



Message to Capilano Families



September 12, 2021

Welcome back Capilano! We hope that all of you had a safe and restful summer full of enjoyable moments with your family and friends. A mix of anxiousness and excitement could be felt amongst our learners as we greeted them back to school this year. Staff and students were happy to get the school year started in a manner which meets the health and safety guidelines to help keep us safe and is also full of sparks of hope for some of our routines to return closer to normal. We are so grateful to our families for their patience, cooperation, and commitment to following guidelines to help keep our community safe and healthy! We look forward to continuing to work in a collaborative partnership with our students, staff, and families as we gradually engage in renewed activities that are “near normal” in a manner that is cautious and measured.

At the end of the first week of every month, we will share a Capilano Newsletter that captures important dates, news, updates, and celebrates learning happening at our school. Please look out for the monthly Cap News email and remember to check our website for up-to-date information: [Capilano Elementary](https://www.capilano.ca)

Good wishes to all students, staff, and families for a safe and engaging 2021-2022 school year!

Jeeniece Chand
Principal

Stephanie Maki
Vice Principal

Important Dates

- **Mon Sept 20 – Fri Sep 24:** Terry Fox and Nancy Leith Run (Collection of Toonies!)
- **Mon Sept 27 – Fri Oct 1:** Truth and Reconciliation Week
- **Tuesday, September 21:** Virtual Curriculum Night on MS Teams (See below for more info!)
- **Tuesday, September 28:** Virtual IB Parent Night on MS Teams (See below for more info!)
- **Wednesday, September 29:** Orange Shirt Day recognized in NVSD & Capilano (Wear Orange Shirt)
- **Thursday, September 30:** National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)
- **Friday, October 1:** Curriculum Implementation Day (No School)



Capilano News & Updates

Staffing Updates

We would also like to formally welcome Ms. Stephanie Maki as our Vice-Principal. Ms. Maki was at Westview Elementary as a VP and teacher over the last two years. She comes with a variety of experiences working with learners from Kindergarten to Grade 12 across the school district, including her work at Carson Secondary. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Maki to Capilano!

We welcome back Ms. Samantha Scott who is teaching Grade 2 this year with Ms. Jessica Curtis! We know that our grade 2s will have a fabulous time with this dynamic duo!

Our new Learning Services Teacher, Ms. Izabela Piekut, and Learning Support Worker, Ms. Laura Hathway, are excited to join Capilano! They have already been busy getting to know our learners and families. We know the addition of both leaders to our Inclusive Education team will make it even stronger!

Ms. Joia D'Aurora will be our Core French teacher this school year and she comes with a strong background in the French language. She has already been visiting classes to get to know our learners! And, we also have another new and friendly face in the office as Ms. Diane Pitcher joins us in the role of Supervision Aide.

We also have some of our Educational Assistants returning temporarily and we are hoping to stay longer – Welcome back Ms. Karen Sistoza and Ms. Leah Daniels! We also welcome Ms. Mehri Sadeghian to our EA Team this year!

Capilano Parent Advisory Committee (CPAC)

We are very grateful to the CPAC's positive support and contribution to our learning community at Capilano. From thoughtful kindness shared with staff, to innovative fundraising events, to the CPAC Chair (Mr. Jason Assam) helping clean the outdoor area of the school before school started this week. The home-school collaboration truly benefits all of our learners, families, and staff. If you would like to help support our learning community by volunteering a bit of your time, please drop by to see some members of the CPAC on September 21st who will be on the Gravel Field during drop-off. To avoid congregating a crowd at this time, they will not be holding an official event, but will be there to say hello!

Terry Fox and Nancy Leith Run – September 20th – 24th

We will be doing our annual Terry Fox and Nancy Leith Run during the week of September 20th – September 24th. **We will be collecting Toonies for Terry starting September 20th!** Ms. Farrell has something special planned if we meet our goal to raise \$1000. Students will hear more about this fundraiser on Friday, September 17th via Live with Ms. Farrell!

