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NEWSLETTER # 10, May 31, 2017

Dear Shaughnessy Community,



May was another event-filled month at Shaughnessy including the District Earthquake Drill, school-wide student vote for the provincial election (our results were released much earlier than the province's!), Activity Day, Welcome to Kindergarten, and the annual Volunteer Tea.

May was bitter-sweet this year as we said farewell and "Happy Retirement" to our wonderful Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Hapton. At our Activity Day this year Ms. Hapton was presented with a gorgeous memory book including messages from all students and staff and a beautiful "Book Cake" by parent, Mrs. Miller. We wish her all the very best in her retirement! With Ms. Hapton's absence, we welcome Ms. Doran to our school for the remainder of the school year.

After an unfortunate delay due to poor weather, the Zone Track & Field Final was held yesterday at Churchill. Once again, Shaughnessy had the largest team in the district, coached this year by Ms. McGuire, Ms. Stec, Mr. Maciura, Ms. Lui, Mr. A., Mr. Findlay, Mr. Kolpin, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Yeomans, Mrs. Waltham, Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Yuen, Mrs. Olaes, Mrs. Braaten, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Bourne, Mrs. Wittig, Mrs. Advani, Mrs. Marsh, and our two student teachers, Ms. Lui and Ms. Yuen. I want to mention in particular, Ms. Pace, our school coordinator, who organizes all the practices, coordinates with the Zone Coordinator and 11 other schools to set up mini-meets, and spends countless weekend hours creating the event schedule so that each student has the chance to compete in the event where they are most likely to shine. Thank you to all our coaches for their many hours of volunteer service to our school community.

Finally, don't forget the annual Shaughnessy Family Picnic is tomorrow, Friday, June 2nd from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. We hope to see you there – Rain or Shine!

Warm Regards,
Janet Souther
Principal

Please join with us in acknowledging that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nation

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, June 2 nd	Year End Family BBQ. 5:00pm – 8:00 pm.
Wednesday, June 7 th	All library materials are due. No sign out after this date.
Thursday, June 8 th	Div. 6 Shakespeare performance. 6:00pm in the gym. Monitor Luncheon in the Library. 12:00 pm
Wednesday, June 14 th	Grade 7 Farewell. 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the gym.
Wednesday, June 15 th	Midmonth Memo sent home.
Tuesday, June 20 th	Earthbites School-Wide Year End Feast

NOTE: No June Coffee Club

Reminder: 2017 Notice of Late Return Form

A **Notice of Late Return Form** is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017** but prior to **September 29, 2017**. Late Return forms are available in the office.

Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

2017-2018 School Calendar and Fees

The 2017-2018 School Calendar and School Fee Schedule are being sent as separate documents, for your reference. Four of the five professional development days next year will be the same as the district. School fees have been approved by current PAC Executive.

Also attached is the projected Fee Schedule for the 2017-2018 School Year. At this time, the fee schedule is being sent **for information only**. Please **do not send any money now**. Fees will be collected as usual, in September.

Report Cards

The VSB is in the process of redeveloping student assessment to align more closely with the new BC Redesigned Curriculum. Next year schools will be including a variety of methods to communicate student progress, including report cards, which may look somewhat different from this year.

This term, parents will see the introduction of a Student Self-Assessment of the three Core Competencies: Communication, Critical & Creative Thinking, and Personal & Social Development. Your child's June report will include a one page unedited Self-Assessment of one of the Core Competency areas. For more information about the Core Competencies, please see <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

Final student report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, June 29th. If you would like your child's report mailed, please bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the office. Thank you.

Lost and Found – Final Pick Up



Please check the Lost and Found area on the ground floor for any items your child may have misplaced. All remaining clothing and left articles will be donated to charity on Friday, June 23rd

Shaughnessy PAC News



PAC invites parents to join the Family Picnic this Friday June 2nd from 5-8pm. Each year previous, the weather has been beautiful, and the forecast looks good at the moment.

We will be on the south field and have a DJ booked to play good music.

We also have Mr Tube coming to sell both meat and vegetarian hot dogs, smokies, pop and chips.

Please note the Beavertails food truck will not be here this year.

The Grade 7 grads will also be selling freezies to raise funds for their celebration.

It's a good idea to bring a blanket and chairs and any other food your family enjoys for picnics.

PAC wishes to thank parents who were able to make it to the Volunteer Tea last week. The library was full of people sharing all the great ways they've connected with the school. It was a lot of fun, and delicious too!

PAC wishes to thank the school for allowing parents to engage in so many ways over the school year.

May News from Library Learning Commons



Hello Shaughnessy families! My name is Ms. Doran and I am the Teacher-Librarian until the end of the school year. I've been enjoying getting to know the students, teachers, and you all! The volunteer tea on May 26 was a lovely opportunity to meet several of you. What an incredible team of parents who support Shaughnessy Elementary!

I'd like to introduce myself a little -- I have a teaching degree in English as a Second Language and briefly taught in a dual-language Spanish and English school in Chicago before moving to Canada where I completed my Master's of Library and Information Studies at UBC. For the last year I've been working for the Vancouver Public Library as a Children and Teen Services Librarian. With the public library I delivered babytimes, storytimes, early reader book clubs, raspberry pi programs, Coding Buddies and

Reading Buddies! It is my absolute pleasure to be returning to schools to work with your kids more closely! I'm impressed and thrilled by the strong library program that Ms. Hapton has left behind which is so well-grounded in collaboration with classroom teachers and supports multiple literacies for students!

