

Shaughnessy Newsletter – April 2022

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Important Dates to Remember:

- April 1 Grade 6/7 Science Fair
- April 5 Hot Lunch begins (Tues, Thurs)
- April 13 International Day of Pink
- April 14 Terry Fox Run
- **April 15 Good Friday (no school)**
- **April 18 Easter Monday (no school)**
- April 21 Gr. 4-7 Track practices begin
- April 22 PAC online meeting @ 9:30 am
- **April 25 District-wide ProD (no school)**

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to the SHY community for supporting our virtual and in-person book fair! We had a fantastic turn out for both platforms and almost \$3500 was raised for our school. Every classroom received books that were on the teachers' wish lists, the library was able to purchase new Scholastic books and we were able to add cash funds to our library account so purchases from other publishers can be made. The students were so excited to have the "Question of the Day" contest in conjunction with the fair. It was a great way to build community before Spring Break! A special thank you to Arshnoor and Angela for organizing the fair and Anita for helping (Ms. Chow).



**Canadian
Cancer
Society**

Terry Fox Run

This year, our Terry Fox Run will be taking place on **Thursday, April 14th!** The annual run moved to April as the fall was a very busy time and April is the **Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil campaign**. The Terry Fox Run brings awareness to our Canadian hero, Terry Fox, and is also an opportunity to raise money for cancer research.

We are asking students to wear red and white on the day of the run to show pride for Canada. Online donations will also be available through **SchoolCash Online** during the month of April for any families that would like to donate online. All donations will be going to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your generosity and for "helping hope bloom!" (Ms. Lo).



Science Fair



This Friday, April 1st, most of our grade 6 and 7 students at Shaughnessy will be participating in a Science Fair. The students have been working hard on their projects for just over a month. It all started with a question and then from there they followed the steps of the scientific method including researching, creating a hypothesis, conducting an experiment, making observations, analyzing the results, and then finally presenting their findings! Thankfully Covid restrictions are lifting, which means that all classes have been

invited to come and explore the science fair projects. Hooray! (Ms. McGuire).



Shaughnessy Gr. 4 -7 Track and Field Team 2022

We are back to having our SHY Gr. 4-7 Track and Field team! On Thursday, April 21st we will start our first practice. There will be a student sign-up in each classroom this week and next. We encourage students to join in to experience a school team, learn some new skills, and have fun with their friends. It doesn't matter their level of athletic skill...come one, come all! You can expect your child to bring a permission sheet home with more information soon. When we find out, we will let you know the dates of the Mini-Meets and the Zone Final.



Team Expectations:

- the first practice is **Thursday, April 21 at 8:00 am**. Please be on time. Students meet in the gym and find their grade group.... running shoes please!
- practices are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings only and will run from April 21 to May 26. The Zone Final will most likely be the next week on one full school day
- practices are rain or shine...students come to the gym regardless of the weather
- consistent attendance is expected at the Tuesday and Thursday morning practices starting at 8:00 am
- students must wear the SHY black t-shirt for the Mini-Meets

I look forward to seeing your child joining in with their peers. The Track and Field team is a highlight of the school year for intermediate students (Ms. Pace).

School Active Travel Planning Initiative

Shaughnessy Elementary has been 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:



As part of year one, there will be surveys in April (a classroom survey and an online take-home survey for families). Data from both sets of surveys along with feedback from the walkabout meeting that was held in November will help inform future infrastructure upgrades and educational resources for our school.

In-class survey for students: April 4-8, 2022

- Teachers will ask students how they travelled to/from school for 5 days

Take-home survey for parents: April 4-15, 2022

- Parents will be asked to fill out and return an online survey over a 2-week period about travel patterns, preferences, and feedback
- One survey should be filled out per family

A link will be sent to you in the coming weeks. Please take the time to complete the survey at your earliest convenience.



International Day of Pink

The International Day of Pink is a worldwide anti-bullying and anti-homophobia event held annually on **Wednesday, April 13th, 2022**. Though similar to Pink Shirt Day in that it also seeks to end all bullying, the Day of Pink is more specifically aimed towards anti-LGBTQ+ bullying.

