



Shaughnessy Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

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October 31st, 2017

Dear Shaughnessy Community,

Happy Halloween 2017! Halloween is great fun in an elementary school and Shaughnessy students and staff showed great school spirit again this year. It was wonderful to see students coming to school this morning in their costumes ready for a day of fun activities. This afternoon, we were treated to a special parade from our primary students who proudly showed off their costumes. Fortunately, the weather is looking good for any Trick-or-Treaters tonight. Please take a moment to review the Halloween Safety tips in this newsletter.

Last week our Grade 7 students attended their annual Outdoor School Camp. Despite the time of year, the weather cooperated beautifully and the students had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mr. Singh, Ms. McGuire, Ms. Turkington, Ms. Raino and Ms. Kelly who volunteered their time to accompany our students this year. Thanks also to our parent community who support this valuable learning and team-building experience for the Grade 7s.

After a quick rescheduling due to weather, the District Cross Country Meet was held last Tuesday at Trout Lake. As always, the Shaughnessy team was the largest in the city and our students made a very strong showing with medals, ribbons, and many personal bests. Congratulations to all our athletes, and thank you to Ms. Pace for organizing our team, the parent and teacher volunteers who helped coach and drive students to and from meets. Our success was definitely a team effort!



Happy Halloween 2017 from the Shaughnessy staff!

Warm Regards,
Janet Souther
Principal

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Nov. 1 st	2018-2019 Kindergarten registration begins.
Friday, Nov. 3 rd	Photo Retake Day
Sunday, Nov. 5 th	Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn clocks back.
Thursday, Nov. 9 th	Remembrance Day Service. 11:00 am. Doors open at 10:40 am.
Friday, Nov. 10 th	Redesigned Curriculum - Implementation Day. No school for students.
Monday, Nov. 13 th	Remembrance Day observed. School closed.
Tuesday, Nov. 15 th	Midmonth Memo
Friday, Nov. 17 th	PAC Meeting. 9:10 am. Library.
Mon., Nov. 20 th – Thurs. Nov. 23 rd	Scholastic Book Fair

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159** and use the Shaughnessy School Code **78**, prior to 9 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.

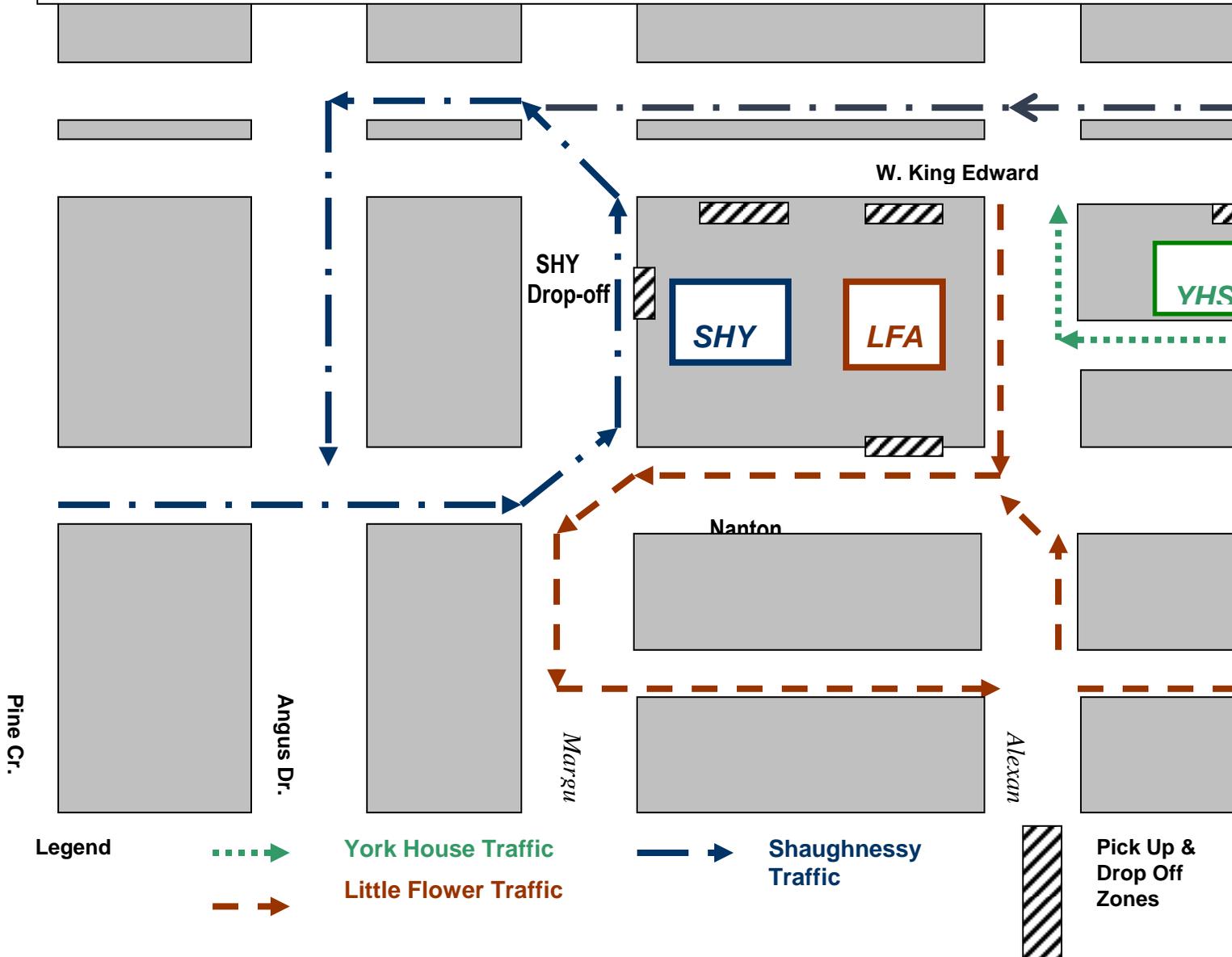
Thank you.

