



Shaughnessy Elementary School

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這是重要的通告, 希請人譯讀。
Important information, please translate

Dear Shaughnessy Community,

Once again the year seems to have flown by and we are already at the end of another June! With the summer weather finally here, it is safe to say that everyone is ready for a good break before coming back in September for another busy year at Shaughnessy!

We have had two assemblies this week, the first to acknowledge our Student Leaders and thank them for all their contributions to the school, and the second, just this morning to say thank you, farewell and best wishes to the staff and students leaving the school this year.

Shaughnessy has been very fortunate to have had so many gifted and dedicated educators and support staff provide service to our community. This year we are saying farewell to a number of people who are moving on to other adventures, near and far. Ms. Corbeil, who has been teaching on Fridays in Div. 14, and Ms. Donjov, Ms. Manna and Ms. Pearce, Student Support Workers, are all moving on to new positions in Vancouver. Ms. Doran, who has been here for Ms. Hapton this month, is heading to Norway to take up a Teacher-Librarian position at an International School there. Ms. Silverwood, our counselor, is unfortunately unable to stay after only one year at Shaughnessy, and will be leaving us this year. Ms. Advani, who has also been at Shaughnessy this year, will be moving on to a full-time position at Henderson Elementary. Mr. Kolpin is moving to a Grade 4/5 position at Cunningham after several years here in a wide range of positions. Ms. Yu, after serving for 12 years at Shaughnessy, most recently in a classroom/music prep role, is also making a change, with a move to Grade 4/5 at Jamieson. Mr. Clifton, after 11 years at Shaughnessy teaching Grade 6 & 7 students, is taking a new role as Aboriginal Education Consultant, working with all schools in the Vancouver district. Finally, Ms. Hapton, our Teacher-Librarian, and Ms. Pisarek, our secretary, who we said good-bye to earlier this month, are off on the grand adventure called retirement!

We wish all our departing staff members the very best in their future endeavours, both near and far!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parent volunteers, particularly those who have served on PAC committees this year and taken on Co-ordinator positions. Your extra time and commitment make an enormous difference to the success of our school and we are very grateful for your generous gift of time. Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. McPeake, for her incredible dedication to her role as PAC Chair for the past two years. Ms. McPeake has led our PAC with a calm, steady hand and we greatly appreciate her leadership.

To the students and families who are leaving us this year, thank you for your contributions to Shaughnessy and best wishes on your next journey. To our returning students, we look forward to seeing you back on September 5, 2017. Have a safe, fun and restful summer holiday!

Warm regards,

Janet Souther
Principal

Important Dates to Remember – September 2017

Tuesday, September 5 th	First Day of School 2017-2018, 9:00 – 10:00 am Parent “Meet and Mingle.” Gym, 9:00 – 10:00 am
Wednesday, September 6 th	First full day of instruction, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, September 15 th	Terry Fox Run
Monday, September 18 th	Professional Day. No school for students.
Wednesday, September 20 th	Meet the Teacher Evening. 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, September 27 th	Parent Coffee Club. 9:00 – 10:00 am.
Thursday, September 28 th	PAC Family Dance. 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Are You Moving this summer? Changing schools? PLEASE let us know!

We know plans change over the summer, jobs change, families move, students move on to other school and sometimes other countries! Please help us get a smooth start to the 2017-2018 school year by telling us if your child will not be returning to Shaughnessy next year.

- Email shaughnessy@vsb.bc.ca
- Phone the school AFTER August 23, 2017 at 604-713-5500



Please leave your child's full name in your message. Thank you.

Shaughnessy PAC News



It's been a great year and PAC wants to thank the parents, children and school for working together to make so many fun things happen.

PAC would like to thank outgoing PAC Committee Coordinators: Sabrina for Lunch Program (7 years of service!) Past Chair & Centennial, Cindy for Book Fair (many years of service), Alexia for Holiday Hampers & Nominations (also many years!), Winny & Elly for Yearbook (it looks amazing!), Joanna for Garden (got it all set up!), Linda for both Traffic Patrol & WeChat (keeping us safe & connected), Jake for Class Parents, and

Cathy for her continued service in the Library.

