

## Champlain Heights Newsletter – January, 2018

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### Happy New Year!



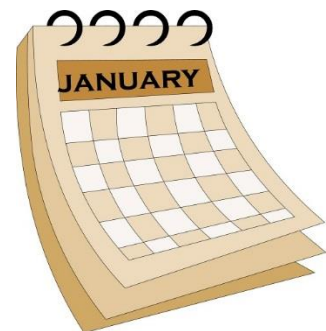
On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! May 2018 bring you and your family lots of joy, laughter, good health and wonderful experiences and opportunities.

The start of a new year signifies new beginnings and continued growth for all. It's also that time of year when many people may wish to make resolutions and set goals for the New Year. Goal setting is something we engage in both our professional and person lives. Whatever the goal is, we always strive to ensure that we set **SMART Goals** for ourselves – goals that are **Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Timed**.

My SMART Goal for the New Year is simply to floss my teeth regularly and properly every day. What's yours? 😊

### Important Dates to Remember:

- Monday, January 8 – School Reopens!
- Monday, January 15 – Dance Performance at 2:00 PM in the Gymnasium. All welcome!
- Wednesday, January 16 – PAC Meeting at 6:00 PM (Main School)
- Friday, January 26 – Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
- Friday, January 26 – School-Wide Assembly
- Monday, January 29 – Curriculum Implementation Day (No School)



### Staffing Update

Welcome back to **Tanis Shaver** who will be re-joining our Champlain Team! She will be working with us on Wednesdays as part of our Resource Team and on Thursdays and Fridays as the Enrolling Teacher in Division 2. **Marion Goetze** will resume her role as our Full-Time Resource Teacher.

Thank you to **Sheila Mullins** for stepping in last term to provide Resource support. She will continue to be with us as our Part-Time Enrolling Teacher of Divisions 8 and 9.

This term, we continue to welcome **Shirley Tong** who will continue to provide Resource Support for our students on Mondays and Tuesdays!

Also, our Champlain Heights community extends a warm welcome to **Ryan Richdale**, the new Principal of Kingsford-Smith School.

We also want to welcome **Sharon Vieira**, our new Vice-Principal at the Annex.

### Wet Weather Wear

Our beginning months of year often bring many rain showers. As a reminder, please ensure that our learners come to school well prepared. Rain jacket, outdoor shoes, rain boots, extra pants and socks, are all great things to consider when sending your children to school!





### Killarney Community Schools Team Programming

Our Community Schools Team at Killarney Secondary will be providing some in-school and after-school programming this term! They are offering the following programs:

- Master Chefs for Grades 4 to 7 on Wednesdays (after school)
- Mini Chefs for Grades 1 to 3 on Thursdays (after school)
- Lego Club for Grades 1 to 3 on Wednesday (at lunch)

Registration forms will be available from the week of January 8. Registration begins on the week of January 15. The first week of programs starts on the week of January 29 and run until the week of March 12.

### School Athletics

This term, Basketball for Grade 7s will continue on Wednesday and Thursday Mornings at 7:45 am and Fridays at Lunch from 12:25 pm onward. Thank you to Mrs. Cavanagh, Mrs. Shaver and Ms. Peco for their coaching expertise and time!

Grade 6 Volleyball will continue Friday Mornings at 7:45 am. Thank you to Mrs. Cavanagh for her continued support with our students!

Our Grade 5s will be participating on their Whistler Skiing experiences on January 18, 25 and February 1 (All Thursdays). Enjoy!



### Dance Unit

Champlain Heights and Kingsford-Smith students will begin their week-long Dance Unit on Monday, January 8. Students will be working up a sweat as they learn and practice some stellar dance moves! Parents are welcome to attend the dance celebration on Monday, January 15 at 2:00 PM in the Gymnasium. Our dancers will want an audience to show off their dance moves!

### PAC Update



### RECYCLING NEWS

Congratulations to **Divisions 4 and 8** for winning the first Recycling Challenge!

Our second recycling competition will start from **January 10 to March 15**. The Division with the most empties will win a lunch from Subway!



Please clean your empties, label your bag with your child's Division number and drop it in the front of the school or in front of your child's classroom.

Good luck to everyone!

### CASH FOR CLOTHES



Cash for Clothes Fundraiser is an easy and simple way for the PAC to raise money for educational enhancements at our school. We will receive \$2 per bag for 75 bags and \$3 per bag for 150+ bags. Our goal is to raise over 150 bags. As of January 8, 2018, we still have a ways to go to reach our target!

We urge families of Champlain Heights to continue supporting the school and help us collecting more clothing bags and household items.

You can drop off your bags at the front entrance of the school, Monday to Friday.



### **VSBC Safe Arrival Program – Thank You!**

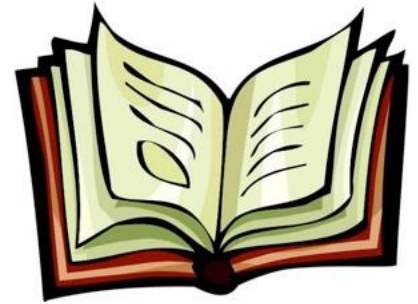
On behalf of our Office Team here at Champlain Heights, thank you very much for following; our new district-wide Safe Arrival Program! Please continue to report your child’s absence in the following ways:

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

### **Student Sign-Out Procedure**

When you pick up your child *during* the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a ‘missing’ student and will commence a search of school grounds. 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!



### **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.*
- **For Drop off/Pick up, please be mindful NOT to stop your vehicles on PRIVATE properties and driveways.**

## 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.

## Code of Conduct

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

**R – Respect**

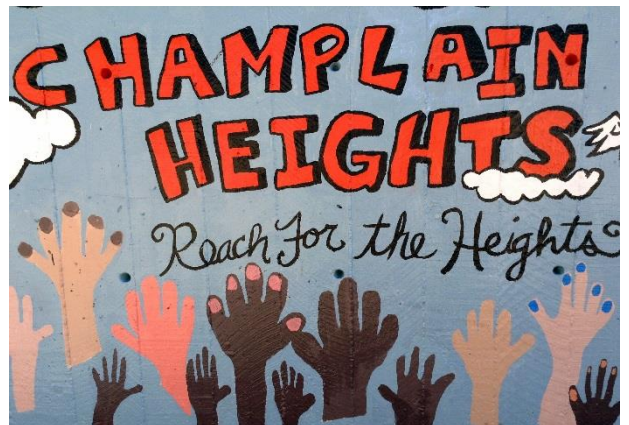
**E – Empathy**

**A – Achievement**

**C – Cooperation**

**H – Helpfulness**

Please see the attached Code of Conduct for Champlain Heights. We expect families to take a minute to review the school's Code of Conduct with your children.



## Student Supervision

Also, please note that unless it is raining heavily or deemed necessary to have an 'inside day' by the Principal, 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. Children may not congregate in the Library Learning Commons before the morning bell unless they are supervised by a parent or guardian. School Staff supervision runs between 8:40 am to 9:00 am and from 3:00 pm to 3:20 pm.