

Shaughnessy Newsletter – May 2022

4250 Marguerite Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, V6J 4G3
604.713.5500
<http://shaughnessy.vsb.bc.ca>
Principal: Jim Embree
Vice Principal: Steve Mulligan
Director of Instruction: Richard Zerbe
PAC Chair: Arshnoor Manavi



Important Dates to Remember:

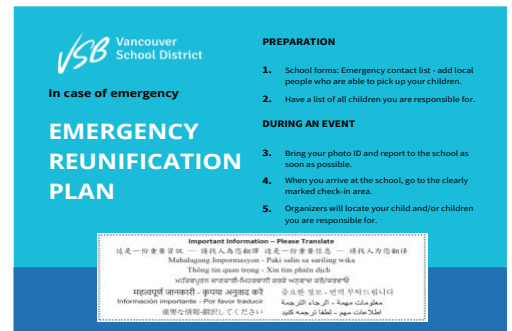
- May 1-12 Boogaloo Dance Academy
- May 5 District-wide Earthquake Drill @ 2:00 pm
- May 17 Activity Day
- **May 17 Early Dismissal @ 2 pm**
- May 18 Immunization Clinic #2
- May 20 PAC meeting in library @ 9:30 am
- **May 23 Victoria Day (no school)**
- May 30-June 3 Bike to school week
- May 30-June 1 Grade 7 Camp

Terry Fox Run

On Thursday, April 14th, we had a successful Terry Fox run. Thank you to Division 2 students who led the warmup, the parent volunteers who helped with supervision, and the Shaughnessy staff and students who participated. Together we raised **\$1,849.00** to go to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your generous donations.

District-Wide Earthquake Drill

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, all VSB schools will hold a mandatory earthquake drill. It will include the practice of **Drop-Cover-Hold On**, an evacuation of the school, emergency operations set up and activities (including Incident Command, first aid station, SERT drill, rapid damage assessment, bin inspection, use of and review of Incident Command). A small group of Shaughnessy parents will participate in the drill to test our Reunification System. All other students will be dismissed at 3:03 pm.



Summer School Opportunities

Course information is available at <https://summerreg.vsb.bc.ca/>. Registration for VSB students begins **May 9, 2022**, at 8:00 a.m. See [Program Information](#) and [How to Register](#) for more information.



Locations

- Henderson Elementary – 451 East 53rd Avenue
- Mt. Pleasant Elementary – 2300 Guelph Street
- Nootka Elementary – 3375 Nootka Street
- Tecumseh Elementary – 1850 East 41st Avenue
- Trafalgar Elementary – 4170 Trafalgar Street
- Van Horne Elementary – 5855 Ontario Street

If you have any questions or inquiries, please send an email to summerlearning@vsb.bc.ca or call 604-713-4550.

Ukraine Fundraiser

This month our school has had a fundraiser for the awful events that are happening in the Ukraine. All the money we raise will go to 'Maple Hope Foundation'. For the past two weeks division one has had a sale on Thursdays at lunch time. To make money, every student in Division 1 (and Steph from Division 2) has sold things we have made in our class or at home. We have been developing our entrepreneurial skills as part of the career education curriculum. Thursday, May 5, will be our last sale even (for primary student only). Thank you to all the students that have bought items and participated in the sales! (Bianca in Division 1).



"Honoured to be working together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the x^wməḏk^wəyəm/Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh/Squamish & səlilwətał /Tseil-Waututh Nations"

Democracy and Me Poetry Contest

A couple of months ago, I entered a poetry contest called **Democracy and Me**. I recently found out that I am a finalist in the competition which means that my poem will be displayed at the BC Legislature. The contest encouraged me to write about democracy and how my voice can help to change democracy in my community. More than ever, it is important to talk about democracy, especially with the war in the Ukraine and other threats to our freedom are happening around the world. My poem talks about how we need to tend to democracy as we would tend to a garden. Democracy is not only a privilege, but a responsibility.

Throughout my whole writing process, I edited repeatedly and worked on my poem from November to February. I was shocked when I found out that my poem made the finalist cut out of more than 140 poems from all over B.C. I want to thank my family for sharpening my ideas, supporting me, and helping me along the way. I would also like to thank Ms. Pace for introducing this contest to me and helping me throughout this journey. It has been a wonderfully rewarding process and outcome! (By Vivienne Div. 5, Grade 5)

Sowing the Seeds of Democracy

*Democracy is like a plant,
As it grows and grows,
Break, it can't,
It only gives and bestows.*

*Gardeners use their seeds to tend,
Which flourish in our world,
They climb, and reach, and bend,
As their leaves open and unfurl.*

*Democracy also plants its seeds,
Of freedom in our voices,
It stands for acceptance and meets our needs,
It allows for so many choices.*

*The seeds have been sown for us to act,
Making communities grow strong,
Keeping our equality and justice intact,
Democracy helps us belong.*

*It has brought out our diversity,
We are all free to vote,
Democracy as our ideology,
Fairness and freedom to promote.*

*Remember, a gardener helps to spread,
Seeds that grow through thick and thin,
Whether struggle or success lies ahead,
Their vision, for an abundant future, stays deep within.*



*As with democracy, we stand and fall,
Whatever the challenge, whatever the deed,
Together and strong, we rise to the call,
Our voices shall be freed.*

*Me, a gardener of the future,
Will promise to stand guard,
The seeds of democracy to nurture,
To hold those ideals in the highest regard.*

By: Vivienne Stirling
Grade 5, Vancouver, B.C.



Bike to School Week

Bike to School Week is a fun, free, week-long celebration for students of all ages and abilities delivered by HUB Cycling. Schools across Metro Vancouver take part by biking to and from school, participating in activities and events, and tracking their trips. This event is a great way to celebrate active travel and build on other school travel and safety initiatives at your school (e.g., cycling education, School Streets, or your involvement in the SATP program). This year, [Bike to School Week](#) takes place from **May 30 - June 3**.

