

Champlain Heights Newsletter – April, 2021

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A Time to Blossom!

Spring is definitely in full swing! I hope everyone took some time to admire the beautiful cherry blossoms that are springing up across our city! This added touch of pink sure does liven things up and gives the city a much-needed sense of renewal and energy! This symbol of renewed energy definitely transfers well to us at Champlain Heights School, as we continue to support our students and community. This is a great time to review and revisit our goals and priorities and give them a 'reboost' or a 'level-up'!

With the increasing warmth and extra hours to our day, I hope we all take the opportunity to spend time outside and recharge our minds and bodies!



Important Dates to Remember

- Friday, April 2 – Non-Instructional Day
- Monday, April 5 – Non-Instructional Day
- Tuesday, April 20 – Early Dismissal at 2:00 PM
- Thursday, April 22 – Early Dismissal at 2:00 PM
- Monday, April 26 – Professional Development Day (Non-Instructional Day)

Health and Safety Reminders

- **Mask Guidelines** – Just a reminder that masks are now required for all adult and students in Grades 4 to 7 indoors. We continue to encourage our students of Kindergarten to Grade 3 to wear masks indoors as well! Thank you for your kind attention to this update!
- **Daily Health Assessments** – This is just a reminder that families must complete a Daily Health Assessment with their child each morning before sending them to school. An updated checklist was sent to families in February 2021. If parents need extra copies, please contact the school. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children at home if they are ill and picking them up promptly if they fall ill during the school day.
- **School Building Access** – At this time, respectfully, we want to remind families that accessing the inside of our school building is **only** for VSB Staff, Essential Services (ex. Delivery/Postal Services) and VSB students registered at Champlain/Weir. To drop-off and pick-up your children, please continue to use the external school grounds. For matters that require assistance, please contact our school office at 604 713 4760. Thank you kindly for your cooperation.
- **Pick Up and Drop Off** - Parents socializing with each other outside schools at student drop off and pick up is not permitted under the current orders and is the type of social contact we need to curtail at this time. While the orders do not apply to schools, please help us



support and model the orders and keep 2 m away from others and avoid gathering before and after school.

- Please continue conversations at home around hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, keeping hands to self, respecting physical distancing

Student-Led Conferences

This year, our early dismissal days for our Student-Led Conferences will be Tuesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 22. On those two days, students will be dismissed at 2:00 PM. Please note that because of COVID-19 Restrictions, our school is finding creative ways of organising our Student-Led Conferences. Please stay tuned for more information from your child's classroom teacher regarding the structure of these opportunities!



Jump Rope for Heart at Champlain Heights!



Champlain Heights Community School is excited to announce that our school community will be participating in a BC Heart & Stroke Foundation Fundraising event called Jump Rope for Heart. Our school goal is to raise \$1500. This is a great organization that saves lives and teaches us how to stay fit by keeping our hearts and brains healthy.

We need your help! Please log on to the Jump Rope for Heart website, join our school community and sign the kids up for a fundraising account. All fundraising will be done online. There are many prizes to keep the student motivated. Through this fundraising we hope to encourage everyone to be active, develop/maintain healthy eating habits, and learn something new.

We have added a special bonus incentive to encourage as many students as possible to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising:

If 15 students in each class participate and donate at least \$2, we will make a special draw in each classroom (of those students who have donated) and the winner will become Teacher for a Day!

Thank you for your continued support.

For more information, visit: [Heart and Stroke Foundation - Jump Rope for Heart!](#)

****Please Note: When making an donation online on behalf of the school, please click on the drop down menu to select "CHAMPLAIN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SCHOOL – FRONTENAC".**

Thank you!**

PAC Update



Champlain Heights & Champlain Heights Annex
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Notice of Annual General Meeting – May 5, 2021 @ 6:00pm
via Zoom
Meeting ID: 970 3763 0853
Passcode: 69557835



A Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is the officially recognized collective voice of parents at a school. As parents and guardians of children who attend the Champlain Heights Main School and/or Champlain Annex, you are a member of the Champlain PAC and are crucial partners in creating a fulfilling school experience for our children. The PAC meets monthly during the school year (September-June) and consults with the Principal and Vice-Principal on matters related to the school and makes decisions about raising

and providing funding for a variety of initiatives that enrich our children’s school experience.

The PAC Annual General Meeting will be held on May 5th – all parents are invited to attend this meeting where we will be voting to elect the PAC Executive positions for the 2021-2022 school year. **Note – a number of the Executive positions will become vacant next year, so please consider joining the PAC Executive!** If you are interested in joining the PAC Executive, please attend the meeting and put your name forward for the position you are interested in.

The following positions make up our Champlain PAC Executive:

PAC Executive Position	Summary of Key Responsibilities	Current (2020-2021) PAC Executive
Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preside at membership and executive meetings • Ensure that an agenda is prepared • Consult with PAC members • Strive to ensure that the PAC is represented in school and district activities • Be a signing officer 	Co Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatima Elamari • Sarah Rosen
Annex Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with the Chair to ensure coordination and awareness exists between the Main school and the Annex • May be a signing officer 	Co Annex Liaison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori Aldercroft • Tais Bansal
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a signing officer and ensure all funds of the PAC are properly accounted for • Disburse funds as authorized by the membership or executive • Ensure that proper financial records and books of account are maintained • Report on all receipts and disbursements at general and executive meetings • Apply for Gaming Grant each April/May 	Flavia Corbella
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record and file minutes of the meetings • Prepare and maintain documentation as requested by the membership or executive • May be a signing officer 	Co Secretary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Worobec • Susan Atkay

Please join us at the PAC Annual General Meeting – May 5th @ 6:00pm

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Digitally Responsible Youth – Parent Guide



The Digitally Responsible Youth Guide for Parents has been recently updated. This is a VERY valuable resource for parents and families as you continue to navigate the online world with your children. The link includes parenting tips as well as information about the latest social media apps and videogames that are popular amongst children. Please see the link: [Safer Schools Together-Raising Digitally Responsible Youth Guide for Parents](#)



VTRA Fair Notice

The District would like to bring to your attention that to ensure schools are safe, caring and inclusive, the Vancouver School District has updated the [Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol](#). Thank you for your consideration!

