



Message to Capilano Families

October 11, 2021

As per our Community Letter and the recent Superintendent's Report to Families, with COVID-19 cases within our community, we remind our students, families, and staff to continue to be cautious with social interactions. As we all have a role to play in keeping our community safe, we request that folks continue to complete a Daily Health Check. If you or a member of your family is feeling ill or you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home and follow the directions of a healthcare provider. On our end, we will continue to implement enhanced measures that have already been implemented at Capilano. As well, we will continue to work with Vancouver Coastal Health, and review our communicable disease prevention and exposure control measures.

In the spirit of gratitude, we would like to share with all of you that we are so grateful to our community for their cooperation, compassion, kindness, and commitment to following guidelines to help keep our community safe and healthy!

We continue to maintain health and safety measures, while we focus on in-person educational programming. As such, you will find some snapshots of our learning around Truth and Reconciliation shared below. This is in addition to important dates, news, updates, and a celebration of learning happening at our school. Also, please remember to continue to check our website for up-to-date information: [Capilano Elementary](https://www.capilano.ca)

We hope all of you have had a safe and healthy long weekend!

Jeeniece Chand
Principal

Stephanie Maki
Vice Principal

Important Dates

- **October:** Grade 4 and 7 Foundation Skills Assessment Administration
- **Tuesday, October 12:** Grade 6 and 7 Immunizations
- **Tuesday, October 12:** PAC Meeting at 7:00pm (Virtual)
- **Thursday, October 21:** Photo Re-Takes
- **Friday, October 22:** Provincial Professional Development Day (No School)
- **Thursday, October 28:** Grade 5 Outdoor School
- **Friday, October 29:** Grade 4 Outdoor School
- **Monday, November 1:** School-Based Professional Development Day (No School)



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Capilano News & Updates

Foundation Skills Assessment

As per the recent Superintendent's Report, grade 4 and grade 7 students are participating in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). The FSA is an annual province-wide assessment of students' academic skills and provides a snapshot of students' foundational skills in literacy and numeracy. All students in grades 4 and 7 are required by the Ministry of Education to write the FSA. The FSA will be administered at schools between October 4 and October 29, 2021.

Terry Fox & Nancy Leith Run and Wigs for Kids Donation

Congratulations Capilano! We were able to fundraise via *Toonies for Terry* for the Terry Fox Foundation. Also, due to our community reaching our goal of raising \$1000, Ms. Farrell had her hair cut live on MS Teams for the learners and staff to watch. Ms. Farrell's hair and fundraising (separate to *Toonies for Terry*) has been donated to Wigs for Kids. Thank you to Ms. Farrell for your inspirational leadership!



Safety Reminders for the Capilano Community

In conversation with the PAC and parents from our community, we would like to send a few safety and environmental stewardship reminders for our neighbourhood. We are also discussing these topics at school through morning announcements and in-class discussions. The first reminder is related to masks. We are asking students, staff, and families to dispose of their masks in a safe manner – rather than dropping them on the ground when playing outdoors, we remind everyone to appropriately dispose of their individual mask. The second reminder is related to hypodermic needles. Some of our families in the neighbourhood have found some hypodermic needles in their backyard. We are going to talk to learners about not picking up sharp objects and being careful if they see needles on the ground, including getting adult help. Our Educational Assistant team and Custodial team is also keeping an eye on our school grounds. However, it might be helpful to also review safety information related to needles with your child at home. Thank you for helping keep our community safe and acting as environmental stewards!

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

Reminders related to the Capilano School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. 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 2 events that have been added to our school calendar.

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**



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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. A helpful tool: [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.
- **Kindergarten to Grade 7 Students and Adults are reminded 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.
- **Visitors to Capilano Elementary should be limited and must make an appointment in advance if it is absolutely necessary to be inside of the school. Parent Volunteers are not permitted at this time.**
 - **If any adult does enter the building, they should use the front Visitor Door and report to the Office.**

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

Capilano School Plan

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

Thank you to those parents who have joined our School Planning Committee! You will receive more information soon.

NVSD Anti-Racism Committee Survey

The North Vancouver School District's Anti-Racism Steering Committee is inviting staff, students and families to complete a confidential, anonymous and voluntary online survey and share your thoughts and insights on opportunities, barriers and lived experiences within the school district. Your participation will support the school district's ongoing commitment to ensuring a welcoming, safe and inclusive culture for all school district community members. Click below to view a message about the survey by student co-chairs Mabel Nahanee (Tesaxlewet) and Jessica Day. <https://vimeo.com/618407896>

The survey (found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSceFNZyCup5VMXtfNg-mqD7hhqdX-o-zrqGzOIm2bB_u9FfEA/viewform) will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and will be available until Friday, October 22, 11:59 p.m.

Please note:

- *ALL responses will remain 100% anonymous and confidential.*
- *The survey is being conducted by a 3rd party Bakau Consulting*
- *Parents/guardians with elementary-aged children: we recommend you complete the survey together with your children and submit one response.*
- *Parents/guardians with secondary-aged children: secondary students may prefer to submit their own survey responses, separate from their parents/guardians.*

If you have any questions about the survey or this process, please feel free to contact Bakau Consulting directly at feedback@bakauconsulting.com.

On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, thank you for your participation.



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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 grade 01. As part of our exploration of Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation the grade ones explored the importance of *Every Child Matters* and created orange T-Shirts.



This past month and during Truth and Reconciliation week, learners and staff have been engaged in understanding more about our past and how to move forward together. Early this school year, we started with the raising of the *Every Child Matters* flag. Our vice-principal, Ms. Stephanie Maki, led a workshop for staff on Orange Shirt Faceless Dolls (with permission from NWAC) which was then shared with learners in a variety of classrooms by the educators. Please see the display boards created with the student and staff artwork. As well, we were fortunate in having an elder virtually join us for the Orange Shirt Day assembly which focused on his lived experiences with the Indian Day School and Indian Residential School System. We have been spending time deepening our IB Learner Profile attributes as we expand on our understanding of Truth and take steps toward Healing and Reconciliation.



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