Shaughnessy Music Program

Our Shaughnessy music students performed virtually in the **VSBC Celebration of Music** (<https://youtu.be/3s6Vf1IG-Wk>) featuring students from Sir Wilfred Laurier Elementary, Britannia Secondary, Magee Secondary, and **Shaughnessy Elementary**. You can also see a performance by our Grade 5 Ukulele/Recorder group Thank you to Mr. Dirk for his great leadership. See Division 5 (https://youtu.be/caxUhl_OX_I)



SHY Track and Field Team for 2022



Last week we started our track and field practices for grades 4 to 7. What a fantastic turn-out! We have over 200 intermediate students who are enthusiastic about trying a new experience and taking on a leadership role in their school community. Almost all intermediate students have joined, wow! We encourage students to join for fun, fitness, and skill building. Being on a team also helps children to develop successful life skills. Of course, this large team cannot happen without numerous teacher volunteers. We have 17 coaches out on the field and in the gym running the morning stations. We are fortunate to have such dedication from staff. Thank you to: **Mr. Maciura, Mrs. Marsh, Ms. Lo, Mr. Nicanor, Ms. McGuire, Ms. Raino, Mr. A, Ms. Yuen, Mr. Hendren, Ms. Graham, Ms. Green, Mrs. Olaes, Mrs. Wiesinger, Ms. Webber, Mr. Dirk, and Mr. Mulligan.**

It's also wonderful to see how energetic the students are. I asked one girl in Grade 4 how her first practice was, and she said, "fantastic!!!" We will be starting Mini-Meets soon. You will already have received an email about the dates of the Mini-Meets and Zone Finals. In fact, the first Junior and Senior Mini-Meets will be at SHY on May 10th and May 12th respectively.... see you there! (Ms. Pace)

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.



Boogaloo Dance Performance

We are excited to welcome Boogaloo Dance Academy who will be onsite teaching all students in our gym from May 2-12. Every division will have between 4-5 sessions with our instructor. More information about the final performance will be sent to families in the coming days. Thank you to the PAC for funding this event for our students.

Active Travel Survey (new dates)

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. Please see the new dates for the survey.

In-class survey for students: May 9-13, 2022

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

Take-home survey for parents: May 9-20, 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.

Energetic Teachers!

Congratulations to Ms. Wiesinger and Ms. Yuen for participating in the BMO marathon and half marathon this past weekend! Wow!! We are very proud of your efforts and energy to be out early on a Sunday morning racing through the streets of Vancouver. Way to go!

"Honoured to be working together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the x^mməθk^wəyəm/Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh/Squamish & səlilwətał /Tseil-Waututh Nations"

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



Thank you to all families who purchased EarthBites Grow Kits and supported the Pocket Market last week. Thanks to Liz and parent volunteers for all your help. It was so fun, and the honey sticks were a huge hit with the students!

Please consider sending in a nomination form for all PAC Executive and Committee Coordinators for next year. Further information can be found on the PAC website shaughnessyelementarypac.com. Email shypacchair@gmail.com with interest and to find out more.

All nominations will be voted in at our in-person PAC AGM Meeting on **May 20th at 9:30 am in the library.**

Royal Soccer Club

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 30th annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Offering full day and morning sessions to all children aged 5 to 13, the program runs all weeks in July and August. There are 3 locations across Vancouver (site details available by clicking [here](#) or visiting the LOCATIONS page on our website royalsoccerclub.com. To register or for more information, visit royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536.



Generation Health

Generation Health is a **FREE 9-week healthy lifestyle program** for children and their families, delivered through the YMCA of Greater Vancouver and in partnership with the Childhood Obesity Foundation. Program participants will meet virtually to learn about healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more! We have 5 program days to choose from: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays from 6:30-8:30 pm. This program requires prior registration: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca. **Families who join this program receive a complimentary membership to the YMCA.**

RBL Summer Basketball Camps 2022 Boys/Girls

Have fun and be challenged to improve basketball skills with others in the same grades. Camps feature experienced instructors in quality gyms with multiple baskets at grade-appropriate heights. Most participants will be eligible to join RBL leagues. See RBLBasketball.com for more information or call Richard **604-269-0221**



Funderland

See the information below about Funderland. They are currently offering "Early Bird" registration and can transport children by a minivan to their program.

"Honoured to be working together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm/Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh/Squamish & səlilwətał /Tseil-Waututh Nations"

OUTDOOR GROUP FUN

Field Trip

Fun sports

Badminton **Soccer**

Picnics **Group Games**

10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY MAY 15TH **K-G2**

SUMMER CAMP **K-G2**

Indoors and Outdoors
Register Daily or Weekly

9:00 Am- 3:30 pm \$ 60 / day
9:00 Am- 4:30 pm \$ 70 / day

Have you ever tried our camps?
Reserve a drop in camp Today!

www.Funderland.ca

Contact Us
info@funderland.ca
6043456259
1708 W 16th Ave, Vancouver ,V6J2M1
www.Funderland.ca

It's Fun at FUNDERLAND KIDS' Club

Board Games Puzzles

Art & Craft

Clay Painting Music Drama

Brain activity

GOOD NEWS!

NOW

FUNDERLAND PICK UP THE CHILDREN BY

VAN

Spaces Available Register ONLINE

Flexible 1 - 5 DAYS
After School Classes
Drop In
3:00 - 5:20 pm
\$27/ Day

Contact Us
www.Funderland.ca
604 345 6259
1708 W 16th Ave
Vancouver, V6J2M1