



# Shaughnessy Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

**Principal: Ms. Janet Souther**

**Vice Principal: Mr. Michael Singh**

**PAC Co-Chairs: Ms. Michelle Harrison, Ms. Neetu Sharma**

**Director of Instruction-Field Services: Mr. Aaron Davis**

**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Dear Shaughnessy Community,



What a busy month this first month of school has been! The students were settled in their new classes very quickly this year and teachers and students have been busy learning new routines and getting the year under way.

As usual, the Shaughnessy community was very busy with a number of special school-wide events. Our Terry Fox Run this year was held on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and our community raised over \$400 to help fight cancer. Meet the Staff Evening was held on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> when parents had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and learn about the classroom structure and routines. On Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> we had our first presentation of the year by "Earth Rangers." Students learned about the importance of protecting habitat for ourselves and other species. (The live animals were especially captivating!)

The following day, a large group of parents met for our first Coffee Club of the year where we discussed tips and tricks to make this the "Best Year Ever." It was a lively and informative meeting and we are looking forward to the next Coffee Club on Thursday, Oct. 25. The PAC-sponsored Family Dance, held just last night, was pronounced a grand success by both children and parents. Finally, this morning we held our "Orange Shirt Day" Assembly and Reconciliation Walk to commemorate the survivors of residential schools. It was a moving assembly with powerful student voices and it was wonderful that some parents were also able to attend. Thank you to our parents for encouraging your child to wear orange today to demonstrate that "Every Student Matters."

Warm Regards,

Janet Souther  
Principal

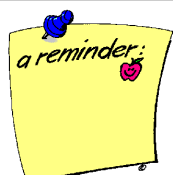
We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.



### Important Dates to Remember

Monday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	First PAC-sponsored Hot Lunch of the year.
Wednesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ELL Parent Orientation. Translation is available. 9:05-9:45 am., Library.
Friday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photo Day
Monday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day. School is closed.
Tuesday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Performance. "Digital Guise" 11:00 am. Parents/Guardians welcome!
October 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 – Camp Elphinstone
Friday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting. 9:10 am. Library. All parents are welcome to attend.
Monday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Midmonth Memo

### September Reminders



**Shaughnessy Code of Conduct:** At our first school assembly we reviewed our Code of Conduct with students – Act Responsibly, Act Respectfully and Act Safely. Our Code of Conduct can be found in your child's planner and we appreciate you reinforcing the importance of this Code at home.

**Drop-off & Pick-up:** Safety is our primary concern. Supervision begins at 8:40 am and ends at 3:15 pm. Please don't drop your child off earlier than 8:40 am and pick up promptly at the end of the day. School supervision ends at 3:15 pm. All children **should be with a parent** or on their way home by 3:15 at the latest.

**Legal Guardianship:** For the safety and security of your child, at least one parent must remain in Canada **at all times** for legal guardianship. If there is a situation where both parents must leave the country at the same time, please call the school for information and assistance.

**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.

### Allergy Alert

#### 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.

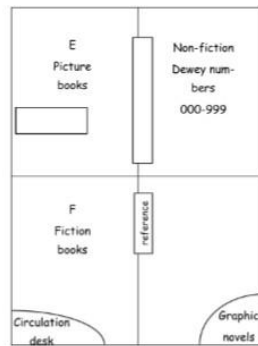
We **cannot guarantee** a nut-free environment, however, and if your child does have an allergy please help them to ensure their own safety by not sharing food with others at school.

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## Welcome back!



Come into our beautiful library and explore our print resources. If you would like to visit our digital library to see what resources are available electronically, please visit our school website and click on the “Library” tab at the top. All the instructions you need are there to access the VSB digital library. Please contact me if you need any help.

Students have been busy signing books out. They are encouraged to borrow books for various reasons: reading for pleasure and interest, reading together with family members and choosing “good fit” books to improve their own reading skills. Teachers have also emphasized that reading is not just reading the words on a page but understanding the meaning behind the words as well. Understanding the text helps the student read more fluently and expressively.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the library!

Karen Chow



### **Maximum number of books checked out at one time:**

Students in Kindergarten—3  
Students in Gr. 1-7—5

**LIBRARY HOURS:**  
(most days, except when there is a meeting):  
8:40-9:00  
3:00-3:30

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIBRARY:**

October 3—  
9:00 a.m. New ELL Parent Orientation

October 12—  
9:10 a.m. PAC Meeting

## PAC News – PAC Meeting: Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:10 am in the Library

Hello parents,

Welcome to Shaughnessy PAC. All parents and guardians are members of PAC, the Parent Advisory Council. PAC hosts events, we help to organize volunteering, we raise funds for parents' and teachers' wishes and we connect parents with education issues at the school, the district and the province.

We communicate with parents by email twice a month within the school's mid-month memo and end-of-month newsletter. We also send information by email to your Class Parent for each class. We also have so much information in the Parent Handbook & Calendar, you can directly contact all our representatives, and the Calendar contains most all dates for PAC events.

We invite you to attend our PAC meetings held once a month, on Friday mornings for about an hour, in the library.

**The first PAC meeting is Friday, Oct. 12 at 9:10am.**

We will hear a report from Principal, Janet Souther and Vice Principal, Mike Singh.

