

École Capitol Hill



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what is promising to be another fabulous year at École Capitol Hill School! I trust that you have all had a fun-filled and wonderful summer holidays. We have had an active and engaging opening week. The children participated in multi-age class activities centred around Social Emotional Learning throughout the first week. We ended the week with a celebratory Grand Opening Ceremonies of our new school playground. This ceremony was attended by many special guests including Burnaby School Board Trustee Baljinder Narang, MLA (Burnaby North) Richard T. Lee, Director of Instruction Peter Dubinsky, representatives from Burnaby Parks and Recreation, Rubina Hope for Kids Foundation and Habitat Playground Systems. This was a wonderful way to end our first week! I would like to thank our PAC and the many volunteers who made this event and the "Party in the Park" after school on Friday a resounding success!

The students reported to their temporary homerooms this morning and then were moved to their permanent classrooms as they begin learning the routines and forming new relationships with their classmates and their teachers. I know that they will work hard at their academics and also participate well in the other opportunities which are offered to them at our school.

Please find attached a September calendar. Please note that we have an early dismissal at 1:45pm on Tuesday, September 27th for our Intake meetings (for Grade 1 to 7 students) from 2pm to 6pm, as well as a second day of intake meetings on Thursday, September 29th from 3pm to 6pm. There will no school on Friday, September 30th as it is a Professional Day. Our school calendar with holidays and Professional Days for this school year will follow in our September newsletter coming out at the end of this month.

It has warmed my heart to have received such a friendly reception from students, staff and parents here at Capitol Hill. I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know this community better. Thank you for your support for your children's learning and we look forward to working together with you this year.

Wally Kanno

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, September 27th—Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm for Student Intake Meetings

Friday, September 30th—Professional Day (school closed for students)

PAC Executive

Chair: tba

Treasurer: Tania Ballantyne

Secretary: tba

DPAC Rep: Calvin Taplay

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Welcome to New Staff to École Capitol Hill School!

Ms. A. James (Teacher Gr. 5/6 Div. 5 with Mrs. H. Makarowski)

Ms. A. Geddes (Teacher Gr. 4/5 Div. 6 MACC Class)

Mrs. B. Montagano (Teacher Gr. 4/5 Div. 7 with Mrs. N. Wilson)

Ms. I. Graafen (Gr. 2/3 Div. 10)

Ms. G. DeLuca (Gr. K. Div. 15)

Ms. F. Lau-Edwards (ELL, Learning Support Services Teacher, and Gr. 3/4 Div. 9 with Mrs. C. Armstrong)

Mrs. S. Cox (Learning Support Services Teacher)

Ms. D. Ma (Educational Assistant)

Ms. S. Sharma (Educational Assistant)

Welcome back to Mrs. K. Papapanagiotou (Teacher Gr. 6/7 MACC class) and to Mrs. N. Leung (School Secretary)



School Hours

8:50 First Bell Rings – Students enter from outside

8:55 Second Bell--Instruction begins

10:30-10:45 Recess break (15 minutes)

12:00-12:45 Lunch break

12:45-2:48 Classes in session

2:48 Dismissal



Intake Meetings Gr. 1-7 (Tue. Sept. 27th & Thu. Sept. 29th)

Save these dates Tuesday, Sept. 27 2016, 2:00-6:00 (early dismissal, 1:45) and Thursday, September 29th 3:00-6:00 for your first opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher; more information will be forth coming.

Website

Our school website is filled with information. If you are looking for school supply lists, staff contact info, notices, forms, and a whole list of other useful information visit our school site at www.capitolhill.sd41.bc.ca

École Capitol Hill Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Our Parent Advisory Council will be holding their first meeting of the year on **Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30 pm.** All PAC meetings will be held in our school library. Please put this in your calendars and plan to attend.

Student Absences

Please phone and leave a voicemail at 604-664-8637, whenever your child is absent from school. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent we will attempt to phone you. Please keep us informed of changes in phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.

School forms

We will send home an extensive package with each student that has a number of forms for you to read and some to be signed and returned. Please return them as soon as you can. Please call us if you are missing any information.

School Schedule

Classes starts each day with a **bell at 8:55 a.m.** There is a bell at 8:50 for students to go to classrooms. Students should arrive as close as possible to this time as we are unable to provide supervision before school begins. Our recess break is at **10:30 a.m.** and we dismiss for lunch at **12:00 noon.** Students return to class **at 12:45 p.m. and are dismissed for the day at 2:48 p.m.**

Late for School

It is really important that parents ensure that their children arrive to school on time each day. Lessons begin at 8:55 and those who arrive late not only miss valuable instructional time, but also disturb the learning of their classmates by entering their classrooms after everyone is settled. **Any student who arrives late, must first come to the school office to sign in, and then proceed to their classrooms.**

Safety Issues

Parking, Pick-up and Drop-off at the School

The heavy congestion of traffic that occurs each and every day around our school is a potentially hazardous situation. It is therefore important for all drivers to be very vigilant of all pedestrians, abide parking regulations and be respectful of each other. We thank you for your attention to this very important matter!

Wheeling to School

If students use scooters or skateboards to come to school, they must pick them up and carry them while on the school grounds. If students ride bicycles to school, they must walk them on the school grounds and lock them in the bike rack that are provided on our school property. Students are reminded that helmets should be worn when riding scooters, skateboards and bicycles.



When Walking to School

Consider the following tips:

- Know the route your child takes to and from school and how long it takes.
 - Encourage your child to walk with a friend or in a group. Know the names, telephone numbers and addresses of these friends.
 - Identify places on the way to school that could be potentially dangerous: wooded areas, parking lots, underground walkways etc.
 - Arrange for your child to arrive at school as close to the morning bell time as possible.
 - Set a time for your child to report home after school.
 - Encourage your child to wear light coloured clothing so that they are easily seen on rainy, dark days.
 - Review street safety rules with your child.
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September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Labour Day	6 First Day of School (9:00-10:00)	7 First Full day of classes for Gr. 1-7 (8:55-2:48)	8	9 Playground Grand Opening (1:00pm) Party in the Park (2:45-6:00)	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Hip Hop Dance (in gymnasium)				→		
18	19 First Full Day for Kindergartners	20	21 Student Individual Photos	22	23	24
Hip Hop Dance (in gymnasium)				→		
25	26	27 Student Intake Meetings (2:00-6:00)	28	29 Terry Fox Run (1:45—2:48) Student Intake Meetings (3:00-6:00)	30 Professional Day	
Book Fair here all week				→		

* Please Note: Calendar, dates and times are subject to change

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École Capitol Hill Comments

We would like to know the Newsletters are being read at home by parents and students. Please fill in the information below and return it to the school and your child(ren) will have a chance to win a prize at our monthly draw. As always, your comments are welcome.

I have read the Newsletter Parent's Name: _____

Family Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____ Grade _____ Div. _____

Child's First Name: _____ Grade _____ Div. _____

Comments on any topic are most welcome:
