we can continue to do such community events in a safe and healthy manner.

- Please **practice health awareness** by checking for symptoms of illness and staying home if sick.



- **Wearing a mask or face covering is a personal choice.** Let's continue to be supportive and kind.
- **Practice hand hygiene often.**
- **Practice respiratory etiquette.**
- Avoid sharing items that come into contact with the mouth (e.g. food, drinks, utensils, etc.)
- **To help us prevent crowding, we kindly request that parents and guardians are mindful of not gathering on school grounds or inside of the school during the school day.**
- Also, a friendly reminder to please **supervise any children** you may be responsible for before school (during drop-off) and after school (during pick-up) while on school grounds. Dogs are not permitted on school grounds.
- **If adults must enter the building, we request that you go directly to the office to sign-in.**
- We will continue to have a Drop Table at the front of the office as well.
- **Staff, children, or other persons in the school setting who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance on the BCCDC website as to how long they should self-isolate.** They can return to school when they no longer need to self-isolate, as long as symptoms have improved, and they are well enough to participate in regular activities.

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. 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. Please see below some ideas that students have shared for conversation topics.

Capilano Learners Take Action

Highlights from Capilano R.O.C.K.S. Report – May's Focus: Safe

As we had many students and families who participated by completing the final Capilano R.O.C.K.S. Report, we have selected a few excerpts for this month. These will also be read during morning announcements. Please read below to find out how students shared that they can be **Safe**.

- In Kindergarten, Regina shares I feel safe at home when I am with my parents and my brother.
- In Grade 1, Leona shares I feel safe in the community when I look both ways and cross at the crosswalk.
- In Grade 2, Axel shares I am safe at school when I don't jump off things that I could hurt myself on.
- In Grade 2, Sienna shares I am safe at home when my parents are cooking and I stay away from the stove.
- In Grade 2, Duncan shares I am safe at school by not pushing.
- In Grade 2, Ella shares I am safe in the community when I stay close to my mommy. I don't talk to strangers on the computer or give them my address.
- In Grade 3, Karleigh shares I am safe in the community by caring for others, keeping them safe.
- In Grade 3, Manu shares I am safe in the community by not watching videos that are not appropriate for my age.
- In Grade 4, Martha shares I am safe at home when I think I need help and I ask for it.
- In Grade 4, Henrique shares I am safe at school by following the rules.
- In Grade 6, Serena shares I am safe at school when I stay in bounds and set a good example for others when I use my words instead of my body.



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 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.

