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Dear Shaughnessy Community, - not done!



Garden Build crew with their finished work!

We had a wonderful school-wide treat this month with our field trip to the Chan Centre at UBC for a presentation by Ache Brasil. Our entire school was invited to attend through Roots and Shoots, a music education outreach program run by the Chan Centre. Many classes will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops at Shaughnessy with the Ache Brasil performers over the next few weeks.

Also in April, we had a spectacular presentation at school, by the acapella group Cadence, a group of four men who mesmerized students and staff with their virtuoso performances using only their voices as instruments.

Sports continues to be a big part of life at Shaughnessy. We are just finishing up the badminton season with a district tournament next Monday, just as the Track & Field practices begin. Led by Ms. Pace, our dedicated team of teacher coaches started practices this week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting bright and early at 7:50 am. Thank you to our parents for encouraging your children to join the Shaughnessy team, getting them here early to practice, and driving to meets. We have the largest Track & Field team in the Vancouver system, due to our enthusiastic kids, our large committed coaching staff, and our supportive parent partners. Thank you!



The Big One at Two Earthquake Drill is next week on Thursday, May 4th starting at 2:00pm. Please note that we are practicing a new **Student Emergency Reunification** process this year. Only those students whose parents are participating in the Reunification process, will be released early from school. Please take the time to carefully review the drill information on the second page of this newsletter.

Warm Regards,

Janet Souther
Principal

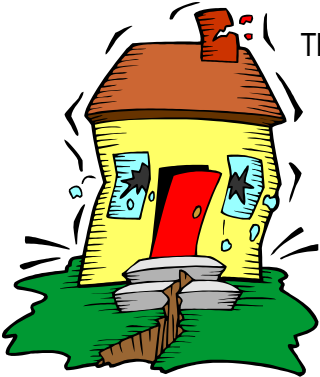
Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 4 th	“Big One at 2” – District-Wide Earthquake Drill. NOTE: NO school-wide student release
Friday, May 5 th	Professional Day – New Curriculum. No school for students.
Monday, May 8 th	Shaughnessy Student Vote.
Tuesday, May 9 th	Provincial Election. Shaughnessy Gym is polling site.
Friday, May 12 th	PAC Meeting – Shaughnessy MPR. 9:10am.
Friday, May 12 th	BC Mobile Dairy Classroom-Shaughnessy Parking lot. 9:00am-3:00pm
Monday, May 15 th	Midmonth Memo
Friday, May 19 th	Activity Day. Dismissal at 2:00pm

District Earthquake Drill: School-Wide Student Release – May 4, 2017

The **District-Wide Earthquake Drill** will be held on **Thursday, May 4th at 2:00 pm**.

On Thursday, May 4th, all the students and staff at Shaughnessy will be participating in our annual District-wide Earthquake Preparedness Drill



This year the VSB has requested that all schools participate in a new process of Emergency Reunification. **We are requesting up to 30 interested parents/guardians** to volunteer to come to the school at 2:30PM to participate in a mock student-parent **Emergency Reunification**.

The drill will end at ~3:00PM and our regular dismissal will proceed after that.

Please Note: NO other early dismissal will take place during the earthquake drill, as the VSB is requiring all schools to practice this new Reunification process only.

This is an excellent time for families to review their own safety plans and ensure that all family members know what to do in the event of an emergency.

2016-17 Parent Requests for Class Placement

Should parents wish to provide input into the class casting process, please make your request to me in writing or by e-mail (jsouther@vsb.bc.ca), stating the educational reasons for your preference, by **Friday, May 26th**. Requests should indicate educational reasons for a particular class placement, **not a particular teacher**. All requests will be considered. There are no guarantees.

Important Safety Reminder: After School Parent Pick-Up

Parents are reminded that after school pick-up is at **3:00pm** and student supervision ends at **3:15pm**. It is important that parents are close to their children on the playground after school and not remain in vehicles to wait. By 3:15pm, all students not under the direct supervision of a parent or authorized adult, **MUST** be on their way home. Parents should plan to pick up their child(ren) at 3pm. Students are welcome to stay to play on the playground **ONLY** if they have a parent to supervise after school. Thank you for your attention to this very important safety issue.

2017 VSB Summer School

Registration opens on **Friday, May 5th** for 2017 summer school.

All summer school program information can be found at:

<https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

Hard copies of the brochure are available in the hallway outside the school office.



April News from Shaughnessy Learning Commons

Shaughnessy School Library Learning Commons Hours: 8:40-3:30 M-F



I can't believe that April is almost over! I feel that I just finished writing my report for March! The April Showers have been making beautiful flowers start to come out outside, and the children are 'flowering' in their studies. They have been busy starting new inquiry based research projects on Canada, First Nations Peoples, Explorers and Ancient Cultures, as well as practicing giving Oral Presentations about the lives of some famous Canadian First Nations people. Others are finalizing both Reading Power and Non-Fiction Reading Power units, working on Insect Research, and reviewing how to use the Databases provided by the Vancouver School Board. Many Kindergartens and Grade ones are exchanging their books on a daily basis, along with all of the other grade groups, making the library one hopping place!



I travelled to the U. B.C. Museum of Anthropology with Div. 10's Grades 3 and 4, and Div. 7's Grade 4s to specifically learn about our Pacific North West Coast First Nations People. This fit right in with our studies in the Library/ Learning Commons about these specific peoples. As usual, it was a treat to be in this wonderful museum placed at our fingertips. I also attended the Chan Centre with the whole school to attend the Ache Brazil presentation. Wonderful!

April 25-28 saw our annual Used Book Sale take place in the Library/ Learning Commons, with parent Cindy Hum organizing, and doing a fantastic job. Thank you to those of you who dropped off some wonderful children's books for the sale. The proceeds from the sale will go to a designated charity, and any leftover books will be donated to **Books for Me**, a Vancouver based charity which delivers books to children who have none in their homes.

Next month is our annual Volunteer Tea held in the Library/ Learning Commons on Friday, May 26th from 10:30 until 12 noon. It is hosted by the Shaughnessy Staff, and the Shaughnessy P.A.C. Please watch for the upcoming notice. We want to make sure that all of you who have volunteered anywhere in or with the school this year get a big thank you for all of your help.

Rennie Hapton
Teacher-Librarian
Shaughnessy Elementary

Shaughnessy PAC News

Mark Your Calendar – May 12th - PAC Meeting

Parents, please join us for the PAC AGM on May 12th at 9:10am, it is the last PAC meeting of the year, and a most important one.



We will confirm all the positions for PAC Executive and PAC Committees for the 2017/18 school year. If you are considering to do PAC, please hand in a nomination form by May 5th so we have time to meet you and discuss details. We will confirm our previously agreed intention to fund the west outdoor learning classroom to be built this summer. We will have a review of the year and make goals for next, we will talk about the Volunteer Tea on May 26 and we will discuss details for the Family Picnic on June 2nd. It will be a fun PAC meeting and we hope to see you there. Toddlers and babies are very welcome and ESL assistance is always available.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! – EARTHBITES SPRING MARKET: TUESDAY, MAY 23RD 2:50 – 3:30 PM.



April has been an exciting and busy month for EarthBites! With the warmer weather upon us, students have been transplanting the seedlings their classes started indoors throughout the winter, sowing seeds directly into garden beds, and learning to care for their plants as they grow. Pablo has been teaching students about vegetable groups (leaves, roots, fruit, soil boosters and herbs), plant requirements (air, temperature) and garden maintenance (weeding, watering). Students directly sowed peas, beet, spinach, lettuce, cilantro, and marigolds.

Indoors, students have been exploring a variety of farmed vs. wild spring greens, discussing the nutritional benefits of chlorophyll in green plants and how it gives us "stored sunshine" - energy to grow, and getting hands-on, preparing a cleansing

snack. Primaries "massaged" spinach leaves for their raw gomaes dish with homemade creamy miso dressing, while intermediates split into groups to wash and tear garden-grown and wild greens, grate carrots, radishes, and/or apples, and make a honey-Dijon vinaigrette. Students enjoyed eating their greens and many even asked for seconds!

A special guest this month was Lori Snyder, Metis herbalist, who led divisions 4, 5, and 6 on a tour around the school to identify, taste, and discuss the nutritional and medicinal values of wild edible plants. Students even foraged and harvested a few greens such as chickweed, yarrow, and plantain to add to our class salad! Division 6 also gathered English daisies to make soothing muscle oil infusion, which will be ready to bottle for the market in 4-6 weeks.

We are excited to announce our upcoming **Spring Market on May 23rd!** *Please note the date change.* Market will take place in the main foyer from 2:50-3:30pm where we will be selling fresh greens from the garden, pre-order Rocky Mountain Flatbread pizzas, homemade sodas, honey sticks, healthy snacks, and more! Hope to see you there.

And a special THANK YOU to all parent volunteers who have offered their time, enthusiasm, and support for student workshops this month. It has been a pleasure to have you join us!

Thank you to MacKenzie Seeds!



We would like to express a big "Thank You!" to Maryann Hindle of MacKenzie Seeds for the recent generous donation of seeds to our Shaughnessy garden program. The students have been busy sorting these seeds and will be putting them to good use in the garden and at our upcoming Spring Market on Tuesday, May 23rd. We very much appreciate this kind offer.

Badminton – new



This year's badminton season was filled with success, triumph and challenges. More than half the grade 7s joined up, to make a record-breaking amount of students on the team. The team's amazing enthusiasm and passion encouraged everyone's leadership skills, sportsmanship and technical capabilities to bloom. We were able to play against and with a wide array of people from different backgrounds which gave us more experience. The coaches were faced with the hard decision of choosing 20 out of 50 students to

compete and represent our school at the badminton tournament next week and handled it very well. We wish all students going to the tournament the best of luck. Thank you to our coaches – Ms. Stec, Mrs. Yuen, Ms. Lui, Ms. Advani, and student teacher Ms.

Yuen. 🐼👍



SHY Track and Field Team for 2017



This week we started our track and field practices for grades 4 to 7. What a fantastic turn-out! We have over 170 students who are enthusiastic about taking a leadership role in their school community. We encourage students to join for fun, fitness, and skill building. Being on a team also helps children develop successful life skills. Of course, this large team cannot happen without numerous teacher volunteers. We have 15 coaches out on the field and in the gym running the stations. We are fortunate to have such dedication from staff. It's also wonderful to see how energetic the students are. I asked Nicholas in grade 4 how his first practice was and he said, "awesome!!!" We will be starting mini-meets in May. We will also be selling SHY black t-shirts next week sometime. You will receive some emails from your class parent regarding specific

information for the team. We ask that you do not phone the office as your child and you will be informed through email and announcements. I am sure that we will have a great season!

Sincerely,
Ms. C. Pace

Community News - new



Thunder Volleyball Club is pleased to provide Spring Atomic Volleyball Programs for girls and Boys in grades 4-7.

Directed and coached by UBC staff, varsity players and other experienced coaches, students will learn basic volleyball skills, play a progressive system culminating in playing matches with all skills and most of all - have fun with volleyball! Experienced Atomic and Train and Play students as well as those new to the sport are all welcome. Sessions take place after school on **Mondays from May 8 - June 19th** (no session May 22nd) at **Osborne Gym (UBC).**

For more information and to register, please visit www.thundervolleyball.ca