Shaughnessy has been a particularly warm and welcoming school, and I look forward to getting to know you all a bit better in the next few weeks. Please come say hello!

June dates to remember:

June 7: All books and other library materials are DUE! No materials will be signed out after this date. Please ensure that your children's materials are returned to the library by this date. Cost letters will be sent home for all lost items.

June 8: Monitor Luncheon in the School Library/Learning Commons at lunch hour for all of our intermediate student monitors who volunteer their time to help out in various ways in the school. The student volunteers all received letters for parents to sign, and so that you know not to pack a lunch for your child on that day!

June 16: This is the last date for classes and special projects in the school library, as we will be doing a very

detailed inventory of library materials starting on June 19th.

May Shaughnessy Earthbites News



We have had a great year with EarthBites! This past month students have been diligently planting, weeding, watering, tilling, and caring for the garden, and they are finally seeing the fruits of their labour with lots of green produce growing. We harvested onions, spring greens, and giant spinach leaves for the Spring Market last week and sold out of all of it! Thank you for stopping by and supporting your school's garden program.

Inside students are learning about the importance of hydration and comparing common sodas, juices, and sports drinks by the number of "sugar cubes" and quality of ingredients in each of them to decide which is most hydrating. We prepare a delicious and hydrating cherry berry drink by mashing frozen berries with lime juice and adding water, coconut water, tart cherry juice, and maple syrup, which students are loving so far!

Recipes for the snacks we have made and worksheets from gardening activities from September up till now can be found in students' EarthBites journals, which should be on their way home once your child has completed their last EarthBites workshop!

As our final event to bring on the summer, we will be having a Year End Celebration on **June 20th**. We look forward to enjoying the bounty of the garden with Shaughnessy through a gourmet feast prepared and served by students.

Please send along with your child a plate or container, cutlery, and water bottle so they may enjoy their taste of the garden feast!

People in the Spotlight

New Safety Vests - Thank you!



Thank you to Robert Vangan and mom Daniella, for donation of brand new safety vests for our parent and student volunteer traffic and safety patrols! Your gift will ensure that our teams are highly visible for their all-important task of keeping our students safe next fall! What a great gift!

New Safety Vests - Thank you!



Congratulations to Clarence Cheung, who attended the 49th BC Elementary T&F Championship in Richmond last weekend. His results included a 1st place finish in long jump and a personal best at 4.88M to break his club's long jump record. Clarence also placed 3rd, 4th and 8th respectively in the 80 m. hurdle, the 300 m. and the 200 m.
Congratulations, Clarence!

Shaughnessy Track & Field Team - 2017



What a day we had at the Zone Finals! Shaughnessy certainly was out in force with 165 athletes! I am always impressed with the spirit and determination shown by SHY athletes, everyone was giving it their all! It was wonderful to see the effort made out on the track and at the field events. We had a lot of personal triumphs and for each athlete that meant something different. I want to thank the parents and teachers who attended the meet and helped out in a variety of ways. It was an intense day with some people not stopping to take a break! I have a feeling there were a lot of students who went to bed early tonight!! I also want to acknowledge the coaches who have volunteered their time this whole season in order to provide this track and field opportunity for your child. Quite honestly, if it weren't for them volunteering their time and expertise, the team would not happen. Thanks goes to **Ms. McGuire, Ms. Stec, Mr. Maciura, Ms. Lui, Mr. A., Mr. Findlay, Mr. Kolpin, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Yeomans, Mrs. Waltham, Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Yuen, Mrs. Olaes, Mrs. Braaten, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Bourne, Mrs. Wittig, Mrs. Advani,**

Mrs. Marsh, and our two student teachers, Ms. Lui and Ms. Yuen. You may want to encourage your child to thank some of their teachers who coached this year as this should not be taken for granted. Without volunteer teachers, there would be no team. I am also always amazed to see the level of participation by the students at SHY. It is important to encourage participation at this level so that students will have a positive mind-set about joining in with their school community and for later in life. Speaking of joining in, I have a few students who show up at every track practice by 7:30 am to help set up the stations. I appreciate that extra help from Lucas Bonar-Stranks, Maddie Yee, and Marwan Ziyadeh, as well as others. It's been wonderful to see all of the students ready to go right at 8:00 am! It has been a fun season and exciting to see the energy and willingness of all of the track athletes. Way to go, everyone!!

Ms. Pace



The Zone Finals track meet was a great experience filled with laughter, enjoyment and school spirit. Team Shaughnessy interacted with other schools by wishing them good luck and showing good sportsmanship. Even if they didn't come in first place all the time, they were proud for trying hard and doing the best. By the end of the day, students were exhausted but had a smile on their faces for competing. Thanks to Ms. Pace for all her hard work and dedication to the team and for spending many hours on a schedule for the track meet so that everyone would have a couple of events. Thanks also to all of the teacher and parent volunteers!

Heather Chilvers Gr. 6

Track and Field is my favourite sport. At the Zone Final track meet today, it was a real pleasure watching kids from different age groups compete against each other. They were all competitive and showed good sportsmanship towards each other. Overall, I think that Zone Finals were a lot of fun and I know that everyone will be looking forward to it next year.

Clarence Cheung, Gr. 6