



## Message to Capilano Families

July 1, 2022

As we conclude this school year, we are aware that it has been one full of many change, adversities, and unprecedented moments. There are many global and local contexts that have impacted members of our learning community and we want to take a moment to recognize how much resilience, courage, and compassion the community has shown throughout all of it. Despite these many adversities, we have found success by taking care of ourselves and each other with kindness and respect.



We are so grateful to all of you for your cooperation, compassion, patience, and commitment during this past year as we followed new guidelines, made changes, and continued to learn. We appreciate your continued support in helping us keep our learning community safe and healthy! We have hearts full of hope that we will be able to open our doors again to families with a renewed sense of opportunities for connections in the new school year! A little glimpse into plans being made for the upcoming school year is shared below; and more information for our start-up for the 2022-2023 school year will be shared in late August/ early September.

We wish you all a positive, fun, and restful summer break full of moments that fill your heart with happiness! Our learning community will continue the journey to be leaders who act on topics which connect with our community and the world around us. We encourage you to continue to learn along-side your children with an open heart and open mind as they explore the land, read books, ask questions, spend time with friends, and play this summer.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation! Please monitor your email and messages for further information and instructions about school start-up for the 2022-2023 school year.

Wishing all of our students, staff, and families a safe and wonderful summer!

Jeeniece Chand      Alaina Denny  
*Principal*              *Vice Principal*



### Important Dates

- **Tuesday, September 6:** School Opens (Grades 1 to 7) \*Please note: this is a shortened day!
- **Wednesday, September 7:** First Full Day of School / Kindergarten Gradual Entry Begins



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# Capilano News & Updates

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## Staff Farewell & Updates

As we shared in previous communications, here are some staffing updates! We share bittersweet news that both Ms. Lori Sealey and Ms. Marcy Gliener have retired as of this school year. Both Ms. Sealey and Ms. Gliener will be missed lots by our learning community as they have had a significant impact on our learning community. However, we wish both of them good luck on their new adventures. We hope it will be full of rest, fun, and visits to Capilano!

It is with sadness that we share that a few of our staff will not be returning to Capilano next school year due to the return of staff from leaves and/or these individuals seeking out other opportunities as the next step in their career.

We are saying farewell to our Learning Services Teacher, Ms. Andrea Keevil, as she seeks out a new adventure at a different elementary school closer to home. Ms. Keevil will be dearly missed by all students and staff. Her ability to support all of our learners with genuine care and passion will be missed. As well, Ms. Izabela Piekut has decided to seek out a different adventure in the new school year. Ms. Piekut has made many connections in a short time and will be missed. Ms. Keevil and Ms. Piekut will both work with our incoming Learning Services Teachers to help ensure a smooth transition for our learners. We wish Ms. Keevil and Ms. Piekut the best of luck on their new adventures!

We appreciate the good work that Ms. Jasmine Taylor, Ms. Zisin Lee, and Ms. Jessica Curtis have done at Capilano with compassion and care for our primary learners. Thank you to these three educators for their positivity and hard work. We wish Ms. Curtis good luck as she starts her new adventure at Queen Mary. We will keep our fingers crossed to have Ms. Taylor and Ms. Lee work at Capilano again!

We wish Mr. Vincent Lok good luck as he heads back to new adventures at the secondary level! Mr. Lok has been an adaptable member of our team. We appreciate his good work and positive attitude. Merci et Bonne Chance Mr. Lok!

Thank you to our wonderful Educational Assistant Ms. Kathleen Saini for the support given to our students on the playground and in the classroom. Your kindness and creativity were greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ms. Saini!

We welcome back Ms. Danica Marining from her leave! We also welcome back Ms. Zahra Tehmasebi who had completed her practicum as an education assistant at Capilano earlier this school year. We look forward to continuing the collaborative work with our current and incoming staff who will join us next year.

