

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 returned to their classes from last year and engaged in activities centred around Social Emotional Learning and the environment throughout the first week.

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 18th 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 20th from 3pm to 6pm. There will no school on Friday, September 28th as it is a Professional Day.

It is great to return back to this fabulous community after our summer break. Thank you for your ongoing support for your children's learning and for our school community and we look forward to working together with you this year.

Wally Kanno
Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, September 18th—Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm for Student Intake Meetings
Friday, September 28th—Professional Day (school closed for students)

PAC Executive

Chair: Valentina Farley

Vice Chair: Tania Ballantyne

Treasurer: Heather Reid

Secretary: Lana Mitchell

DPAC Rep:

Members at Large:

Loanne Walton & Adam Ballantyne

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Welcome to New Staff to École Capitol Hill School!

Ms. C. Brancati—Gr. 1 Teacher

Ms. M. Lum— Gr. K/1 Teacher

Mr. P. Gaitens—MACC Gr. 7 Teacher

Ms. T. Lui— Music Teacher

Ms. L. Bousfield—Vision Teacher

Ms. R. Patterson—ELL/NIS Teacher

Ms. J. Crampton—Transcriber

Ms. L. Perizzola—Counselor

Ms. N. Dente—Office Support Clerk



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

2:47 Dismissal



Intake Meetings Gr. 1-7 (Tue. Sept. 18th & Thu. Sept. 20th)

Tuesday, Sept. 18th from 2:00-6:00 (early dismissal, 1:45) and Thursday, Sept. 20th from 3:00-6:00 is 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, September 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 **604-296-9006**, 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 2:47 p.m.**

Late for School and Early Pick Up



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.** If you are picking up your child(ren) before dismissal time, please come and sign them out at the office.

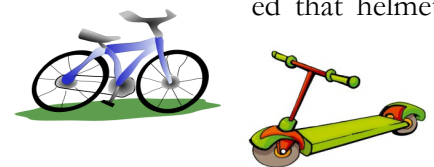
Safety Issues

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.

Important Dates: 2018-2019**September**

- 18 1:45pm Early Dismissal—Student Intake Meetings
 20 Student Intake Meetings (3-6pm)
 28 Professional Day: Students do not attend

**October**

- 8 Thanksgiving: School Closed
 19 Professional Day: Students do not attend

November

- 12 School Closed: Lieu of Remembrance Day
 23 Professional Day: Students do not attend

December

- 21 Last Day of School Before Winter Break
December 24 to January 6: School Closed for Winter Break

January

- 7 First Day back from Winter Break
 28 Curriculum Implementation Day

February

- 18 BC Family Day: School Closed
 22 Professional Day: Students do not attend

March

- 15 Last Day of School Before Spring Break
March 18 to March 31: School Closed for Spring Break

April

- 1 First Day back from Spring Break
 19 Good Friday School closed
 22 Easter Monday School closed
 29 Professional Day: Students do not attend

May

- 20 Victoria Day: School Closed

June

- 3 Professional Day: Students do not attend
 27 Last Day of School for Students



September 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Student Intake Meetings: Early Dismissal 1:45 pm 	19 Individual Picture Day 	20 Student Intake Meetings 3-6pm	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 	28 No School Today  Professional Day for Our Teachers	29

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

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:
