

Shaughnessy Newsletter – December 2021

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Important Dates to Remember:

- Dec 6th Last day for Holiday Hamper donations
- Dec 7th Hot Lunch (Pizza Day)
- Dec 10th Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser delivery
- Dec 14th Hot Lunch (International Day)
- Dec 17th Last day of school
- Jan 4th First day of classes

Welcome to New Staff

I would like to welcome **Tessa Wilson** and **Julia Chung** who have joined our staff as Student Support Workers (SSWs). They will be with us until the end of the school year. Welcome to Shaughnessy.

Abbotsford-Sumas Relief

Within a short 72 hours, the Shaughnessy community responded with overwhelming generosity to the tragedy in Abbotsford-Sumas. We were able to collect a truckload of non-perishable food, toiletries, blankets, and clothing as well as over \$6,600.00 in gift cards and cash that went to the Abbotsford Food Bank and other local charities. Thank you to each one of you who donated items as well as the staff and students who helped to sort, organize, and pack the truck. A special thank you to **Pengyu Wang** for delivering the items to Abbotsford.



Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Reports

Guiding Questions for Student Self-Assessment

- WHERE AM I NOW?**
 - What are my strengths?
 - What am I working on?
 - What have I done well?
 - What am I learning?
- WHERE AM I GOING?**
 - What are my next steps?
 - How can I grow my thinking?
 - What are my goals?
- WHAT DO I NEED TO GET THERE?**
 - What do I need to do?
 - What supports do I need?
 - Who can help me?
 - How can I help myself?

Mid-year Communicating Student Learning (CSL) reports will be sent home at the **end of January 2022**. Your child's report will include descriptive written comments addressing:

- Student learning strengths
- Areas for growth
- Ways to support learning

In addition, there will be a Student Competency Scale (your child's progress in relation to the grade-level expectations):

- **BEGINNING** to acquire knowledge, skills, strategies, and processes
- **DEVELOPING** the ability to apply knowledge, skills, strategies, and processes
- **APPLYING** knowledge, skills, strategies, and processes consistently
- **EXTENDING** knowledge, skills, strategies, and processes creatively and strategically

We encourage parents to take an active part in giving feedback, setting goals, and supporting your child in their learning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly

On November 10th every Shaughnessy class participated in our **virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony** as well as the "*Walk to Remember*" led by our own Colour Guard. Our students read poetry, shared artwork, recorded and played music as well as narrated the assembly. A special thank you to all those who participated, as well as **Mr. Maciura** for organizing the Colour Guard "*Walk to Remember*", and **Mr. Nicanor** who helped with the video production.



International Travel

Please note the following information found on the Government of Canada website ([Government of Canada website](#)). For 14 days after arrival, children less than 12 years of age must not:

- attend school, camp, or daycare
- attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g., long-term care facility), including people who are immunocompromised, regardless of that person's vaccination status or public health measures
- travel on crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking
- attend large, crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event

This means that should any unvaccinated Shaughnessy students travel internationally (outside of Canada), they will have to stay out of school for 14 days upon their return to Canada. Thank you for helping to keep our schools safe.

School Active Travel Planning Initiative

Shaughnessy Elementary is participating in the **City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Planning** program to encourage and promote walking, cycling, and rolling to school. The program takes place over three years and includes several types of projects to address barriers to active travel:

- Gathering information from students and families about their travel choices
- Creating a school travel action plan
- Upgrading transportation infrastructure near the school
- Promoting active travel education and awareness
- Other initiatives with support from our safety partners (e.g., Vancouver Police Department, VSB, etc.)



Our parent committee completed a **Virtual Walk-About** with the Traffic and Management Department from the city of Vancouver, and we were able to identify some areas of need. As part of Phase 1, a parent and student survey will be sent home to every family in February. More information will come to you in the new year.

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 their 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 this at home.



Author Visit

On November 17th, Division 6 had an author visit with writer/broadcaster/columnist **Jenn Sookfong Lee**. Our students were discussing her book "*Finding Home*" and were able to chat with her through the Writers' Festival "*Writers in the Classroom*" program. This book ties into the topic of immigration and our students could share their own stories of where they have come from. It was a great experience for our students.