Shaughnessy's Traffic Safety Plan

THREE-SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN

Shaughnessy Elementary, Little Flower Academy, York House School

Please choose student safety over driver convenience. Help reduce traffic congestion and increase safety. Use the marked Pick-up and drop-off zones. Follow the routes and directions shown for your child's school.



The VPD, in conjunction with Shaughnessy, Little Flower and York House, developed a traffic safety plan to address the traffic congestion and ensure safety during the busy drop-off and pick up times. In addition to the traffic flow, all three schools have different start and end times. Please help us by:

- 1) Following the traffic flow – drive west on W. King Edward, NOT Nanton
- 2) Drop off your child in the designated Drop-Off Zone only
- 3) If possible, park a few blocks away from the school and walk in

Kindergarten Registration is Coming Soon – What do parents need to know?



Do you have a child born in 2013? Kindergarten registration starts on November 1st

All Kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori, etc.) and/or a cross boundary placement.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **Tuesday November 1st and closes at 4 pm on Tuesday January 31st**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants. If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to report to the [VSB District Reception and Placement Centre](#) (DRPC) and complete the initial Kindergarten application there.

In a few Vancouver schools there may be more in-catchment applicants than the school can accommodate. For those schools, applicants who applied within the priority registration period (November 1 to January 31) will be included in a draw for available spaces. Students with siblings already in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed prior to the draw.

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 want 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, but only after you have registered at your catchment school.

For more information on Kindergarten registration please visit

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

NEW Communicating Student Learning: Pilot Program



Many Vancouver Public Schools, along with schools throughout British Columbia, are moving from a model of 'reporting to parents' on a regular and pre-determined schedule to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an on-going basis throughout the school year. This year, the teachers at Shaughnessy will be participating in a district-initiated pilot project along with other Vancouver schools and their teachers. These teacher teams will work with the school district to provide parents with timely and responsive communications of student learning throughout the school year. Parents with children in these classes will receive five communications from teachers within a school year:

- a written progress report at the end of January
- a written summative report at the end of June
- a minimum of three ongoing communications of student learning in various subject areas.

The written reports will include descriptive comments and a summary of student progress in relation to the learning standards from the BC Curriculum. Detailed information about these changes was presented at the October PAC meeting and will continue to be sent home regularly throughout the year.

Candy Concerns



This fall we have noticed that some students are bringing substantial amounts of candy to school. A healthy diet can include some treats, but too much sugar is not good for learning or health. We encourage parents to talk with their child about healthy lunches and snacks and to reduce the amount of candy and chips brought to school.

A healthy snack or lunch includes: protein, complex carbohydrates, vegetables and/or fruit. Ideas about what to pack are included in the Parent Calendar-Handbook adjacent to the January 2018 page and our Community School Nurse, Ms. Krista Stollen, is happy to provide additional ideas to parents.

PAC News



The school year is now well under way and we should all be connected to our class parents. Thank you, Judy, for setting this up and thank you to all our class parents for keeping us updated with our children's classrooms. Another big thank you to our Shaughnessy community for being so generous regarding our direct donation. All classrooms have been given PAC funds to purchase materials to help better educate our students.

Our next big event is the Teachers' Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, November 1, which is also the first day of parent/teacher conferences. Thank you, Kendra, for helping to organize this and to our parents for generously donating favourite meals. Monday, November 20th is the first day of our week long Book Fair, held in our library. Our Executive Secretary, Arshnoor, is organizing this and would really appreciate more volunteers. If you can volunteer some time during the week of November 20-24, please contact arshnoor@bigtime.ca or let us know at shaughnessypac@gmail.com. Another very important and rewarding project is our Holiday Hampers, organized by Neetu this year. If you are able to help, again, please let us know!

Our next PAC meeting is Friday, November 17th at 9:10 am in our library. Please join us. ESL will be available, and babies and toddlers are always welcome!

Earthbites News – October 2017



The EarthBites Team (Louise and Pablo) have been having so much fun getting to know the students, teachers, PAC and staff of Shaughnessy! We have been tending the school garden, rain or shine, harvesting and tasting summer produce. Students shared stories and ideas about preserving the harvest and were hands on in preparing pumpkin pudding.



