

Champlain Heights Annex

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Halloween Festivities at the Annex

We anticipate a fun filled morning on Tuesday October 31st as we invite all families to join us for our annual Halloween Costume Parade in the gym at 11:00 am. To ensure our Halloween celebration is safe and enjoyable for all, we ask parents and guardians to refer to the bulletin we recently sent out considering the guidelines for costumes and treats at school.



We would also like to encourage you to report *to police any vandalism or suspicious activities on our school property* such as persons:

- *On the school roof
- *Throwing objects at windows or doors
- *Partying
- *Lighting fires
- *Shooting weapons of any kind
- *Destroying shrubbery or playground equipment
- *Painting or marking school building with graffiti
- *Committing any other suspicious acts



****Note:** The use of fireworks on our school grounds is strongly discouraged even for permit holders as this could lead to serious damage to school property. Firework debris left behind also creates an unsightly mess for staff to clean up. *Thank You!*

Champlain Parent Advisory Council (CPAC)

The following link is to the website for parents to obtain information about minutes of PAC Meetings, By-laws, Meeting Dates etc.



For Champlain Annex School: <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/chaa/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx>

Parent Advisory—Vancouver School Board: go.vsb.bc.ca

Our Parent Advisory Council welcomes all parents and guardians. You automatically became a member of PAC when your child was registered in the school. *Next meeting:*



Date: Tuesday, November 14th
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Champlain Main School @ 6955 Frontenac Street (Childcare Available)



CPAC is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair on Nov 21, 22, and 23 in the Annex Gym. Start your Christmas shopping early! If you have some time that you could assist, please contact Melanie Worobec, our Book Fair Coordinator: melanieworobec@shaw.ca.

The Book Fair Hours will be:

	Tue Nov 21	Wed Nov 22	Thurs Nov 23
Mornings (complimentary coffee & muffins served)	8:30-10:00 am	8:30-10:00 am	8:30-10:00 am
Afternoons	2:30-4:00 pm	2:30-4:00 pm	2:30-4:00 pm



Do you have a child born in 2013?

Kindergarten registration starts on November 1st



All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Wednesday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Wednesday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to report to the VSB District Reception and Placement Centre (DRPC) and complete the initial Kindergarten application there.

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. For those schools, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (November 1 to January 31) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.

- ◆ **When registering your child please bring:**
 - Proof of residence in Vancouver
 - Immigration documentation (if applicable)
 - Child's birth certificate
 - Immunization records since birth








If you want to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2018, but only after you have registered at your catchment school.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit:

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Registration for Kindergarten 2018 Begins Today	2	3 Deadline for Student Photo Orders	4
5 	6 Div 6 –Fire Safety House 1pm	7 Sorry-Strong Start Closed Today 	8	9 Remembrance Day Assembly 11am	10 PRO D DAY School & Strong Start Closed	11
12	13 School Closed 	14 Photo Re-Takes PAC MTG 6pm Main School 	15	16	17 9:15 am Kindergarten Vision Tests	18
19	20	21  Book Fair—Gym 8:30-10 & 2:30-4	22  Book Fair—Gym 8:30-10 & 2:30-4	23  Book Fair—Gym 8:30-10 & 2:30-4	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Cross Country Team



It was unfortunate that on Oct 19th extremely wet weather and the threat of a thunder and lightning storm forced the VSB to cancel the District Cross Country Meet. The rescheduled meet was held on Tue Oct 24th, after school hours (3:30-5:00pm) however with such late notice, we were unable to coordinate and organize how to transport our young students to the event. Sadly this left parents the sole responsibility of getting their children to Trout Lake. Congratulations to all of those young athletes who were able to participate. Once again, our thanks to the staff members and parents who volunteered their time to coach, supervise and drive students to the events.



COLD & FLU SEASON

At this time of year it is common for schools to experience an increase in the spread of colds, coughs and other flu symptoms throughout the student population.

Below are some suggestions on ways you and your family may reduce the spread of germs and help keep your family healthy. **Thorough hand washing and teaching children to cough and sneeze into their upper arm not their hands, are two of the most effective prevention tactics. Workshops on thorough hand washing are being offered to all of our classes through October and November by student nurses.**

Did you know?

- * 80% of common infections are spread by hands
- * Hand washing is the best way to stop the spread of respiratory tract infections

WASH YOUR HANDS!:

- * Before eating
- * After using the toilet or helping your child use the toilet
- * After changing diapers
- * After playing with toys shared with other children
- * After you are with someone who is sick
- * With warm water and regular hand soap
- * Teach children to cough and sneeze into their upper arm not their hands.

For more information about coping with common childhood infections (colds, flu, sore throats, earaches etc.) and using antibiotics wisely visit www.dobugsneeddrugs.org

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME?

There are four important things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The protection of your child. Without proper rest and recovery, they could have a more difficult time fighting the infection or be open to a new infection.
2. The ability of your child to function and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the emotional and physical support that they need.
4. The protection of other children.



Please keep your child home if he/she:

- ◆ Has a fever.
- ◆ Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- ◆ Has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox or any other undiagnosed rash).
- ◆ Please keep them home until they are no longer infectious.

Note: If the school finds it necessary to send your child home due to illness, it is important that you have given the school up-to-date alternate day-time emergency contacts if we are unable to reach you either at home or work.



Cough and sneeze?
Elbow, please!

