



Shaughnessy Elementary School

VSB

Nov. 15 - Mid-Month Memo

Communicating Student Learning – Report Card Transition – Changes and timeline

The BC Ministry of Education is changing the former “Report card” model to a new system of “Communicating Student Learning.”

Shaughnessy teachers will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with other Vancouver schools and their teachers. Parents can expect:

- a written progress report sent home on February 2, 2018
- a written summative report at the end of June, 2018
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas.

Please note that there will be **no written report** in December.

Parents are welcome to attend an information session on the new Communicating Student Learning model and ask questions, at our Parent Coffee Club scheduled from 9:10 am on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Parents may also wish to visit the BC Ministry of Education website at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> for more information.

Traffic Safety – Important Reminders

THANK YOU to our many parents who are dropping in the DROP OFF ZONE between the Yellow signs on Marguerite. Using this zone is making a big difference!



As the weather gets worse, it is even more important to follow the **Shaughnessy Traffic Flow** pattern (see below). To keep ALL our students safe, please:

- 1) Use the crosswalk. Do NOT “jay-walk” – especially with your child.
- 2) **DO NOT** leave your car on the east side of Marguerite. Drivers MUST remain with their vehicle.

The VERY BEST and SAFEST plan???

Have your child walk or cycle to school. If you MUST drive your child, park two or three blocks away and walk in with your child, if they are younger, or on their own if they are older. You will start and end your day out of the congested area around the school, and both you and your child will benefit from a short walk in the fresh air!

Upcoming Events

Please note the following upcoming events:

- Friday, November 17th – PAC Meeting. 9:10 am. Library.
- Monday-Thursday, November 20th – 23rd – Scholastic Book Sale. Library.
- Thursday, November 30th – November Newsletter sent home.

Earthbites News



During September & October students learned about Preserving the Harvest. Students harvested late summer and fall fruits and vegetables, and prepared the garden for winter by cleaning up summer plants and planting winter veggies. They learned about preserving foods to use during the winter and made a pumpkin pudding using nutritious chia seeds.

EarthBites' current module focuses on Building (Immunity & Habitat).

Your RHN (Registered Holistic Nutritionist) will be making a drink using fresh ingredients such as ginger, rosemary, and lemon which can help to support your immune system during the flu season.

Outside your urban farmer will explore various habitats in the garden and on school grounds that provide shelter for insects, animals, and plants. Activities we may explore are building insect hotels, hoops houses, and mulch piles.

Students will be hosting a Winter Market on December 5th where they will be selling winter holiday snacks.

PAC News

Shaughnessy's **Annual Holiday Hamper Donation Drive** is a major outreach initiative to support **needy families** from Carleton Elementary School. These families are counting on your generous support and have asked for donations of food and gift items for their families.



We encourage all Shaughnessy families to contribute and make a difference!

Each classroom has a specific family profile, detailing each family member, age and preferences. These profiles will be going up, outside your classroom this week. We are requesting that you send **new gift items** as well as **non-perishable food items** (non-expired!) and practical gift cards. We also ask that your child bring a **loonie/toonie** to his/her classroom so that we may purchase additional food gift certificates.

All donations should be dropped off by **Tuesday, December 12th at 9:00am**.

Thank you in advance for your care, compassion and generosity for those in need within our city.

VSB **K** **Kindergarten**
Registration
NOV • DEC • JAN
www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten
Visit the school office for information

When registering your child please bring:

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records

If you wish to apply for a Choice program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Applications for Choice programs and cross boundary placements will be accepted in early 2018.

For more information on kindergarten registration visit: <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the district. (Policy Regulation JECC-R)