

Champlain Heights Newsletter – June, 2018

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Happy June, Everyone!

I just wanted to start our last School Newsletter by sharing with you a poem that was written by one of our students of Grade 2! What a talented and aspiring young writer!

Mirror

Today I look at myself in the mirror, but I look different. My reflection looks at me and disappears into the next room. I feel the glass, but it is solid. I put out my right hand, but on the mirror, it is the left one. My reflection is opposite! But it looks different. I feel the glass again and I walk right through the mirror. In the mirror I look very silly. I try to get out, but I am stuck in it. I finally get out.

By: Mabel, Division 10, Grade 2



Important Dates to Remember:



- Thursday, June 7th – Track and Field District Meet at Swangard
- Friday, June 8th – Last Day of Resource Service
- Tuesday, June 12th – PAC Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Annex
- Tuesday, June 12th – School Assembly (Time TBA)
- Friday, June 15th – Grade 6 and Kindergarten Immunization Clinic
- Sunday June 17th – Fathers' Day
- Tuesday, June 19th – Grade 7 Farewell
- **Thursday, June 28th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Report Cards go home, Year End Slideshow)**
- Friday, June 29th – Administration Day (Non-Instructional Day)

Notice of Late Return

For the 2018 – 2019 school year, the first day back to school is Tuesday, September 4th. If your child will be returning back to school AFTER September 4th but BEFORE September 28th, families MUST inform the School Office by June 29th, 2018.

If your child is NOT present at school on September 4th, and you did notify us of your late arrival, and we cannot contact you by 12:00 PM (noon) on Wednesday, September 5th, 2018, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

Also, please note that space will not be held past Friday, September 28th, 2018.

If you know that your child will be returning to school late between Tuesday, September 5th to Friday, September 28th, please come by the School Office to fill out a form BEFORE Thursday, June 29th.

YMCA of Greater Vancouver Summer Camps



Summer is a time for kids to be kids! It's a chance to play, to run, and to be free from the busy school schedule. That's why the YMCA offers Day Camps, so that every child can reach their full potential. Join us for fun-filled days of arts and crafts, games, sports and an opportunity to make new friends.

The nearest YMCA day camp locations to Champlain Elementary are located at the Franklin YMCA Kids Club, the Cameron YMCA Kids Club, and Cascade YMCA Kids Club.

Check out everything we have to offer online at gv.ymca.ca/camps

Register now!

gv.ymca.ca/camps

604-939-9622

daycamp@gv.ymca.ca

Vancouver Coastal Health: Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations:

Our School Public Health Nurse, Shannon Wright, would like parents and guardians to know that the final K and Gr. 6 immunization clinic of the year will occur on June 15th 2018. If you have taken your child to another Health Care Provider to have their immunizations done please provide a record of immunization to the office or call Nurse Shannon to provide an update. If you have not had a chance to return an immunization consent form for your child and you would like to add them to the list for June 15th please call Shannon Wright at 604-321-6151 ext. 3318.



Digitally Responsible Youth

Please see the attached flyer regarding the "Raising Digitally Responsible Youth" workshop that is being held at Magee Secondary School on Tuesday, June 12th, at 6:00 PM for parents of school-aged children.



Community Safety

As suggested by our Vancouver Police Department, if and when you notice any activity on and near our school grounds that may pose as a safety concern for our students and school community, please dial 911 immediately and then let our School Office Staff know that a call has already been made. Thank you for everyone's cooperation with this!

General School Fees, 2018 – 2019

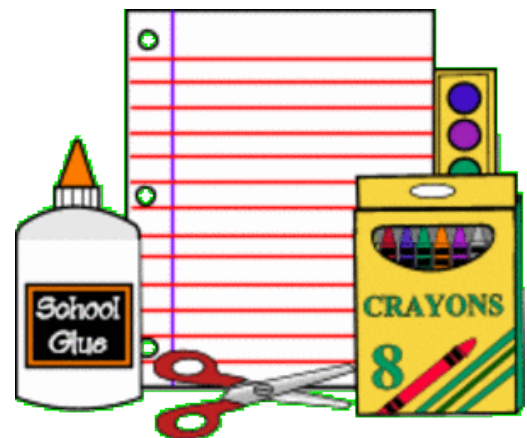
General Supply Fee

The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018 – 2019 is \$25.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

Last year's school fee notice stated that the 2017-2018 school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district. Please note that

for 2018 - 2019, the VSB in fact is able to continue providing this service to parents and will charge the \$25.00 supply fee.



Supplementary Fees

Student Agenda/Planner – \$7.00

Students at Champlain Heights will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades 1 to 7. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.

Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Through out the school year your child’s teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child’s teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

Performance Fee – To be determined throughout the school year at the school year

We are pleased to enrich your child’s learning through a wide variety of performances this year. This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. Parent support has made these opportunities possible and we appreciate your continued contribution.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, Nik Chiu. All requests will be treated confidentially.



VSBC Safe Arrival Program – Thank You!

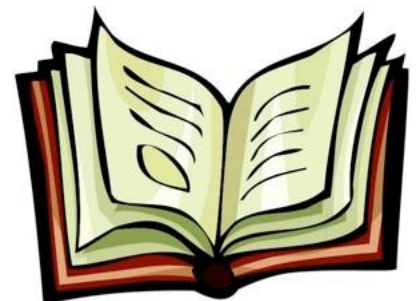
On behalf of our Office Team here at Champlain Heights, thank you very much for following our new district-wide Safe Arrival Program! Please continue to report your child’s absence in the following ways:

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

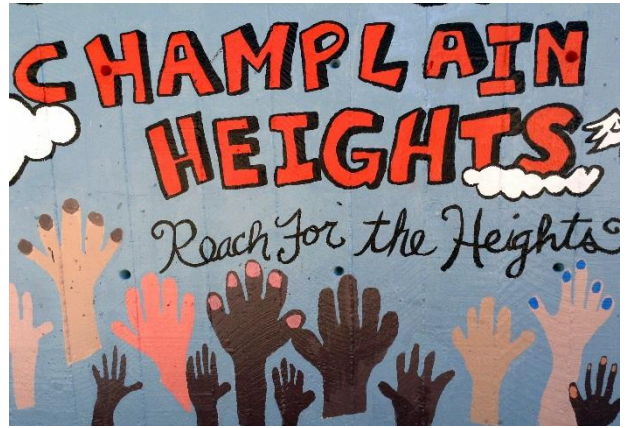
E – Empathy

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.