

Champlain Heights Newsletter – September, 2018

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September is always such a whirlwind time of year! Adults and children are getting back into a structured routine and there is a flurry of energy as families get ready for new school year!

This school year will definitely be a busy one, indeed! Here at Champlain Heights, we are looking forward to another year of rigorous and engaged learning with our learners. Our Learning Community is looking forward to connecting and reconnecting with each other and to continue to foster a spirit of support, positivity and encouragement for one another.

Champlain Heights School wishes every family a healthy, safe and productive year ahead! Welcome back, everyone!

On Friday, September 7th, our students moved to their new classes for the 2018 – 2019 school year. This is an exciting time to re-establish or forge new relationships with families, peers and staff!

Please note that a great deal of staff time, effort, thought, and intention is put into student placements and teacher assignments. Therefore, we cannot make changes to class assignments and/or reassign students to different classes. Thank you for your understanding.

Positive messaging at home can make all the difference in setting the tone for each child for the upcoming school year and helps to set them up for success. It is important that parents and families be positive and optimistic in both tone and words in conversations with their children about all aspects of school life--most especially in discussions about class and teacher assignments. It's all about adopting a Growth Mindset!

Thanks so much for your continued support! It is going to be a fantastic school year!!

Important Dates to Remember

- Monday, September 10 at 11:00 – Welcome Back Assembly in the Gymnasium
- Friday, September 21 from 1:30 – 3:00 – Terry Fox Run!
- Friday, September 28 – Orange Shirt Day
- Monday, October 1 – Professional Development Day (No School)
- Tuesday, October 2 – Goal Setting Conferences (2:00 DISMISSAL)
- Thursday, October 4 – Goal Setting Conferences (2:00 DISMISSAL)



Goal Setting Conferences

This year, our Goal Setting Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 4. This will be a great opportunity to meet and build connections with your child's teacher and other support staff. School will be dismissed at 2:00 pm with conferences starting shortly thereafter. While these are the conference dates reflected in our school calendar, some teachers may be holding their conferences on different dates. Please contact your child's classroom teacher regarding conference dates and times. Please note that even if your child's teacher is NOT holding conferences on October 2 and 4, the school will still be dismissed at 2:00 pm. Thank you all for your attention to this.



Staffing Update

A BIG welcome back our existing staff members at Champlain Heights! We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our learning community:

- **Ms. Susan Dallyn** joins us as our Teacher Librarian and Resource Teacher
- **Ms. Jacqueline Mack** joins us as an Enrolling Teacher, working Thursdays and Fridays. She will be job-sharing with Ms. Sandra Fox

Welcome to Champlain Heights!

Terry Fox Run



This year, our annual Terry Fox Run event will be held on Friday, September 21 from 1:30 to 3:00! It is a great event to raise awareness for cancer research and to honour the great work and legacy of Terry Fox. In preparation for the event, we are looking for four to five parent volunteers who will be able to help on the day of the event to help guide our runners on the designated

path. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Manning directly at tshaver@vsb.bc.ca. Thank you in advance and we look forward to the event!

September Start Up

In the coming weeks of September, a package of forms will be sent home for families to complete and return back to the school. The completion of these forms are important for the school so we can update or collect any important information or fees that are required by the school or the School Board. These forms include:

- Verification Form
- School Fees and Agenda Fees
- Media Consent Form
- CASL (Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation) Form
- Fruit and Vegetable Program

- Neighbourhood Walk Consent
- Appropriate Use Policy for Technology in Schools form (for new students only)
- Student Insurance Information

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete these forms and for returning them back to school in a timely manner. **Please do not send any money or cheques in until requested to do so.**



VSB Safe Arrival Program – Thank You!

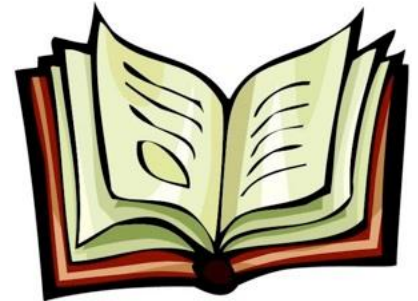
On behalf of our Office Team here at Champlain Heights, thank you very much for following our new district-wide Safe Arrival Program! Please continue to report your child’s absence in the following ways:

<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!



Killarney Community Schools Team Update

The Killarney Community Schools Team is ready for an awesome 2018-19 school year! We are looking forward to spending time with Champlain students in fun, educational, lunchtime and after-school programs. Programs are led by Vancouver School Board staff with Killarney Secondary student volunteers. Some programs are led by partner organizations like Big Brothers. Fall programs will start in early October. Mid-way through September, program offerings and registration details will be sent home with students. Please consider signing up! Benefits of participating in out-of-class time programs include making new friends, learning and practicing new skills, a sense of connection to your school community – and, of course, great fun! Please feel free to reach out to our Killarney Community Schools Team Coordinator with questions or program suggestions: tschiewe@vsb.bc.ca or 604-713-5887.

Vancouver Coastal Health: Healthy Lunches for School!

Please take a look at the attached brochure from Vancouver Coastal Health around packing a variety of healthy lunches and snacks to school for your young learners!



Kid Plus Student Accident Insurance



Thank you for your support of the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program. It has been a long and rewarding partnership and is truly appreciated. Over the years, Kids Plus™ has helped many families, providing much needed reimbursements for out-of-pocket costs. We appreciate your support and we are truly grateful for the part you have played.

We have big news: the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online!

All partner school boards can now access kidsplus.ca/resources for information about Kids Plus™ which they can use on their respective websites, e-newsletters and social media. The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 we've decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment."

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact us toll-free at 1-800-556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca.

Sincerely,



Ed Bender

National Vice-President, Special Market Solutions

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!

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.

PAC Update

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

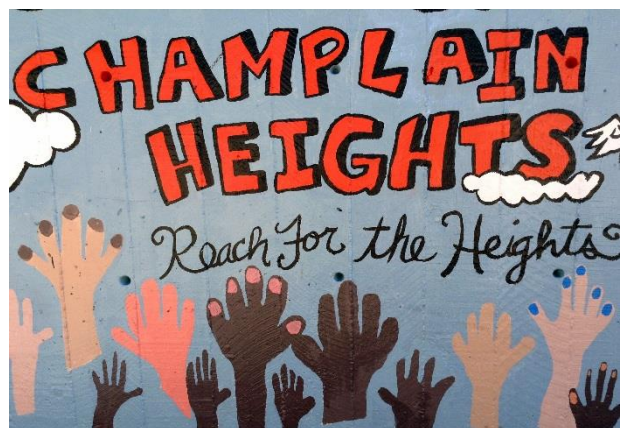
E – Empathy

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 area 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.

Electronic Newsletters

Please be aware that starting from November, 2018, all of our Monthly Newsletters will be electronically emailed out to families. Please ensure that our office staff have your most current email address. This will help us reduce the use of paper and to positively contribute to our environment. Newsletters and Notices will also be posted on our school website.