On PAC Executive, a special big thanks to our hard working Treasurer Anne, who kept the books balanced, and to Kuljeet who will continue her work keeping us connected to the Vancouver District PAC. Julia, our current Member at Large, and Michelle, our current Secretary, are going to Co-Chair next year, they work so well together already!

Make sure to come to the **Welcome Coffee** in the Gym on **Tues Sept 5th from 9-10 am**, the kids are in school just one hour that day, and it's nice way to catch up with parents after the summer break. The incoming PAC Committee Coordinators will be there to answer any questions you may have and to sign up volunteers. Next year's calendar is already planned and there are so many exciting events to look forward to.

Enjoy the summer break and we'll see you next year!!

Shaughnessy PAC

Shaughnessy Library/Learning Commons – June News

“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Is the school year really over already? I feel like I’m just getting to really know everyone and it’s time to go! It has been a busy and productive month in the Shaughnessy Library Learning Commons. In the last few weeks I’ve wrapped up projects with students across the grade levels, celebrated our fantastic student helpers with the Monitor Luncheon, and participated in the Welcome to Kindergarten event introducing new students to our wonderful school and our vibrant Library Learning Commons.

While grades 4-7 were at the beach, we had the Children’s Librarian from the Kerrisdale branch of the Vancouver Public Library visit and talk to K-3s about the Summer Reading Club. The BC Summer Reading Club is a great way to keep up a habit of reading over the summer and is open to grades K-7. See below for more information!

It’s been a busy month of collecting all library materials, shelving them, organizing materials, cleaning and getting everything ready for next year—all of which would be impossible without the help of the adult volunteers in the library. During my 6 weeks at Shaughnessy I have had the pleasure to focus on collaborating with teachers and working with students to improve information and digital literacy without worrying about the shelving and repair of library materials-- all thanks to the extremely reliable and capable adult volunteers in the library. I’d like to extend an enormous thank you to them and especially to Cathy Cai who organizes the volunteers!

Lastly, I will sadly be saying goodbye to Shaughnessy Elementary after my short time here. I have accepted a Teacher-Librarian position at Trondheim International School in Norway! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all and be your Teacher-Librarian for a little while. I wish you all a wonderful summer break and another fantastic year in Shaughnessy’s Library Learning Commons with your new Teacher-Librarian!

Fondly,
Ms. Doran

Gwen Doran
Teacher-Librarian
Shaughnessy Library Learning Commons

Roots of Empathy Program

The Roots of Empathy classroom program is a wonderful way for school-aged children to follow a baby’s early development. Roots of Empathy babies must be 2 to 4 months old in September. If you know of any families who are expecting a baby this summer and are interested in finding out more about the program, please contact Christine Shepherd at cshepherd@rootsofempathy.org for more information.



Thank you, Shaughnessy Community – Salmonids in the Classroom is Re-instated!



Salmonids in the Classroom

The Salmonids in the Classroom program is a valuable, engaging, hands-on learning tool for students all across BC. This year, we were in danger of losing the program due to a shift in federal funding. However, students, staff and parents within the

Shaughnessy community, along with many other schools in BC and the Yukon, joined together and made their voices heard. Through a strong letter writing campaign, the community was able to have their voices heard about how valuable this program is to anyone who is involved. It fosters environmental stewardship, inquiry, understanding of conservation and is one of the strongest hands-on programs available to our students. We are extremely proud to say, that through all the valuable contributions of student, staff and parent voices, the Salmonids in the Classroom program has been reinstated indefinitely, ensuring that many future students will also get to experience this amazing program. This program has been running at Shaughnessy for over 25 years and will continue to run thanks to the support of the community.

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Community News

Summer Reading Club 2017: Walk on the Wild Side!



Get ready to have fun all season summer programs for kids and for adventures at The Vancouver Public Library with stories, imagination and fun activities!



long with free families. Gear up

Kids (Grades K-7) can sign-up for free at their nearest [VPL branch](#) now until the end of the summer. Once registered, club members can attend free events and earn a 2017 Summer Reading Club medal by reading for at least 15 minutes a day for 50 days. You can participate while away—just sign up before leaving!

Check the VPL website for locations, events, and more: www.vpl.ca/summerreading