## Looking Ahead

It has been two years since the catchment change between Capilano Elementary School and Norgate Elementary School has been implemented. As per the information shared by the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) in 2019, if the catchment areas had stayed the same, Capilano would have been operating at over-capacity by 2025 which would prevent us for being able to accommodate all catchment students. In alignment with information shared at the time, our current enrolment numbers have shifted slightly to provide a better balance in both schools as we move forward in the next few years. As such, this upcoming school year, it is likely that we will see some changes in the number of our divisions at school based on our enrolment. As we have a slightly smaller number of current Kindergarten students and incoming Kindergartners enrolled, we might see slightly fewer kindergarten or grade 1 divisions next school year. For all students the learning will continue as it has every year and class size limits will remain the same to ensure all learners have an effective learning environment. The number of divisions for Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be finalized in the fall; as other learners of those ages could move into our catchment and then be enrolled at Capilano by Central Registration over the summer. Accordingly, we will communicate more information in the fall once it's been finalized by NVSD. For more information about the catchments shared by the North Vancouver School District, please click [here](#).



We would also like to take a moment to look ahead and share that we have some fun learning opportunities planned for the school year. We have been working to plan school-wide learning opportunities to support our goal in enhancing our sense of community through compassionate integrity as shared in our Capilano School Plan. This includes opportunities for connections to be created from Kindergarten to Grade 7 through multi-age groups. We will launch multi-age group activities on the first few days of school (should the health and safety guidelines at the time allow for us to be able to do so). This will provide time for the staff to finalize classes and start the school year on the right note with the focus continuing to be on 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; and Community Connections. We are looking forward to a fun and engaging school year full of exciting learning!

## Report Cards

Report Cards for the end of the school year are available for viewing on MyEducation using the Parent Portal accounts. *Please Note: **Parent Portal accounts will be disabled at the end of July.** These accounts will remain disabled until September. Parents are reminded to save report cards from the current school year PRIOR to the end of July because all published report cards from this year will disappear as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. In September, the Parent Portal accounts will not display any past report cards.*

## Self-Assessment of the Approaches to Learning

The SATLs were completed by learners and uploaded to ManageBac at the end of May. Please login to your child's ManageBac to view your child's self-assessment and examples of their learning from this school year.

## A Word from the Capilano Library: Summer Literacy BINGO

Summer Literacy BINGO is back after TWO years! Students are bringing home a BINGO board of literacy challenges that they can choose to do throughout the summer. Take as long as you need to work on some or all of the challenges listed over the summer break. If you didn't get a BINGO board, see the attached BINGO board at the end of the newsletter or go to <http://capilanoelementarylibrary.weebly.com/> for a copy. Return your BINGO board by **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** to be entered into a draw for library prizes. Each completed line equals one ballot to a maximum of 12 ballots.

Thank you to all everyone for returning as many library books as possible by the end of this year. If you come across a book over the summer, please hang on to it and love it some more until September when school starts again.

Happy reading this summer!

## Staff Appreciation

A big thank you to the Capilano PAC and Capilano families for your unwavering support of Capilano. We are grateful for the treats sponsored by the PAC (all Covid health and safety guidelines were followed) over the course of this school year which kept morale positive and cheerful. Thank you so much to the PAC for their time, support, and cooperation!

## Approved School Calendar for 2022-2023 School Year

The approved Capilano School Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year was shared with families via an email earlier this month. It has now been updated to include the early dismissal days for conferencing. However, 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 confirmed. Please see the calendar attached to this newsletter and on the school website here: [School Calendar 2022-2023](#)



# Summer Literacy BINGO

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Read or write a comic.		Watch an author read their story online.	Have an adult tell their favourite childhood story.	Have a family sing-a-long or karaoke event.
Read with someone special.	Read or watch about your hobby or special interest to try something new.	.	Read a fiction book and take turns making up a new ending.	Draw a picture to go with a story someone read aloud to you.
Write a story and read it to your family.	Read with a family member.	FREE		Your family all reads quietly for 20 minutes.
Visit the public library.	Hold a family game night.	Write a letter or email to a relative or family friend to brighten their day.	Read a non-fiction book or learn about non-fiction topic of interest.	
	Read a recipe and make it together.	Help create a shopping list.	Read or write about your pet or favourite animal.	Have a “screen free” night and turn off all devices.