Curriculum Night (Virtual on MS Teams) – September 21, 2021

Interested in meeting your child's classroom teacher? Join us for our Virtual Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 21st! More information on how to attend the event on MS Teams will be shared by your classroom teacher. The following sessions will be available:

- Kindergarten Session - 5:45 – 6:15pm
- Each Gr 1 – 7 class will have two sessions available – 6:00 – 6:25pm AND 6:30 – 6:55pm.

IB Parent Night – September 28, 2021

On Tuesday, September 28th, at 7:00pm Danica Marining, our IB Coordinator will be hosting a virtual IB Parent Information Night on MS Teams. **Please RSVP to her at dmarining@sd44.ca with your child's name by September 24th** if you would like to attend and she will add you to the event in your child's MS Teams Calendar.



Schedule for 2021 – 2022 School Year

Please see below for the Staggered Schedule that is in effect at this time:

- Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 5 = 8:40 – 2:50 (Wed = 8:40 – 2:25)
- Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 6, Grade 7 = 8:50 – 3:00 (Wed = 8:50 – 2:35)

Late Students – Please enter through the front door (Visitor Door) closest to the parking lot and sign in at the office. Kindergarten parents, please walk your child to the office and help them sign-in and we will walk them to their class.

Approved School Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year

The approved and updated Capilano School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year was recently re-shared with families. 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 confirmed. Accordingly, please find the following 3 events that have been added to our school calendar. Here is the link to find it on our school website: [Capilano Calendar & Bell Schedule](#)

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (SCHOOLS CLOSED)

- Thursday, September 30, 2021

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES FOR CONFERENCES DURING 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 5 - Early Dismissal at 1:50
Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 6, Grade 7 - Early Dismissal at 2:00

- **Student-Family-Teacher Conferences: Thursday, November 18; Friday, November 19; Monday, November 22; and Tuesday, November 23**
- **Student-Led Conferences: Monday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 8**

Health and Safety Reminders

- All students, staff, and other adults (i.e. visitors) are reminded of their responsibility to complete a Daily Health Check prior to entering the building. **Any adult entering the building should use the front Visitor Door and report to the Office.**
 - Families and students can use the [K-12 Health Check app](#)
- All students, staff, and other adults (i.e. visitors) are **MUST** stay home when ill or when required by public health to self-isolate.
 - Staff and other adults can refer to the BCCDC's [When to tested for COVID-19](#) document.
 - Staff, students, and families can also use the BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#) call 8-1-1 or their health care provider.
- Grades 4 – 7 Students and Adults are reminded to wear a mask
- Kindergarten – Grade 3 Students are encouraged to wear a mask
- Please help us by avoiding crowding on our school grounds during school hours
- A friendly reminder to please **supervise** any children you may be responsible for before school (during drop-off) or after school (during pick-up) while on school grounds.

Thank you for helping our community stay safe by working together!

Capilano School Plan – School Planning Sessions Coming Soon!

As part of our School Plan, we will be working 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

Parents interested in being a member of the School Planning Committee, please email jchand@sd44.ca Thank you!



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Celebrating Capilano

In every month's newsletter, we hope to celebrate the learning happening at Capilano by featuring a grade group. This month, we would like to feature kindergarten. We welcome our young learners as they begin their learning journey at Capilano. Our wonderful kindergarten team has created a variety of fun activities to welcome students in a manner that helps set up these young minds for success in a calm, engaging, and gradual manner. Welcome to Kindergarten!



This week, we were also fortunate to have had North Vancouver School District's Indigenous Support Worker, Tchilaq57Tchila, Gordon Dick, səlilwətał (Tseil Waututh)/Lil'wat, at our school teaching a variety of our students and staff the Coast Salish Anthem, teachings related to the First Peoples Principles of Learning, Indigenous artwork, and Indigenous games. We were so grateful to have had this learning opportunity and look forward to continuing our learning with members of the Indigenous Education team this school year as we explore Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation.

