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Weekly Newsletter November 22nd

Cavell is a part of The Vancouver School Board – a large, urban school district located on the unceded, traditional lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation). At Cavell we respect and support Indigenous ways of knowing and learning.

To the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) the two peaks, as seen in the photo below taken from Room 202 at Cavell, are known as Ch'ich'iyúy Elxwíkn (“Twin Sisters” or “Two Sisters”).

The legend of The Two Sisters, was told to E. Pauline Johnson (Takehionwake), the famous Mohawk poet, by Squamish Chief Joe Capilano and was included in her book *The Legends of Vancouver* (1911). It tells of how the iconic peaks came to stand over what has become Vancouver.

The legend tells of a great chief’s two daughters who brought together warring nations for a celebration and feast, or Potlatch, creating a lasting peace among the Coast Salish people.

After they passed away, the two sisters were immortalized and lifted up to the mountains where they could forever keep watch over their descendants and ensure the peace was kept.

The legend contains an important message of reconciliation, sharing and peace. This week many classes at Cavell have talked a lot about kindness and respecting others.



Photo of the “Two Sisters” taken from Room 202’s cloak room this week

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Chess Club – On Friday’s during our lunch hour we will have a drop in Chess Club for interested grade 3-7 students. We have had chess boards donated by a family to help get this club underway. Thank you. Students will be learning about the club early next week and how to sign up. There will be a limit on the number of students who can join each week, so we will make it as equitable as possible to ensure as many students can enjoy as possible.

Kindergarten Registration – Kindergarten registration is open November 1-January 31st for students born in 2020 and entering school in September, 2025. The first step is to apply here: <https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>

Soft Plastics – Cavell is collecting soft plastics. Thank you to our Grade 2 students who are spearheading this campaign and collection this November. There are a number of ways to drop off soft plastics from your home as well. Here are links for what is collectable. Please see attached flyers for information about what is acceptable for this collection.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hCj-Pe3dxqaUyevAZ1FJ7YUTPOOYVvkZq/view?usp=drive_web

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1quKPmL6ikM8eXrqMaoF-S4kaleM-253F/view?usp=sharing>

Cutlery

Please remember to send your child with the appropriate utensils for their lunch. We do not supply forks, spoons, chop sticks etc.

Important Dates Coming Up:

November 22nd – Professional Day – school not in session for students

December 11th and 12th – Winter Celebration Concert 1:45pm both days. More information to come.

December 16th – Learning Update #1 sent home with students

December 20th – last day of classes for 2024

January 6th – Return from Winter Break