



Shaughnessy Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

November 30, 2017

Dear Shaughnessy Community,

With all the activities in November, the beginning of the month feels like a long time ago now! We started the month off with our **Goal-Setting Conferences**. The new “**Communicating Student Learning**” (CSL) model of reporting emphasizes a variety of ways teachers communicate student progress and it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance for our conferences. The traditional **Staff Appreciation Dinner** was held on November 1st and this annual event was as spectacular as ever! Thank you to our amazing parent community for the delicious spread, and to our PAC executive who set the room up so beautifully and also did all the clean up! A real treat.

The following week we held our 2017 **Remembrance Day Assembly**. It was so nice to see such a large turnout from our parents to see all the classes perform. We were also fortunate to have **Cpl. Robert Dennis** from the 39th Signal Regiment address the students and guests this year. Thank you to the teachers and students for all their hard work preparing the songs, presentations and decorations for this event.



2017 Scholastic Book Fair

One week later the **Scholastic Book Fair** arrived with all the excitement it brings to the school each year. Led by Arshnoor Manavi (Kayan) and her intrepid team, the Fair raised \$10,869, a new record! Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Book Fair this year.

Volleyball has been the focus for our teams this month with both the Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys playing well and showing great skill development and teamwork. Early morning practices and after school games keep the players and coaches (Ms. Lui – Girls, Mr. Maciura & Mr. Abarquez – boys) busy. The final tournaments will be on Dec. 6 (boys) and 7 (girls). Good luck!

Warm Regards,
Janet Souther
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, December 1st

Tuesday, December 5th

Thursday, December 7th

Tuesday, December 12th

Thursday, December 21st

Friday, December 22nd

Professional Day. No school for students.

Earthbites – Winter Market. 2:45 – 3:30 pm.

Parent Coffee Club. 9:10 am in the Staffroom.

Holiday Hamper Drive ends. Baskets packed & delivered.

Winter Solstice Concert. **1:15 pm** in the gym.

December Newsletter sent home. Last day before winter break.

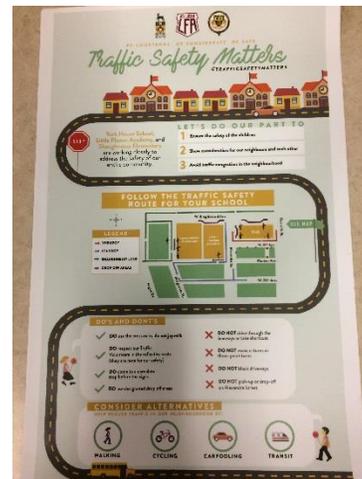
Traffic Safety



Thank you to all our families who are helping to make drop off much smoother! **The Drop-Off Zone** is clearly indicated with signs and traffic cones. Having cars move forward to the end of this zone before dropping off allows for a faster drop off and less congestion.

In conjunction with LFA and York House, Shaughnessy is rolling out new signage to reinforce our 3 School Traffic Plan. Developed in conjunction with the VPD and all three schools, this plan helps to keep the combined population of more than 1500 students safe on their way to and from school.

Thank you for your help, and a huge THANK YOU to our hard-working parent parking patrol members!



Reminder - Safe Arrival Procedure

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

To report if your child will be absent **or late** – Please call **604-713-5159** and use the Shaughnessy School Code **78**, prior to 9:00 am on the first day of the absence.

STUDENT SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE

Please ensure that you **sign out** your child at the school office if you pick him or her up **any time during the regular school hours** of 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Reminder - No Nuts, Please

Allergy Aware School



Shaughnessy School is allergy-aware! Please **DO NOT** send food containing nuts or peanut products to school with your child. We have some students with severe allergies to these particular foods.

We cannot guarantee a nut-free environment, however, and if your child does have an allergy please help them to ensure their own safety by not sharing food with others at school.

Lost Something?? – Check out our Lost & Found!



In our **Lost and Found** area, many items including jackets, hats, gloves and lunch kits are waiting to be claimed by their owners.

Please help these lost items find their way home!

If your child has misplaced any personal belongings this fall, please check the Lost and Found Area across from the Multipurpose Room.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on December 22, 2017.

To prevent future losses: Clearly label your child's clothing and other items so it is easy to return them.

Winter Solstice Concert: Thursday, Dec. 21st at 1:15 pm in the Gym

We are looking forward to our annual **Winter/Christmas Holiday Concert** again this year! The students and teachers are busy rehearsing for the concert on **December 21st at 1:15 pm in the gym**. Parents, guardians, relatives and friends are invited to attend. This year we will be collecting new pairs of socks in support of "Drop Your Socks Off" Campaign.