We would like to thank parents and staff for your involvement with EarthBites Fall Market and Feast. The garden committee students helped to plan and host the market, while the PAC's Garden Committee assisted with harvesting and preparing the soup and tea.

As tree leaves change colour and rainfall increases its frequency, it is time to finish harvesting and to protect garden beds for the winter. Hoop houses were assembled and beds are ready to continue growing vegetables and herbs over the winter. In the coming weeks open garden beds will be put to bed for the winter and explore ways to keep our immunity system strong during the cold season.

Halloween Safety Tips

Think good visibility and fit with Halloween costumes



Choose brightly-coloured costumes so your children can be easily spotted by vehicles in the dark. Add reflective tape for good measure. Consider makeup instead of masks. Masks often shift out of place and can obstruct vision. They can also make it hard to breathe.

Road rules still apply



In all the excitement, trick-or-treaters can forget about pedestrian safety. Walk down one side of a street before crossing to the other side to limit the amount of street crossings. Cross at crosswalks. Never "criss-cross" from house to house.

Pay Close Attention When Driving



Eliminate any distractions you might have and keep your eye on the road for any Halloween activity and trick-or-treaters. If possible, avoid driving on streets with a lot of trick-or-treaters moving from house to house.



Canadian National School Library Day was October 23! We “Dropped Everything and READ!” twice during the day. (Everyone at school participated!

Monitors, monitors!

We have such keen students at Shaughnessy! We have 75 monitors that help out each week to keep our library organized and clean. Monitors are learning how to shelve the newly-organized books in the correct locations and are helping out with circulating the materials as students return and check out books. The students are given the opportunity to be socially responsible and be good caretakers of the SHY LLC.

Thank you to our parent volunteers!

We have parent volunteers who come in during the mornings to help with circulation and shelving during class time. This is such a valuable service as it allows the Teacher-Librarian to work with classes right away in the mornings. We also have a wonderful Book Fair coordinator who will be organizing the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair in the LLC.

Did you know...

Since the first day of school, over 5,000 books have been circulated?

Upcoming events in the LLC:

November 16 – Author Visit: Lorna Schultz Nicholson
(Div. 1-11)

November 20-23 – Scholastic Book Fair in the LLC

Library Hours:

*before school –
8:40-9:00
a.m.*

*after school –
3:00-3:30
p.m.*

Sports News – City Finals at Trout Lake 2016 – by. Ms. Carla Pace



This Cross Country season was amazing! We had 200 runners from Grades K-7 who participated, raced, and achieved their personal bests. It was wonderful to see how many students understood that it was about joining in and participating in their school community. Shaughnessy students also did their fair share of winning! We had a record number of top 25 finishers at the District Finals at Trout Lake. We also had 4 medals this year, our most ever! Congratulations to Clarence Cheung in Grade 7/bronze medal, Patterson McPeake in Grade 4/gold medal, Victoria Wong in Grade 2/bronze medal, and Finn Miller in Grade 1/bronze medal.

This team is an extracurricular opportunity that would not occur without many hours given by volunteers. I want to thank those **SHY staff members** who came out to coach: Ms. Souther, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Braaten, Mrs. Waltham, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Yuen, Ms. McGuire, Ms. Turkington, Ms. Lui, Mr. Maciura, Mr. A. and Mr. Findlay. Also, a big thank you goes to our **parent coaches**: Michelle Harrison, Dave Gibbon, Chelsea Miller, and Nargiz Azizli. I am also grateful to the parent, teacher, and student volunteers who helped before, during, and after at the District Final! It's a huge event to organize and run!

I would like to add a special acknowledgement for all of the runners who participated in the **Cross Country District Final** at Trout Lake. In these races, there are up to 300 hundred runners in each event. Just lining up on the start line takes a lot of courage! I'm very proud of the effort made by all runners this season. Congratulations!

Ms. Carla Pace

Clarence Cheung - Final XC Experience

I've been participating on the SHY Cross Country team since grade two. With every passing year, I've gotten better than the last, mainly due to growing confidence and never-ending motivation. Whenever I'm running, my head is always repeating the words "first" or "top three." From grades two to six, I've never placed in the top three for the district finals. However, this year, I ended up with a bronze medal! I was so ecstatic to finally win a medal after all those years. I want to thank all the teachers for spending their time at our practices and helping in cross country meets, especially Ms. Pace.
Clarence Cheung - Grade 7



Viviana Mason – My First Cross Country Season

This was my first year joining the cross county running team. I was worried that I wasn't going to be good enough. Ms. Pace said that it didn't matter because the idea was to join in and participate. In my first morning practice we were put into groups. In my group, I was taught some tips on how to breathe while running. At the first meet, I was a little nervous but I managed to finish the race and it wasn't as bad I as thought! Each time I did another race, I got a little better. At the Balaclava Meet, I even placed 11th! At Trout Lake, I was with my all my Shaughnessy friends but after the races I got to hang out with my friends that were from other schools. It was super sunny and very busy at Trout Lake. In my race I think I did quite well, but I was really impressed with my little sister Lila. She ran really fast and came in 25th place for Grade 3 girls. Jake's little brother, Finn came in 3rd for Grade 1 boys. WOW!