



We are excited to see everyone again and looking forward to a great year at Capilano!

Some things to look forward to in the coming months include our annual Terry Fox Run, Basketball for the Grade 7s, and Cross Country for Grades 4-7. We will be honouring National Truth and Reconciliation Day and Remembrance Day, and celebrating Thanksgiving, Diwali, Halloween, and more!

Welcome to all our new families and students. We have many new families joining us from Grades 1-7 and 56 Kindergarten students as well. We are holding steady at approximately 420 students this year.

As you have seen in many communications already, our school district is implementing a new Code of Conduct that is for all school community members. Students will be learning more about this at school, and a big part of this Code of Conduct is our new policy around the use of Personal Digital Devices (cellphones, smart watches, etc.).

A reminder that these devices either need to stay at home or in students' backpacks during school hours. Special accommodations may be made if students need these devices to access their IEP goals.

At school, we will be working to embody the Code of Conduct through the IB PYP Learner Profile, under the umbrella of the phrase "We Are Capilano."

We will also be developing a new school goal around this, specifically looking at how we can care more for each other as a community and focussing in on anti-racism, anti-homophobia and how to celebrate the diversity that is Capilano.

Over the summer, we said goodbye to two more staff members. Laura Eastwood has moved on to teach in the Richmond School District. Nareh Dersahakian, one of our EAs, has also left Capilano, but we hope to see her again on a casual basis. We wish them both the best on their new endeavours. Jackie Lim is also currently on leave.

We have welcomed many new staff this year. As mentioned in the June Newsletter, Johanna Frank and Ryan Gibson have joined us as Learning Support Teachers (Mr. Gibson is also teaching Grade 6 with Mr. Kaboli). Sandy Ewart is our new counsellor, and will be with us Mondays - Wednesdays. Kelsey Mulvihill has returned this year to Kindergarten, and Laura Hathaway will be returning as our Learning Support Worker.

We have many new staff to welcome to Capilano. Please join us in meeting Laurel Newton (Grade 5 with Ms. Denny and PE for some classes), Vivian Cheng (Grade 3), Mahtab Karamzadeh Dehaghani (Grade 2 with Ms. Crouch), Talia Tylka (Kindergarten with Ms. Pulice), and Kate Melnychuk (Grade 1 for Ms. Lim). We also have a new Speech and Language Pathologist, Tenli Petty and an additional ELL Teacher - Judy Hope.





## Forms, Forms, and More Forms

A number of forms need to be completed at the beginning of each school year. While many may seem redundant (i.e. you fill the same ones out every year), it is important for these to be completed on an annual basis so that all our information is up to date.

One set of forms can be found on *schoolcashonline*. These online forms include: **Walking Field Trip Permission, Student Acceptable Use of Technology, and NVSD Personal Information Consent (Photo Consent) and IB Informed Consent for Publication.** Please note - photo consent forms are "all or nothing." In other words, parents either consent to photos to be used for school purposes (in a variety of ways, such as class photos, class communications, school displays), or they don't. We are unable to accommodate individual requests for consent to some photos, and not others. Please consider this carefully when you are completing this form.

Other forms will be coming home to you on paper, this Friday. This year, we have discontinued use of ePact, and require all Emergency Forms to be completed on NVSD forms. Forms that are being sent home include: **Student Information Verification (SIV), Student Release, Student Emergency Identification.**

When filling out these forms, please ensure both parents (if applicable) complete the necessary sections and ALL alternate guardians have complete information, including signatures. We will be practicing an Emergency Release later this year, and these forms are an essential part of this. We will not be able to release your child in the event of an emergency if the information is not complete and correct.

All forms should be completed and returned by **Monday, September 23rd.**

## Agendas

Agendas are available for purchase on *schoolcashonline*. The cost will be \$7 per agenda. We kindly request that you purchase your agenda by **September 11th**. Should you need financial assistance with this, please contact Kammi Clark. If you would like to purchase your own agenda book, instead of the school one, feel free to do so.

## Weekly Updates

Every week, (starting next week), the Capilano Office will send out a weekly email to families that tells you everything you need to know about the upcoming week, along with any other important, time sensitive information. This weekly email will also include PAC updates. We encourage everyone to read these each week, and you can find archived ones on the Capilano Website.

## Capilano Website

The Capilano School Website is a great place to find information you may be looking for. Here you can find contact information for staff, our school calendar, and other valuable information. Did you know that you can even subscribe to our calendar and everything will automatically be added for you? Find it by searching "Capilano Elementary."

## Bell Schedule

This year's bell schedule is as follows:

**8:45** - First Bell Rings

**8:50** - School Starts

**10:30 - 10:50** Recess

**12:10 - 1:00** - Lunch Break (Play outside 12:10 - 12:35, Eat Lunch 12:35 - 1:00)

**3:00** - Dismissal (**Wednesdays dismiss at 2:31**)

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# Upcoming Important Dates

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## September



September 19 - Individual Student Photo Day

September 20 - Terry Fox Run

September 27 - Orange Shirt Day; Assembly for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

## October



October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)

October 17 - Photo Retake Day

October 17, 18, 21, and 22 - 2 pm Dismissal for Student, Family, Teacher Conferences

October 21 - Grade 6 Immunizations

October 25 - Provincial Professional Development Day

October 28 - 30 - IB Evaluation Visit

October 31 - Halloween Spirit Day

## November



November 1 - School Based Professional Development Day

November 8 - Indigenous Veteran's Day; Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11 - Remembrance Day (No School)

November 22 - Spirit Day

## December



December 6 - Curriculum Implementation Day (No School)

December 13 - First Written Learning Update Published

December 20 - Last Day Before Winter Break; Pajama Day; PAC Holiday Breakfast