Updates From our Library

Happy December! We would like to encourage students to keep reading over the Winter Break, so students may keep their library books over the holidays. Students can also access our digital libraries (see the instructions on our school webpage under "*Teaching and Learning>Library/Library Learning Commons*") or click on the link below:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/shaughnessy/Teaching-and-Learning/Learning-Commons-or-Library/Pages/default.aspx>

Here are some additional options for **beginning readers** or **ELL learners**:

<https://storybookscanada.ca/> (early readers that can be read in 20 languages)

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/> (early readers that can be read in 11 different languages)

<https://storylineonline.net/> (popular picture books read by celebrated actors)



Shaughnessy Ski/Snowboard Program

We are happy to announce the Shaughnessy ski/snowboard trip has been confirmed for **February 2022**. Students in Grade 5 & 6, from Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be visiting Mt. Seymour each Wednesday for the month of February (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd).

The cost of the trip will be presented in a letter to go home shortly. Not only is the field trip affordable – but to top it off, the student pass for 4 days/4-hour lessons converts into a full SEASON'S PASS! That's right, they get all those lessons and a pass to use for the remainder of the season.

*Please note, all ski/snowboard pass & lesson payments will be made on the Mt. Seymour online store. The bus payments will be made via school Cash Online. We look forward to a great ski season in the new year.



Free Kick Soccer Program

Free Kicks World Cup Soccer begins their winter program at Shaughnessy every Saturday from **January 15-March 5, 2022**. Be sure to check out their website at <http://freekickfc.com> or call 604.551.7006 for more information.

FUNDERLAND
KIDS' CLUB
WINTER CAMPS
One Free Camp for first-time campers

- Indoor and Outdoor
- Group Fun Activities
- Sports
- Arts and Crafts
- Book/Daily or Weekly
- Ratio 1 Educator to 4 Children
- Free play with educational toys

Dec 20th - Jan 3rd
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Fee: \$60 / day

Register Online
www.funderland.ca

Contact Us
www.funderland.ca
604.345.6239
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Funderland has a special offer: **"One Free Winter Camp for First-Time Campers."** Please see their flyer or check out their webpage for more information <https://funderland.ca/winter-camps/>



PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be on **January 12 @ 6:30 pm** via Zoom.

Suzanne from EarthBites will be our special guest speaker. Please sign up on our mailing list to receive the zoom link and all PAC related updates at shaughnessyelementarypac.com

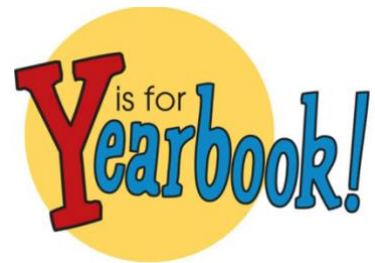
Thank you for your ongoing support and wishing you all a very happy and healthy winter break!

Holiday Hampers

We will continue to support families at various inner city elementary schools with our holiday hampers. The hampers will consist of only gift cards this year. Please bring in any **CASH DONATIONS** to your classroom teacher. You can also bring in **GIFT CARDS** from **SUPERSTORE** and **WALMART** only. The last day to donate is Monday, December 6th. Thank you for all your generous support!

Yearbooks

Order your 2021/2022 Yearbook for the Early Bird price of \$40 until December 10th, 2021. Limited quantities are available. Order via **School Cash Online** and on the PAC website -shaughnessyelementarypac.com



Thank You

It is with sadness that we must announce that our vice-principal, **Mr. Paul An** will be transferred to Lord Roberts Elementary School effective January 2022. Mr. An has worked at Shaughnessy over the last three years and has been an active member of this school community. Mr. An will be greatly missed at our school, however, we wish him the very best in his new assignment. Our new vice-principal will be introduced to our students, staff, and parents in January.

*The last day of school is **Friday, December 17th** and classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 4th, 2022**. On behalf of the Shaughnessy Staff, I want to wish your family a very relaxing and restful winter break,*