



Message to Capilano Families

November 7, 2021

With quite the unexpected busy start to the school year, we are happy to see our natural patterns of learning continuing to flourish. To help us continue to move forward in a safe manner, we remind our students, families, and staff to continue to be cautious with following the Health and Safety Guidelines. We encourage everyone to continue to do their part; as at Capilano, our Health and Safety team has decided to continue to maintain the enhanced health and safety measures during these cold winter months, while we focus on educational programming.

This has included learning and growth for students and staff. We have been working together as a staff to grow our skillset on supporting our diverse learners, building our social-emotional learning toolkit, finding ways to increase our understanding of resiliency, and working together to support student initiatives. Some examples are shared below, where while following our health and safety guidelines, we have been able to partake in activities from Grade 4/5 Outdoor School to learning about water systems to a student-led initiative focused on an outdoor gardening project to take action towards Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation. Shared in our monthly newsletter are 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](#)

Thank you to the Capilano learning community for your cooperation and compassion!

Jeeniece Chand
Principal

Stephanie Maki
Vice Principal

Important Dates

- **Thursday, November 11:** Remembrance Day (Stat - No School) *Virtual Assembly on Wed Nov 10
- **November 18 / 19 / 22 / 23:** Virtual Student-Family-Teacher Conferences (See below for more info!)
 - **Please note these are Early Dismissal days! K/1/2/5 at 1:50pm & 3/4/6/7 at 2:00pm**
- **November 22nd to November 28th:** Virtual Scholastic Book Fair at Capilano (See below for more info!)

Time Change

A reminder that Daylight Savings Time ended on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00am. Accordingly, clocks were turned backward 1 hour as of today.



Capilano News & Updates

Staffing Updates

We would like to share that Ms. Danica Marining has started her maternity leave, so we have had a few staffing changes as a result. We send positive wishes for a healthy delivery of baby Marining and look forward to meeting the little bundle of joy!

Accordingly, we would like to congratulate our new IB Coordinator, Mr. Arash Kaboli. He will continue to teach the grade 6 classroom; with our Vice-Principal (Ms. Maki) coming in to teach for him when he has time to do his IB Coordinator duties. Mr. Kaboli has had a great interest in the IB Coordinator role for a while and he is very excited to be able to undertake this opportunity to lead our school. He has already started his transition into the role and has been working collaboratively with Ms. Maki to setup the grade 6 class. Congratulations Mr. Kaboli!

As well, we would like to welcome Ms. Zisin Lee who has been transitioning into Ms. Marining's grade 3 classroom full time. Ms. Lee comes with a variety of teaching experiences, including international schools that teach IB around the world. Ms. Lee has already started to create great connections with our learning community. Welcome Ms. Lee!

Halloween Clean-Up

We would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt message of gratitude to Mr. Herman Mah and Mr. Perry Edwards for helping us clean-up the day after Halloween. Together we collected quite a few bags full of fireworks and other items that were left on our school grounds. Thank you so much for your time and help!

Student-Family-Teacher Conferences (Virtual on MS Teams) – Nov 18, Nov 19, Nov 22, Nov 23

Dates: Thursday, November 18; Friday, November 19; Monday, November 22; and Tuesday, November 23

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 will be virtual again this school year! This is a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with the classroom teacher with their child present. The focus will be on collaborative discussing areas to celebrate, areas to grow, and co-creating goals to support areas to grow this school year.

Teachers' are in the process of collecting information from families so a SFT Conference schedule can be created. Confirmed SFT meeting times and more information should be shared by teachers by 5pm on Friday, November 12th.

This is just a reminder that you must do the following steps to attend the SFT Conferences.

- Login with your child's username and password onto MS Teams. You may wish to do this a day before or a few minutes before your scheduled meeting time so you can troubleshoot any issues that may occur.
- On the purple column on the left side of the screen, should have a section that says "Calendar"
- Click on "Calendar"
- Find the appropriate time and date for your meeting
- Click on the "Meeting"
- Click the purple "JOIN" button at the time of your meeting
- You will get an option to adjust your microphone and/or video – then click "JOIN NOW"

Where to find your child's username and password?

- The classroom teacher may have sent it home in your child's agenda or in a different manner with you earlier this school year.



Troubleshooting!

- If you are familiar with MS Teams and can figure out how to attend the meeting using your personal email address, please go ahead and join the meeting using the link in your child's email that was sent as a confirmation.
- Otherwise, find your child's login ahead of time and try it out! Login as your child onto MS Teams. The teacher may have already created an invite on calendar for your child OR the teacher will call you/your child directly into the meeting even if the invitation is not present in your child's Calendar on MS Teams. Ensure you are logged in a few minutes before the meeting time, so you don't miss the call.

