

# THE CUNNINGHAM NEWS

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## Bulletin #2 – October, 2017

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, October 16:	Super Science Club starts -3:15-4:30
Wednesday, October 18:	Goal Setting Conferences – <b>2:00 dismissal</b> – please make sure your child is picked up on time YWCA Gr. 7 programs start – 2:30 (one-time early start)-4:30
Thursday, October 19:	GREAT B.C. SHAKE OUT – Earthquake Drill #1 Goal Setting Conferences – <b>2:00 dismissal</b> – please make sure your child is picked up on time
Friday, October 20:	Provincial Professional Development Day – no school for students
Monday, October 23:	Super Science Club 3:15-4:30 PAC meeting 6:45 pm in library
Wednesday, October 25:	Pizza Day YWCA Gr. 7 programs 3:15-5:45 (regular start time)
Monday, October 30:	Super Science Club 3:15-4:30
Tuesday, October 31:	Halloween!
Wednesday, November 1:	YWCA Gr. 7 programs 3:15-5:45
Thursday, November 2:	Photo retakes
Friday, November 3:	PAC movie afternoon
Sunday, November 5:	Daylight Savings ends – clocks back 1 hour
Monday, November 6:	Super Science Club 3:15-4:30
Wednesday, November 8:	YWCA Gr. 7 programs 3:15-5:45
Thursday, November 9:	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 in gym
Friday, November 10:	Curriculum Implementation Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, November 13:	Statutory holiday to observe Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



***Please check our website regularly for updates and for photos of special events:  
cunningham.vsb.bc.ca***

**Meet the Teacher Evening** – Thank you everyone for coming to our first school community event on September 27 and making it a huge success. We greatly appreciate parents supporting our school! And a big thank you to the Cunningham PAC for providing students with a free book!



### **Bike Racks**

A big thank you to the PAC for funding the purchase and installation of two bike racks. They are located on the West side of the main field. We encourage students to ride their bikes to school, then securely lock them on one of the bike racks. At recess and lunch all students need to remember to respect others' property and stay away from the locked bikes.

### **Parent Conferences – Wednesday and Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – early dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.**

Our first conferences will be on Wednesday and Thursday, October 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> starting @ 2:00 p.m. All students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.; please make sure your child is picked up promptly.

### **Picture Day**

Pictures of individual students were taken on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. If your child was not at school that day or you are not happy with the first set of pictures, re-takes will take place on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### **Fruit and Vegetable Program**

Thank you to Ms. Unrau and Ms. So for coordinating this excellent program again this year. Our students get to have healthy snacks and sample the wonderful fruit and vegetables available throughout the year.

### **Warm, Dry Clothing for Outside Days**



Just a reminder to parents that students will be playing outside to get fresh air and exercise during recess and lunch most days. The only time they will be staying inside is when it is raining or snowing heavily. As the days become colder, please make sure your child is wearing a warm coat and appropriate footwear as he/she will be sent outside to play.

### **Reporting Student Absences – Safe Arrival:**

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling **604-713-5159**, then, when prompted, enter **extension 24**. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.



### **\*\*Parent Traffic Concerns\*\***

At Cunningham, we all work together to ensure your children arrive at our school, and depart from our school, safely. This past year, we have noticed parents not complying with traffic signs along 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and stopping their cars in the “NO STOPPING” zones, making dangerous U-turns in the middle of the street, and crossing in the middle of the street instead of using a crosswalk. Also please DO NOT use the lane behind the school for drop off or pick up. Please help us by modeling good traffic safety for your children – remember that you need to model good behaviour for your children as they will copy what you do!

### **Off-Site Assembly Area**

Under almost all circumstances when parents would need to pick up students due to emergency events, the pick up would happen at the school, either from the classroom or from the main field. In the very unlikely event of a need for students and staff to evacuate the school and leave the school site, the **designated assembly area for Cunningham is Norquay Park** (approximately 2 blocks East of the school at E. 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.), and this would be the location for authorized adults to pick up students. Please remember that to pick up students after an emergency situation (or simulation), those adults need to be on the school's list of authorized pick up, and must have identification to show at Student Release

### **ONLINE RESOURCES:**

One of our school goals is to teach our students how to use technology for educational purposes. To support this goal, parents should be aware that we offer the following:

1. Raz-Kids – online reading program for up to Gr. 5 and ELL students – we offer it free to identified students
2. **Library Catalogue:** Do you know that the Vancouver School Board has a web catalogue that lists not only all the books in the Vancouver School District, but also a number of internet resources, including databases, ebooks, video clips, and newspapers?