Student Supervision

Also, please note that all children are expected to be outside during recess and lunch. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather

As a reminder, before school, students are expected to wait for their teachers to enter the classroom. Please continue to review the drop-off and pick-up locations and procedures as set out by your child’s teacher. We ask that families bring their children as close to 9:00 am as possible each day. We also ask that students and families get home safely and promptly after 3:00 pm. Thank you!

Code of Conduct

At Champlain Heights Elementary, we R.E.A.C.H. for the Heights!

R – Respect

E – Empathy

A – Achievement

C – Cooperation

H – Helpfulness

Please refer to the Code of Conduct for Champlain Heights sent out at the beginning of the school year. We expect families to take a minute to review the school’s Code of Conduct with your children.



Dogs on School Grounds

As we begin our school year, we want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our Vancouver School Board Dog Code. Respectfully please be mindful that:

1. Dogs are not permitted on school grounds or playfields at any time while organized play is in progress.
2. Please have your dog on a leash before entering school grounds or playfields
3. Dog owners must pick up and remove waste.

Also, please respect the following etiquette items:

1. Ensure that your dog’s vaccinations are current
2. Have voice-control over your dogs and don’t allow them to dig holes
3. Keep early morning and evening noise to a minimum.

Thank you everyone for your kind attention to our VSB Dog Code!

Champlain Heights is LIVE!

Follow us on Instagram! This will be a wonderful platform to showcase all the great things that are happening within our school community! Feel free to follow us or simply go check out and “like” to our posts from time to time! Our school’s Instagram account is fully managed by the School Principal. Please know that our account is open to the public but any posts uploaded will NOT include faces of students. Our handle is: **@champlain.heights**





VSBC Safe Arrival Program – Thank You!

On behalf of our Office Team here at Champlain Heights, thank you very much for following our new district-wide Safe Arrival Program! Please continue to report your child’s absence in the following ways:

<p>To Report Your Child’s Absence via <i>Telephone</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call 604-713-5159 2. Provide the two-digit extension for our school: “18” 3. Record your message (include child’s full name, grade and division) 4. Hang up 	<p>To Report Your Child’s Absence via <i>E-mail</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. E-mail: chaattendance@vsb.bc.ca 2. Type your message (include child’s full name, grade and division) 3. Hit send
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Please report the absence to the Safe Arrival Program *even if* you have already notified your teacher.

Student Pick Up During the School Day:

If families need to pick up your child *during* the school day, please ensure that you notify your child’s Classroom Teacher and the School Office. For safety, we must ensure that all students are accounted. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Community Safety



As suggested by our Vancouver Police Department, if and when you notice any activity on and near our school grounds that may pose as a safety concern for our students and school community, please dial 911 immediately and then let our School Office Staff know that a call has already been made. Thank you for everyone’s cooperation with this!

Traffic Safety – Drop Off and Pick Up



“NO STOPPING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under any circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers to see students and students to see drivers.

“NO PARKING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students. Do not park and leave the vehicle in these zones.

School Area Signs

This sign is used in advance of school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and the speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8am - 5pm on school days.

School Crosswalk Signs

A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks.

Vehicles must remain stopped until children are



safely across and on the curb. Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.

School Safety Patrols

School safety patrols direct and help students cross at intersections near schools. The school safety patrols are given important responsibilities and follow established procedures to help to ensure the safety of students. Please respect the patrol.

Traffic Safety Tips for Parents

Encourage walking, cycling, or carpooling to school. If you must drive, park a couple of blocks away and walk to the school. Reduce traffic congestion and make school zones safer.

Dietary and Food Allergies

NUT AWARE SCHOOL – NUT ALLERGIES

We have a number of students who have a life-threatening allergy to NUTS and exposure could result in severe sickness or death. To help reduce the risk of accidental exposure, we need your cooperation in order to provide a safe and secure learning environment. The following are respectfully requested:



1. Students do not bring food to school that contain peanuts or nut products (i.e. peanut butter, muffins/cookies with nuts, granola bars). Please read ingredients on purchased and packaged food items included in your child's lunch and snack.
2. If your child enjoys peanut/nut containing products at home, please ensure that your child adds hand washing to their routine before coming to school. Even a small amount of peanut oil or dust from a friend's hand can easily be transferred to crayons, books or playground equipment that can pose a risk for the allergic child.
3. Discuss with your child the importance of not trading or sharing food.

The above items will also be discussed with all the students in the classroom setting along with ways to help their allergic friend stay safe. We hope you will appreciate the seriousness of this condition and that you will assist us in our efforts to create as safe an environment as possible for all students. Thank you for your

understanding and cooperation.

Electronic Newsletters

Please be aware that starting from November, all of our Monthly Newsletters will be electronically emailed out to families. Please ensure that our office staff have your most current email address. This will help us reduce the use of paper and to positively contribute to our environment.