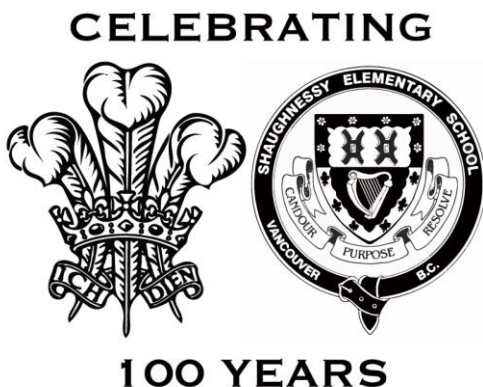
We will talk about upcoming events at the school, for example the Teachers' Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

**Babies and toddlers are most welcome at PAC meetings and English Language assistance is always available.**

PAC would like to sincerely thank parents for supporting our direct donation campaign and the Monday Lunch Program and for volunteering for several events already in September! If you have any questions about the online donation module, please come to our first PAC meeting or email us your questions at [shypac18@gmail.com](mailto:shypac18@gmail.com).

Looking forward to a great year! Michelle Harrison and Neetu Sharma, Shaughnessy PAC Co-Chairs

**The Calendar Handbook is very useful for you, please keep it handy.**



Our Student Heritage Committee is proud to introduce Tuck Shop Friday! To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are bringing back the tradition of a school-based 'tuck shop' - somewhere to purchase school merchandise and a quick snack. We'll be holding Tuck Shop Friday periodically throughout the year, so watch for notices at school and in your inbox. Our first event is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th in the main hallway at lunch and after school**, and we'll be selling the following:

Collapsible umbrellas \$40ea  
Golf umbrellas \$40ea  
T-shirts \$15ea  
School Spirit Bracelets \$1ea  
Snacks/Treats \$1ea

This venture is **CASH ONLY** - no cheques or cards, please. All proceeds go to our Centennial Celebration. Thanks so much for your support!

If you are interested in joining the Centennial committee or volunteering at events from time to time, please email us at [shy.pw100@gmail.com](mailto:shy.pw100@gmail.com)

## Cross-Country News



### Quilchena Park Cross Country Running Race - Sept. 27th

Congratulations to all of those students who raced at Quilchena Park yesterday. It was our first Mini-Meet of the season. There was a sea of black t-shirts running in every grade grouping and I'm always heartened to see the effort made by each student. The course at Quilchena has some tough hills and it requires athletes to challenge themselves. Whether they know it or not, each student out there is developing the confidence to persevere when the going gets tough. I'm so proud to see all of those students giving it their best! Also, a Mini-Meet cannot happen without our volunteer coaches preparing the athletes during practice. As well, parents help me with the set-up of the course. Students and parents also volunteer to direct runners during the race and to take the course down afterwards. I'm very grateful to the SHY staff and parent coaches: Mr. Maciura, Ms. Souther, Mr. A., Ms. McGuire, Ms. Lui, Mr.

Findlay, Ms. Wiesinger, Ms. Marsh, Mrs. Waltham, Ms. Yip, Ms. Yuen, Ms. Green, Mr. Mulligan, Liz Goepel, Michelle Harrison, Tyler Steele, and Chelsea Miller. Thanks also goes to the set-up crew: Sabrina Hunter, Anne Wong, Cathy Cai, Chelsea Miller, Liz Goepel, Shiho Becker-Pos, and Elizabeth Bell. Finally, I am very thankful for my student volunteers during the race: Emily Cantrel, Kara Yun, Carina Wang, Sky Sun, Nicholas Busse, Greta Gibbon, Viviana Mason, Nikita Sharma, Portia Kessner, Victoria Cai, Oonam Kailay, and Carson Carter. To everyone who helped in any other way, thank you too!! The next race is Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Montgomery Park....that's this coming Tuesday!  
Ms. Pace



## Student Voice – Thoughts about Orange Shirt Day by students in Div. 6 & 7



Katie Ash, Madeleine Ash, and Niki Pantazis: Orange Shirt day is about reconciliation for residential school survivors. We know that residential schools were a mistake that lasted a long time for indigenous children. Imagine having to leave your parents or having your children taken away to school when they were really young.

The Walk for Reconciliation is a walk for us to help residential school survivors heal their past. On Sept. 28 we wear an orange shirt because that was the time when indigenous children were taken from their homes and put in residential schools. Orange shirt day is also a chance for all of us to come together in the spirit of hope for a better future where every child matters.

Nicole Liu: What is Orange Shirt Day? It started when a young Indigenous girl named Phyllis got her orange shirt taken away at one of the many residential schools a long time ago. The Indigenous children were treated badly and many of them felt that they didn't matter. We now wear orange shirts to tell people that "Everybody does Matter!" Hopefully you will walk for Reconciliation with Shaughnessy Elementary School on Sept. 28th.

Elmena Shuh-Scott: Orange Shirt Day is all about the First Nations and how Canadians took away the children and put them in Residential schools. The First Nations were treated very badly and were not cared about. Today we wear orange shirts to say that every child matters.

Phoebe Liang: Six year old Phyllis was going to go to residential school and she was really excited to go to school. Her granny bought her an orange shirt for her first day of school, but her excitement didn't last long. When she first got to school, the nuns forced her to take off her orange shirt and never gave it back. She felt that she didn't matter. A few years ago, she started orange shirt day to tell us that every child matters.

Seby Hamad: There was a six year old girl named Phyllis Webstad. Her grandma bought her a shiny orange shirt for the first day of school. When she went there she did not think bad things would happen to her. They took her new shirt, they cut her hair, and she was not allowed to speak her language.