Other reminders:

- **Please be mindful that SFT Conferences are only 15 minutes**
- At times teachers do not have a 5-minute buffer, so they will have to end promptly. As well, we appreciate your patience if teachers are a few minutes late to enter the meeting as they transition between meetings.
- We appreciate your time, support, and collaboration during the Student Family Teacher Conferences!

Scholastic Book Fair – Save the Dates!

Save the Dates: November 22nd to November 28th

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! We are hosting another Virtual Book Fair to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together in a safe way. Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will take place from: *Monday, November 22nd to Sunday, November 28th, 2021.*

When it's time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link below:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5167244>

Some of the unique features of this fair:

1. The link is open now for a preview and to check out some book trailers. The link will go live for purchases on **November 22nd** - more books show up when the fair goes live!
2. The fair closes on **Sunday, November 28th**.
3. All purchases will get **delivered to the school** this year so there is no shipping costs.
4. I will be setting up an outside pick up option (for gifts) as well as a student delivery option. More details about this to come.
5. All orders should be received by Christmas.
6. You can share this link with family and friends to shop as well!
7. This is a fundraiser where a portion of the sales (20%) comes back to the school for us to buy books and other resources for the student and staff community

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Farrell (Teacher-Librarian) at sfarrell@sd44.ca
Thank you for your continued support!



Happy Know-ember from the Library!

For the month of November, the library displays are focusing on becoming more KNOWLEDGEABLE. From animals, inventions, habitats, science, arts and crafts to books connected to Remembrance Day and much, much, more! I am challenging the Capilano community to find time this month to learn something new from our non-fiction section of the library, or read a non-fiction book from your home bookshelves, or visit the public library and check out books on a favourite or new interest. Let's make Know-ember a non-fiction hit!

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 school-wide Second Step



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program. We hope that you will be able to use the language we share in our monthly newsletters to support this learning at home. This month, we ask you to review the importance of being safe when we are playing outside

As part of our Code of Conduct - Capilano ROCKS (**Respectful, Open-Minded, Cooperative, Kind, Safe**). As part of our Code of Conduct, we are Safe. Safe actions keep everyone's bodies from being hurt. When we act in safe ways, we keep our hands to ourselves and don't use them to touch others in hurtful ways. When we use safe words, we make sure nobody's feelings are hurt. Safe words are kind and respectful. This month, think about how you can act and speak in safe ways in the classroom, hallway, and lunchroom and out at recess.

Second Step Message: At our school, we want everyone to feel welcome and that they belong. We know we're welcome when people smile at us and greet us with friendly words. We know we belong when we're included and invited to play at recess. We know we belong when we notice the ways we're all the same and accept the ways we're different. This month, take time to greet others with a smile and invite them to play.

Health and Safety Reminders

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.

Travelling with your child Outside of BC?

The CBSA decision about unvaccinated children (under 12) who are entering Canada – they are NOT to attend school. They don't have to quarantine, but they cannot attend school. It is CBSA jurisdiction and things can change at any moment. Please find more information at the link for the most up-to-date information: [COVID-19: For unvaccinated children under 12 without symptoms and travelling with fully vaccinated parents or guardians - Canada.ca](#)

Other 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.
- Kindergarten – Grade 7 Students and Adults are reminders to wear a mask and practice good hand hygiene
- 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

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



We are grateful to the students, parents, educational assistants, and teachers who attended our school planning meeting. We had wonderful conversations that aligned with our goal and were excited to have student and parent voices at the table. Thank you to all those who joined our School Planning Meeting!

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 02.

The grade 2 learners have been focusing on a variety of learning opportunities with their respective classes: Literacy Centre (learners built a story with manipulatives and then wrote about it), Skip Counting with Pumpkin Seeds, Take Me Outside Day (learners engaged in a fun Egg Carton Treasure Hunt), Water Shed Experiment (all learners participated in an experiment where they saw our watershed in action, water flowing from the mountain tops, down rivers, and into lakes where it is stored and collected), and explored identity through Self-Portraits and The Best Part of Me.



We also include 2 photos of our grade 4 and grade 5 learners who went up to Outdoor School this past month. Despite the weather, the learners had an amazing time learning outdoors and engaging in fun hands-on activities.

And pictures of our fabulous Educational Assistants and Office Team from Halloween!