Student Learning Survey

Just a reminder that the Student Learning Survey for Grades 4, 7 is still open until **April 30, 2022**. Staff and parents/guardians are encouraged to take the survey. See the survey site:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Are You Moving?

To plan for next year, we need to know whether your child/children will be returning to Shaughnessy Elementary. If you know that you will not be returning, please contact the school office. Please note that students who are returning are automatically registered for next year.



Class Organization for 2022-23

Towards the end of the school year, the staff will put a tremendous amount of thought into the organization of classes for next year. We approach each student placement decision carefully. Each student's social, emotional, and academic needs are considered. In addition, we consider students as English Language Learners, students with special needs, leadership abilities, cohesive student groupings, previous classroom history, as well as class-size and composition (Ministry/VBE guidelines).



Please note that letters requesting a specific teacher are not being accepted by the school, however, if you have information about your child's social, emotional, and academic needs that you feel is important for us to know, you are welcome to contact **Mr. Jim Embree, Principal** (jembree@vsb.bc.ca) in writing before May 30, 2022.

PAC News

PAC would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all families who supported the Scholastic Book Fair at Shaughnessy. Our library, classrooms and students have many new books to enjoy.

We would also like to remind everyone about a few traffic tips that can be helpful and make drop-off and pick-ups run smoothly for everyone:

- The drop off and pick up zone is for a quick drop-off or pick-up ONLY
- Parents **MUST** stay in their car
- Vehicles should move forward in this zone and let the children enter/exit when you get to the front of the line. This way, more cars can enter the line.
- 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)**
- Please use the designated crosswalk when crossing the road



Our next PAC Meeting will be on Friday, April 22nd @ 9:30 via Zoom. We are looking for new **PAC Executive members for 2022/2023**, please join in to learn more and hear the latest in PAC updates. Email shypacchair@gmail.com with any questions or feedback.

GO Girls! Program

Go Girls! is a program with Big Sisters BC Lower Mainland. Registration for their **Spring Arts Exploration program** is now open. The description, schedule, and registration links for the program can be found below.



Arts Exploration gathers every week to connect, develop friendships, and participate in creative activities. This program is about exploring and expressing oneself through art, so any participant with an interest in being creative is welcome – you don't need to be an artist to join!

- **Mondays** 4:00-5:15 pm; April 25 – May 30, 2022 (No session Mon, May 23 due to Victoria Day). 5 sessions in total
- **Wednesdays** 4:00-5:15 pm; April 27 – May 25, 2022. 5 sessions in total

This program is **FREE** and **Online via Zoom**. Eligible participants must be Grades 4-7, self-identify as girls, non-binary, or transgender youth, and be committed to attending all the sessions of the program. Space is limited so we encourage participants to sign up promptly!

Go Girls! also has a **Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds** program which focuses on friendships, self-esteem, confidence, active living, and balanced eating. Our fully trained volunteer mentors lead games, discussions, and activities with a group of participants. This program runs **Tuesdays** 4:00-5:00 pm; Apr 26 – Jun 14 2022 (8 sessions total). Please click on the highlighted link to register.

Vancouver United FC Soccer

Vancouver United FC is pleased to be offering its new 4-week soccer **Just Play** program at Prince of Wales Secondary field starting the last week of April. Open to players born 2012-2015. No prior experience necessary! Just come out and play! For more info or to register, click here: <https://vancouverunitedfc.com/vanu-just-play>. Many other programs for Spring, Summer, and Fall/Winter programs too! Find one that's right for you at <https://vancouverunitedfc.com/programs>



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KIDS' CLUB

SUMMER CAMPS

Registration Deadline : **April 30th**

- **Indoors and Outdoors**
- **Group Fun Activities**
- **Sports (Soccer, Badminton)**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Book Daily or Weekly**
- **Low Ratio**

Free Play with Educational Toys



JUL 1ST - AUG 26

9:00 am - 3:30 pm \$60

9:00 am - 4:30 pm \$70

Register Online

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