Admission by donation: warm, adult-sized socks

The neighbouring churches St. John's Shaughnessy, Shaughnessy Heights United, and Redeemer Lutheran have banded together and have invited the neighbourhood schools to collect new adult clean socks for people who are homeless or in need of socks or support. Shaughnessy Elementary is invited to join the **'Drop Your Socks Off'** campaign by bringing new adult sized socks to donate at our Winter Solstice Concert 1:15pm Thursday December 21.



PAC News

Dear Shaughnessy Families,

The **Scholastic Book Fair** was a huge success this year – we want to thank all of our parent volunteers and students for their continued support!

Holiday Hampers: Just a reminder to check your classrooms' family profiles, which are posted outside your children's classes, and help fill the hampers. If you are able to help organize or deliver the hampers on December 12th, please let your classroom parents know!

Holiday Concert: Our concert is Thursday, December 21 at 1:15 pm. This year we are assisting St. John's Shaughnessy with "Drop Your Socks Off", a program that provides socks to the homeless in our community. We will have a box in the gym and ask each family to donate a pair of new, warm socks prior to the Holiday Concert. Thank you so much!



Shaughnessy Yearbook – Presale!



YEARBOOK PRE-SALE coming up soon! Mark your calendars!

Location: Outside Main Office

Dates: Wed Dec 13 & Thu Dec 14

Times: 8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm

If you cannot make it in person to the pre-sale, please complete the attached form and make the cheque payable to Shaughnessy PAC. No cash please. Place the form & cheque in an envelope and drop it in the PAC box outside the main office by **Dec 15**. Please expect an email to let you know that we've received it. If you do not receive an email, please let us know so we can follow up on your order.

Thank you! Katie, Daniela and Maggie
(Your Yearbook Committee)

In this module (Nov-Dec.) **EarthBites Workshops** focus on Building (Immunity & Habitat). Students will be making a drink using fresh ingredients such as ginger, rosemary, and lemon which can help to support the immune system during the flu season. While outside, students will explore various habitats in the garden and on school grounds that provide shelter for insects, animals, and plants.

The Students Garden Committee will be hosting an **After-School Winter Market** on Tuesday, December 5th where they will be selling seasonal snacks. We encourage students and families to bring change if they wish to purchase any items for sale. Proceeds will go to garden supplies.

EarthBites is a non-profit organization. We collaborate with schools to fully utilize their gardens as outdoor classrooms. We are a team of urban farmers & nutritionists educating students & teachers how to grow & preserve their own food, create seasonal snacks & run their own markets. Follow our stories on facebook.com/earthbites.



GINGER ALE RECIPE:

Ingredients

- 30ml grated ginger
- 30ml lemon juice, or juice from 1 whole lemon
- 60ml honey
- 1 litre carbonated spring water

Directions

1. Grate ginger and squeeze the juice, discard the remaining fibre.
2. Mix lemon juice and honey in a jar or jug until a syrup forms.
3. Add ginger juice.
4. Add carbonated spring water and mix gently.



Students in the Spotlight!

Div. 6 Christmas Tree for Ronald McDonald House



Div. 6 has had the privilege of decorating a Christmas tree for Ronald McDonald House. We made homemade ornaments and had a flurry of activity in the classroom. We also combined some lessons with science when we made our Borax snowflakes! The students were most thoughtful in making individual beaded candy cane ornaments with the names of each child in treatment at Ronald McDonald House on them. On Wednesday we went to Ronald McDonald House and not only decorated the tree but also, had a tour of the amazing facility. I would have to say the most exciting part was when everyone got a turn on the giant slide from the second floor to the first floor. I can attest to the fact that it is very fun and fast....nothing like having 26

Santa's helpers waiting for you at the bottom!

Ms. Pace

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AUTHOR VISIT:

Children's writer Lorna Schultz Nicholson visited Shaughnessy Elementary on November 16th to speak to students in Division 1-11. Being an accomplished athlete herself (a National-level rower who rowed with our very own Ms. Pace and who is also inducted into the University Of Victoria's Sports Hall of Fame), Ms. Nicholson uses the overarching theme of sports to tackle issues like inclusion, overcoming obstacles, conflict resolution and perseverance.

She entertained each group with stories from her personal experiences as well as information she gained while researching for her books. Her latest book is on Connor

McDavid and her stories about his childhood captivated Shaughnessy students. She also spoke about her writing process and how she had to persevere in order to get her work published.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Shaughnessy community really stepped up and showed their support for the annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library! Thanks to a hard-working and dedicated team of volunteer parents, led by Arshnoor Mandavi, the Fair ran smoothly and very successfully for four and a half days. They surpassed last year's total sales and raised \$10, 869.00 for the LLC!!!! The collection and space will benefit greatly from this event.

There was also much excitement and fun during our daily "Question of the Day" contest. Congratulations goes to Scotia M. and Division 7 who won the Family Door Prize Draw. Thank you everyone for making the Book Fair such a success!!

Reminders:

- Students are reminded to return all their library books by Friday, December 15th.