# **Capilano Elementary**

Weekly Reminders – September 5th, 2025







## **Important Dates**

September 18 – Welcome Back Open House. More information to come.

September 22 – All September Forms Due. Please return paper forms to the classroom teachers.

September 26 - Terry Fox Run

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day; Assembly for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

## **Forms**

<u>Online Forms</u> – Please ensure that you have filled out your child's online forms as soon as possible. To access the SchoolCash Online forms please click <u>HERE</u>. These online forms include: **Walking Field Trip Permission, Student Acceptable Use of Technology, and NVSD Personal Information Consent (Photo Consent) and IB Informed Consent for Publication.** Please note - photo consent forms are "all or nothing." In other words, parents either consent to photos to be used for school purposes (in a variety of ways, such as class photos, class communications, school displays), or they don't. We are unable to accommodate individual requests for consent to some photos, and not others. Please consider this carefully when you are completing this form.

<u>Paper Form</u> - Forms that were sent home include: **StudentInformation Verification (SIV), Student Release, and Student Emergency Identification.** 

When filling out these forms, please ensure both parents (if applicable) complete the necessary sections and ALL alternate guardians have complete information, <u>including signatures</u>. We will not be able to release your child in the event of an emergency if the information is not complete and correct.

\*All forms should be completed and returned by Monday, September 22nd. Paper forms go to your child's classroom teacher.

# **Agendas**

Agendas are available for purchase on *SchoolCashOnline*. Please click <u>HERE</u> to access the SchoolCash portal. The cost will be \$7 per agenda. If you haven't already done so, please log on now to purchase. **Agendas will be delivered to students in their classrooms**.

# **EduPac School Supply Orders**

If you have ordered supplies for the 2025-2026 School year through EduPac, please direct all inquiries about delivery times and missing items to <a href="EduPac">EduPac</a> directly. If you are looking to order School supplies for the 2025–2026 school year through EduPac please visit <a href="EduPac Services">EduPac Services</a> and follow the steps below.



- 1. Select "Shop Now".
- 2. Choose our city and school.
- 3. Enter our school password: 4405.

### **Parents**

We ask that ALL visitors and parents come to the OFFICE to check-in regarding your visit to the school. For students' safety all other doors are locked before, during and after school.



**STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE** – If you need enter the school with your child, please come to the office and have the student sign in.



**STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY** – If you need to pick your child up early, please come to the office to sign your student out and the office will call the classroom so the student can come down.

## **Attendance**

<u>Attendance</u> – Is your student leaving early, arriving late, or going to be absent? Please let the office know using one of the following...

- 1. Use the <u>SafeArrival</u> system, or
- 2. Call (604) 903-3370, press '2' at any time to reach the absent line \*leaving a message is the preferred method when calling, as the office is extra busy in the mornings during attendance.

Please provide the first and last name of your student, grade, and division, if known. It is important to let both the office and the classroom teacher know of any absences, late arrivals, or early departures.

\*Students must be picked up by individuals on their safe pick-up list, so please ensure this information is updated, if necessary, on the Student Information Verification Form in the September Package. Please note that students cannot leave the school grounds by themselves between the hours of 8:45am – 3pm.

# **Drop Table**

The drop table is located just opposite the office. The table is checked often, and we will then call the students to come retrieve their items.

# **Personal Digital Devices**

Please see the attached letter below regarding the use of personal digital devices in our schools.



# WEEKLY REMINDERS – SEPT. 5th, 2025

Here are some important PAC reminders:

### Volunteer for events, Class Rep, fundraisers and more!

Sign up here: <a href="https://forms.gle/FH7ZMjKPczGwNCvk7">https://forms.gle/FH7ZMjKPczGwNCvk7</a>

It takes the Capilano Parent Community to make all our amazing events happen! Thank you for all that you do!

#### Remember to sign up to FreshSchools or update your profile with your new Division(s)!

New Families can sign up here: <a href="https://www.freshschools.com/app/schools/capilano-">https://www.freshschools.com/app/schools/capilano-</a>

elementary/register

Returning Parents can sign up here:

https://www.freshschools.com/app/users/sign in

#### **Term 1 After School Programs**

Take a look at what's happening this term on the PAC website: <a href="https://www.capilanopac.com/after-school-programs">https://www.capilanopac.com/after-school-programs</a>

### First Hot Lunch Coming Soon! Stay Tuned for more details!

If you don't have a Munchalunch account yet, set one up here: <a href="https://munchalunch.com/account">https://munchalunch.com/account</a> If you are new to the school and had an account at your previous one, you will need to transfer your account (on the website).

### **All Class Reps Meeting**

September 25 6pm-7pm School Library

#### **First Pac Meeting**

October 8th! 7-8pm School Library

Come meet the PAC Exec Team and other parents and caregivers. Your voice matters! There will be a draw at the end of each meeting for a parenting book- see you there!

For any further information or inquiries, reach out to our dedicated team, visit Capilano PAC's <u>website</u>, or follow us on Facebook.





September 5, 2025

Dear Capilano Community,

I want to express my appreciation for your support and cooperation with the personal digital device (PDD) guidelines that were introduced in September 2024. As we continue this practice into the 2025–26 school year, it is clear that its success relies on the collaboration between families, students, and staff. I am truly grateful for your efforts.

As you are aware, across all NVSD elementary schools, there is no student access to or use of PDD at any time on the school campus during the school day. This is essentially a "bell-to-bell" restriction from the beginning of school to the end of the day. Parents are reminded that elementary students are always under direct supervision and that the school will communicate with home for emergent needs if they arise.

I want to acknowledge how well students adapted last school year, and how staff were instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition. Their dedication to creating a focused, engaged, and distraction-free learning environment will continue to make a positive difference in the Capilano community as we collectively settle into the current school year.

The slogan we have been using, "**Devices off, learning on**," captures the essence of what we are all working toward: a space where students can focus on their education without unnecessary distractions. Your role in reinforcing this message at home is invaluable, and we are grateful for your partnership in helping your child(ren) understand the importance of these guidelines. As you work with your child(ren) to foster healthy digital habits, you may find the following resources helpful to support these conversations:

- <u>Cell phone restrictions in schools</u> (published by the Government of British Columbia)
- <u>Digital media: Promoting healthy screen use in school-aged children and adolescents</u> (published by the Canadian Paediatric Society)

Please reach out if your child(ren) requires additional support in following these guidelines or if you have any questions. By working together as families, students, and staff, we can create an environment where all students can thrive both academically and personally.

Warm regards,

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