Summer Literacy BINGO is back after TWO years! Take as long as you need to work on some or all of the challenges listed over the summer break. I have left 5 boxes empty for you and your family to come up with ideas on your own.

Parents/Guardians are being asked to initial and cross out each box when completed using an IB Learner Profile word. Please choose a Learner Profile attribute that you feel best fits the activity you completed. See the back of the BINGO board for an example and a list of the IB Learner Profile attributes.

Return your BINGO board by **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** to be entered into a draw for library prizes. Each completed line equals one ballot to a maximum of 12 ballots.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Farrell directly at [sfarrell@sd44.ca](mailto:sfarrell@sd44.ca).

# Summer Literacy BINGO

Example for how to initial and cross out completed boxes:

Read or write a comic.	Read or watch about how to try something new.	Watch an author read their story online.	Have an adult tell their favourite childhood story.	Have a family sing-a-long or karaoke event.
	Read to Grandma, Grandpa or adult family friend online or while physical distancing.	Write a message to post on your window that you would like to share with others.	Read a fiction book and take turns making up a new ending.	Draw a picture to go with a story an adult read aloud to you or one you saw online.
Write a story and read it to your family.	Read with a family member.	<b>FREE</b>		Your family all reads quietly for 15 minutes.
Read a treasured book with an adult and talk about what makes this your favourite.	<b>BALANCED</b>	Write a letter or email to a relative or family friend to brighten their day.	Read a non-fiction book or learn about non-fiction topic of interest.	Read a favourite fairy tale and talk about how the story could be twisted/fractured. (i.e Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig)
	Read a recipe and make it together.	Help create a shopping list.	Read or write about your pet or favourite animal.	Have a "screen free" night and turn off all devices.

## IB Learner Profile

<b>Principled</b> I tell the truth and do the right thing.	<b>Reflective</b> I think about my ideas and try to make them better.
<b>Balanced</b> I am interested in lots of different things.	<b>Risk-taker</b> I am brave when I try new things.
<b>Thinker</b> I think about and try to solve problems in our world.	<b>Open-minded</b> I appreciate different ideas and cultures.
<b>Knowledgeable</b> I understand and learn about many different things.	<b>Caring</b> I take care of the people and things in my world.
<b>Inquirers</b> I am curious and like to ask questions in order to learn more.	<b>Communicator</b> I share my ideas and listen when others have something to say.

May 25, 2022 (Updated: July 1, 2022)

APPROVED CALENDAR 2022/2023 (Version 2)	
DESIGNATION	2022/23
Days of Instruction	179
Schools open	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
District-wide non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation)	Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 10, 2022
Province-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, October 21, 2022
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	Friday, November 11, 2022
Student-Family-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)	November 17, 18, 21, 22, 2022
School-based Professional Development Day	Monday, November 28, 2022
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 16, 2022
Winter vacation period	December 19, 2022 to January 2, 2023
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
School-based Professional Development Day	Friday, January 27, 2023
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Friday, February 17, 2023
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 20, 2023
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 10, 2023
Spring vacation period	March 13 to 24, 2023
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2023
Student-Led Conferences (Early Dismissal)	Monday, April 3 & Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday Holiday Day	Monday, April 10, 2023
District-wide non-instructional day (NVTA)	Monday, May 8, 2023
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last Day of Classes for Students	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Administrative Day (Non-instructional day)	Friday, June 30, 2023

### **Capilano Elementary Bell Schedule**

08:45 – Entrance

08:50 – First Instructional Period

10:30 – Recess

10:50 – Second Instructional Period

12:10 – Lunch Play / Eat (12:35)

13:00 – Third Instructional Period (**12:54 on Wed**)

15:00 – Classes Dismissed (**14:40 on Wed**)

**\*Early Dismissal on Wednesdays**

**Please Note:** 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.