To access the library resources, go to the website:

<https://library.vsb.bc.ca/>

Scroll down and click on "**GT Cunningham Elementary School**"

Click on "**Login**" on the right-hand upper corner of the webpage

Username: {type in their student number}

Password: student

In the databases, you will find a number of excellent resources, including:

- **BookFlix** – interactive storybooks, both fiction and non-fiction, for primary grades
- **World Book Encyclopedia Online** – students can do research or learn information about any topics they wish, includes videos and photos, and links to reputable sites
- **National Geographic Kids** – online version of their magazines, books, and videos
- **EBSCO** and **Academic Search Premier** – database of magazine articles and research papers
- **Starfall** – primary reading program
- **Vancouver Sun** and **Province** newspapers



### **Tumblebooks – Story books available FREE online 24/7**

Do you have children who say they have nothing to read?

Do you have children who say “Oh, I forgot to sign out books from the library?”

Do you know that you can read books online through the Vancouver Public Library 24/7?

(Make sure you have a valid Vancouver Public Library Card – if you don't have one, now is the time to sign up for one!)

1. Go to: [www.vpl.ca](http://www.vpl.ca)
2. At the top, under “Digital Library”, click “eBooks”
3. Scroll down and select which Tumblebooks you would like (check out the first one for the great interactive picture books!) There are 3 choices: (1) Tumblebook Library, (2) Tumblebook Cloud Junior – Gr. 3 – 8, and (3) Tumblebook Cloud – Gr. 7 and up
4. The website will ask you for authentication. Type in the library code numbers on the back of your library card as well as your 4 digit PIN number (usually the last 4 numbers of the phone number you used to register the card)
5. Once it says “Success!”, click on the **RED** words that say “your log in was successful”
6. Don't forget you can also check out the eBooks that are different from Tumblebooks.
7. Enjoy and Happy Reading!

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND NEWS:

### A Message from the Vancouver Public Library

Below is our list of fall programs at the Collingwood Library (2985 Kingsway, 604-665-3953)

- **Early Readers Book Club**  
Children from Kindergarten to Grade 3 will discover the thrill of reading books and enjoying activities with new friends.  
Saturdays, once a month at 2:00pm
- **Write Now! Creative Writing for Kids**  
Our fun writing activities will have you writing stories and poetry in no time! For ages 8-12.  
Tuesdays, once a month at 3:30pm
- **Reading Buddies**  
Children in Grades 2-4 get reading practice with teen volunteers.  
Thursdays 26 Oct. – 7 Dec. at 4:00pm
- **Spooky Stories 'Round the Campfire**  
Frightful stories and scarily fun activities. For ages 6-12  
Friday 20 Oct. at 2:00pm
- **Coding Buddies**  
Kids age 7-9 learn how to code with a teen buddy, using some of the latest iPad apps  
Tuesday and Wednesday 14 and 15 November

### PAC Meeting

The Parent Advisory Council is an important, integral part of our school community. As a parent of a student at Cunningham, you are automatically a member of PAC. Please come join us and help us provide the best learning environment for our students. Our next PAC meeting will be on Monday, October 23, at 6:45 pm

### Chinese Language School 勤力中文學校 ( Sept. 19, 2017 - June 2018 )

Place 上課地點 : Cunningham Elementary School 2330E 37th Vancouver

Mandarin Class : Every Tuesday from 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

國語班上課時間 : 逢星期二下午三時十五分至五時十五分

Cantonese Class: Every Thursday from 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

粵語班上課時間 : 逢星期四下午三時十五分至五時十五分

For more information, please phone Mrs. Wong at 604 929-7522.

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