



# Shaughnessy Elementary School

VSB

## May 15 - Mid-Month Memo

### Activity Day – May 17<sup>th</sup>

Our annual Activity Day is scheduled for this Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we will dismiss at 2:00pm.

Please ensure that your child has a substantial recess snack on Activity Day as lunch will be later than usual. Students should also remember to bring their water bottle. Thank you to the Shaughnessy PAC for their contribution of an ice cream sandwich snack on this special day!



Parents and guardians are welcome to come to Activity Day and enjoy this special time. We plan to begin with warm-up activities around 10:30 am with stations beginning at 11:00am. The PAC will be hosting a coffee and snack table for parents. Please come and join in the fun!

### Final Reminder: 2018-19 Parent Requests for Class Placement

Should parents wish to provide input into the class casting process, please make your request to [jsouther@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jsouther@vsb.bc.ca), stating the educational reasons for your preference, by **Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Requests should indicate educational reasons for a particular class placement, not a particular teacher. All requests will be considered. There are no guarantees.

### 2018 Notice of Late Return Form

A **Notice of Late Return Form** is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on **Tuesday, September 4, 2017** but prior to **September 28, 2018**. Late Return forms are attached and available in the office.

**Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.**

### Parent's Advisory Council (PAC) News



Shaughnessy PAC, together with Shaughnessy, invites parents to attend the Volunteer Tea on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the library. If you did one very small thing, a very long time ago for the school, you are welcome to come. The Volunteer Tea is a tradition and the library looks so lovely, there are delicious snacks, you will enjoy it for sure.

PAC is pleased to share that we have a great PAC team in place for next year. The elections at our AGM last week resulted in a PAC that will connect parents with guest speakers, advocacy for public education and the District PAC (DPAC). You are always welcome to connect with us at [shaughnessypac@gmail.com](mailto:shaughnessypac@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Events

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| • Thursday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> | Activity Day. NOTE: Dismissal at 2:00 pm.                           |
| • Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>   | District Closure Day. No school.                                    |
| • Monday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Victoria Day. School closed.                                        |
| • Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Volunteer Tea. 10:30 – 11:30 am. Library.                           |
| • Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Welcome to Kindergarten. 1:15 - 2:45 pm. MPR.                       |
| • Tuesday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Track & Field Final Meet. Churchill. (Note: Rain days, May 30 & 31) |

## Track and Field at Shaughnessy

Things have been going very well for our very large track and field team. We have 168 students who know where the best place to be is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings! It's impressive to see the enthusiasm. Last week we had our Senior Mini-meet. It was great to see so many athletes in black t-shirts out there doing their best! Due to



rather torrential rain, we had to cancel the Junior Mini-meet. It is always disappointing to have to make this call, especially after the many hours spent setting up. I would like to thank Mr. Maciura for helping me line the field. It was a rather epic event! We will have our last two Mini-meets this week. Let's hope the weather behaves! The last event will be the Zone Finals on May 29th at Churchill High School. It will be from 8:45 am to 2:15 pm. All students who have had consistent attendance will attend.

Thank you, Ms. Pace

## VSB NEWS

### "Communicating Student Learning – Parent Feedback request from VSB District

Dear parents,

The school district is gathering feedback from parents on their experience so far with the district's "Communicating Student Learning" reporting pilot (report card and communication from the school and teachers). If you were unable to attend one of the evening parent feedback sessions held in February, we hope you will take a few minutes to complete this anonymous on-line survey which uses a similar format and set of questions. (One survey per family, please.)

<https://survey.vsb.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m442np6>

Thank you for your participation.

### Reminder: Elementary School Catchments Proposed Changes

As discussed at our recent PAC meeting, the Vancouver School Board proposes to change some elementary school catchment area boundaries, the geographic areas that determine how students are assigned to each school. The school district determines these catchment areas so that the student population is balanced with the student capacity of each school.

The proposed changes would come into effect in **September 2019**. Students currently enrolled at any of the impacted schools are not affected.

Parents and community members are encouraged to attend one of the following meetings to learn more about the proposed changes to elementary school catchment boundaries and to visit our website

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/catchments> for more detailed information. Email your questions or comments to [engageplanning@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:engageplanning@vsb.bc.ca)

May 15, 2018  
4:00pm to 6:30pm  
Kitsilano Secondary School  
2706 Trafalgar St.  
Entrance Lobby Area

May 22, 2018  
4:00 – 6:30 pm  
King George Secondary School  
1755 Barclay St.  
above Joe Fortes library