



Shaughnessy Elementary School

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December 22, 2017

Dear Shaughnessy Community,

This year December has brought some new events in addition to some long-standing Shaughnessy traditions. Early in the month we held a very successful **Winter Market**, selling seasonal treats in as well as to fresh lettuce from our school garden, with all proceeds going back into our Earthbites garden program. Many parents also participated in a Coffee Club, focusing on our new reporting process, **CSL (Communicating Student Learning.)** We had an excellent discussion and received some good questions and feedback from parents to send back to the VSB.



The pre-holiday season brings a range of well-loved Shaughnessy traditions as well including crafts, gingerbread houses, special field trips and class parties. December is also a time when our wonderfully generous community reach out to help others less fortunate in our city. Our **Holiday Hamper** drive was again a resounding success and the beautifully packed baskets were gratefully received by families in the Carleton community.

Yesterday we held our **Winter Solstice Concert**. The students and staff look forward each year to presenting their special songs and it was heart-warming to see the bleachers full to capacity with enthusiastic parents, relatives and friends! Thank you for your generous contributions to our "**Drop Your Socks Off**" campaign, to provide warm socks for homeless people in Vancouver.



Congratulations to all the performers and teachers who spent many hours

preparing for this special event.

Finally, on behalf of the Shaughnessy staff, I'd like to wish all our families a wonderful holiday. Whether you are travelling abroad or relaxing at home, we send you our best wishes for a fun-filled break, enjoying time with family and friends.

School begins again on Monday, January 8, 2018 and we look forward to seeing all our families back then, ready for another busy term!

Warm Regards,
Janet Souther
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, January 8 th	9:00 am. School reopens.
Monday, January 15 th	Midmonth Memo sent home.
Monday, January 15 th	School-wide Gymnastics program begins.
Tuesday, January 16 th	6:30 pm. Gr. 7 Parent Night @ Prince of Wales.
Friday, January 19 th	9:10 am. PAC Meeting. Library.
Monday, January 29 th	ProD Day. No school for students.
Wednesday, January 31 st	January Newsletter sent home.
Friday, February 2 nd	Mid-Year Progress Reports go home.

2017 – 2018 Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now open for all in-catchment students. Priority registration extends until January 31st, 2018.

Cross-boundary applications are accepted from February 1, 2018 – February 28, 2018. No early or late applications will be accepted.

For more information about the registration process, please go to the Vancouver School Board website at <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/>

PAC News



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Our parent volunteers make so many events possible, such as **Book Fair**, various class field trips and activities, and **Holiday Hampers**, which were incredible this year! Wishing you all a very happy winter holiday break and looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2018,

Shaughnessy PAC

Earthbites News

Winter is here and the garden is covered with snow!

In December students learned about foods that strengthen the immune system, planted spring flowering bulbs, maintained the garden site, and prepared and hosted the winter market. The market was a huge success, and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

EarthBites, school garden and nutrition program, will return in late January just in time to start indoor seeding and planning the garden season. Wishing you all a Happy Holidays!

The EarthBites Team.

People in the Spotlight

Nikita (grade 5 div 6) went to the **BC Karate Provincials** on Dec 2 at the Richmond Oval. She has been competing at the provincial level since she has been 7 years old and had always been lucky enough to medal. This year her competitors were very tall in height. But this little one made us all proud. She proved that it's not the height that matters but skill and never giving up. Next up is the Canada Open!



SHY LLC December Updates



It's been a busy month of literature circles, guided reading groups, Writing Power, social studies projects and documentation. However, students found time to be involved in lots of merry-making, creativity and getting into the holiday spirit! The library space has been looking exceptionally beautiful this month because of all the student decorations! We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2018!