

Shaughnessy Newsletter – October 2021

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Important Dates to Remember:

- Oct 4th Foundation Skills Assessments begins (Gr 4 and 7)
- Oct 5th Cross Country Mini Meet @ 3:20 pm
- Oct 8th PAC meeting online @ 9:30 am
- **Oct 11th Thanksgiving holiday (no school)**
- Oct 12th Hot Lunch (Fun Food)
- Oct 14th 2 pm Dismissal for Goal Setting Conferences
- Oct 14th Cross Country Mini Meet @ 3:20 pm
- Oct 18th Cross Country Mini Meet @ 3:20 pm
- Oct 19th Hot Lunch (Subway)
- Oct 21st The Great Shake-out Earthquake Drill
- **Oct 22nd ProD Province-wide (no school)**
- Oct 26th Hot lunch (Sushi Day)



Foundation Skills Assessment (FSAs)

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will be conducted in Grade 4 and 7 classrooms across BC from **October 4 until November 12th, 2021**. The FSA is an annual provincial assessment of numeracy and literacy skills. Students will also complete numeracy and literacy graduation assessments in Grade 10 and 12. The results of the FSA's are helpful to the Ministry, school district, and the school as they provide a snapshot of how our students are doing in these two areas. Individual student results will be available to parents/guardians, teachers, and students. Individual results are not made public, nor are they used on the child's report card. If you have any questions about these materials, how the FSA will be conducted in our school, or the implications for your child, please contact the school principal or vice-principal.



Cross-Country Update

It's been wonderful to see our cross-country runners out on Tues. and Thurs. mornings before school. They are so enthusiastic and impressive! Students from grades 4 to 7 are joining in and showing great determination – all levels of runners are doing their best. I'm very grateful to our volunteer teacher and parent coaches. We could not have the team without them! Thank you, Mr. A, Mr. Embree, Mr. Maciura, Ms. Green, Ms. Wiesinger, Ms. Lo, Mr. Mulligan, Ms. McGuire, Molly, Kyle Matheson, Wendy Chan, and Dan Xu.

Our first **Mini-Meet** is next week on **Oct. 5th at Quilchena Park**. Please refer to the information letter your child brought home on Wednesday. Please do not call the office for cross country information, they are busy! If your child didn't get the letter have them ask their teacher for one. All students are welcome to try cross-country racing. Make sure that your child has their SHY black t-shirt as it is our racing uniform (Ms. Pace).

Orange Shirt Day

This week was **Orange Shirt Week** at Shaughnessy. Students were involved in all sorts of activities in their classes culminating in a school-wide walk in the gym on Wednesday, Sept. 29th. Orange Shirt Day is a time for learning and reconciliation. We are learning how to move forward to bring justice and hope to all indigenous communities across Canada. In the past, indigenous children were sent to residential schools. Now, in 2021, we recognize how wrong that was. Today we honour indigenous peoples, their culture, and their stories. Through knowing and understanding the pain that indigenous children suffered, we hope that our future brings us all together as one. By learning from the past, we will make the future brighter. **(Written by: Vivienne S, Div. 5, Gr. 5)**





Rainy Weather Clothing

The wet and rainy weather has arrived. Kindly keep the following in mind when you send your child to school:

- Students at Shaughnessy always play outside during recess and lunch rain or shine (unless it is exceptionally wet weather)
- Bring indoor/outdoor shoes (boots for rainy and snowy weather). The ground is often wet and muddy the day after rain
- Rain jackets, rain pants, and umbrellas are encouraged
- Primary students are asked to have extra clothing **labelled with your child's name** in a zip lock bag at school if they need to change out of wet clothing

Primary students should be able to put on their coats, shoes, hats, mitts, etc. This includes zipping up raincoats. Please help them practice at home.

Goal Setting Conferences

Our first **Goal-Setting Conferences** for this school year will be held on **Thursday, October 14th from 2:15-6:00 pm**. It is important that the school and home have every opportunity to communicate in matters relating to the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of students. We are looking forward to meeting you to discuss your child and goals for this year.



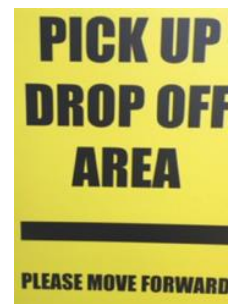
Each conference period will be 15 minutes long and it is imperative that conferences start on time and finish on time. If longer and more in-depth conferences are needed, please arrange with the teacher for an additional and mutually convenient meeting time. Information will be sent home during the first week of October.

Traffic

Thank you for your ongoing help with morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. These times continue to be congested with vehicles and families crossing the street. For the protection and safety of your children, it is important for everyone to do their best to follow our **Traffic Safety Plan**. Here are some reminders:

Shaughnessy is promoting a Walk or Roll to school. Leave your car at home, or if you need to drive – park in the neighbourhood and walk with your child to school. Be respectful of our neighbours and do not park in driveways or alleyways. **For those of you who need to drive, we have a Drop-Off, Pick-Up Zone:**

- This zone is for quick drop-off or pick-up **ONLY**
- Parents **MUST** stay in their car
- Vehicles should move forward in this zone and let children enter/exit when you get to the front-most-part of the line (this is important so that cars do not back up and block the intersection on Nanton Street)
- Students should enter/exit your car onto the sidewalk



Other reminders:

- **This is a school zone.** The maximum speed is 30 km between 8 am -5 pm
- During drop-off and pick-up times, we **encourage** traffic flow on Marguerite to be one way (north only)
- Do not turn into private driveways or U-turn on the street
- Do not stop your car in the crosswalk. Leave this area clear for students and families to cross

We greatly appreciate our parent traffic volunteers who have been helping with traffic. If you can give 15-20 minutes one day/week before or after school, please email shypacchair@gmail.com. Our Student Traffic Patrol will be trained in the next few weeks.

The New PAC Website



Shaughnessy PAC is excited to share our new website with you shaughnessyelementarypac.com This website has all PAC-related information including our direct donation drive, hot lunch, volunteering and upcoming events. Please sign up to our mailing list to receive the latest in PAC news and links for our upcoming PAC general meetings. Our first PAC general meeting will be on **Friday, October 8th @ 9:30 am via Zoom**. Hope to see you there (**PAC Co-Chairs, Arshnoor and Liz**).

Hot Lunch

The first day of Hot Lunch is **Tuesday, October 12th** so all orders must be placed and paid for by Monday, October 4th. To order, visit the Hot Lunch section on the PAC website to review more information and ordering details (shaughnessyelementarypac.com) or go directly to the Shaughnessy Munch a Lunch Website (<https://munchalunch.com/schools/ShapacWeughnessy/>).