

Shaughnessy Newsletter – June 2023

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Important Dates to Remember:

- June 7 Welcome to Kindergarten (new families)
- June 9 PAC Family Picnic 5:00-8:00 pm
- June 8 EarthBites Spring Pocket Market 2:45-3:15 pm
- June 19 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 3:30-4:30
- June 21 Talent Show 1:30 pm (parents of participants only)
- June 23 Grade 4-7 Beach Day
- June 29 CSL Reports sent home
- June 29 Last Day of school (3:03 pm dismissal)



Zone Track and Field Finals 2023



sure everyone got to their races on time.

Shaughnessy has had an excellent Track and Field season! This week we finished everything off with **The Zone Finals** at Churchill. What an amazing day for our 180 athletes! Congratulations are in order as everyone was doing their best and giving 100%. It was a busy day as every athlete had at least 3 events and the 100m at the end of the day. I am very proud of the effort made by our SHY athletes on and off the track. It was a long day, and everyone managed to stay focused until the end! None of this would have happened without the huge effort made by the 8 staff members who were at the meet. They all worked tirelessly to make

Thank you to **Mr. Maciura, Ms. Raino, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Nicanor, Ms. Jagger-Doe, Ms. Olaes, Ms. Lo, and Mr. A who was the Clerk of the course for the day...I hope he has a voice left!** We also had our **4 Swiss student teachers** helping! We even had some younger siblings and some high school volunteers also helping in a variety of ways. As well, thank you to the many parents who stepped in and helped at a moment's notice. I so appreciate your willingness to support the staff and athletes.

In a way, this team is a gift from the staff to the students at Shaughnessy. It would not happen without the many generous volunteer hours of the teachers who coach at practices, attend the Mini-Meets, and help run the Zone meet. Some schools do not have a track and field team at all, so we are fortunate to have such dedication at Shaughnessy. I would like to heartily thank those staff members who have offered their expertise and willingness to help students pursue a valuable and memorable athletic experience: **Ms. Wiesinger, Mrs. Marsh, Mr. Maciura, Mr. A, Mrs. Olaes, Mr. Dirk, Ms. Raino, Mr. Nicanor, Ms. Lo, Ms. McGuire, Mrs. Yuen, Ms. Elliot, Ms. Spiteri, Mrs. Yeomans, and Mr. Hendren** ~ Thank you!!



As you know, this is my last year as the head coach at Shaughnessy. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all the students, parents, and staff who have supported my many years of organizing the Track and Field team. It has been my sincere pleasure getting to pass on my experience and passion for sport to the SHY students. My goal has always been to encourage participation at the elementary level so that students will have a positive mind-set about joining in with their school community and because it helps to set them up for success in life!
Thank you, **Ms. Carla Pace**

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PAC News

PAC would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the families of Shaughnessy for all your support and generosity this school year. It has been exciting to bring back events like our **Family Dance** and have new events like our **Family Movie Night**. We look forward to continuing to support our students and staff and continue celebrating our family community in the coming school year!

PAC Family Picnic

Please join us for the PAC FAMILY PICNIC on June 9th from 5:00-8:00 on the south field. This will be a great evening of music, food, and a chance to socialize with other Shaughnessy families. All students who attend **must be** accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

EarthBites Pocket Market

EarthBites will be having a final Pocket Market on **Thursday, June 8th** from **2:45-3:15** at the outdoor classroom area. All proceeds will go towards retrofitting out garden beds with water-wells as well as the replacement costs of some of our garden beds. Thank you for supporting our garden program.

Shaughnessy Traffic

Please continue to follow the **Traffic Safety Plan** for our school and review the image to familiarize yourself with the plan if needed. It involves several schools and Shaughnessy parents should drive east on Nanton and North on Marguerite.

- The drop off/pick up zone is for a quick drop off and pick up only.
- Parents **MUST** stay in their car.
- Vehicles should move forward in this zone and let children enter/exit when you get to the front of the line (this is important so that cars do not back up and block the intersection on Nanton Street)
- Do not turn into private driveways or U-turn on the street.
- Do not stop your car in the crosswalk. Leave this area clear for students and families to cross. We encourage all families to use the crosswalk.



It is best to walk, bike, or park a few minutes away and walk to and from school with your children to avoid congestion.

Leaving Children Unattended in a Car

Please remember that leaving your child alone in a car can have extremely dangerous and serious outcomes. In some cases, it also can put your child's life at risk. **According to Canadian law, it is a criminal offense if you leave your child alone in a parked vehicle.** If you need to exit your vehicle, kindly park on side streets and accompany younger children to the school during pick-up and drop-off times. The safety of all children is of utmost important to us.



Talent Show

Shaughnessy will be hosting a Talent Show on **June 21** at 1:30 pm in our gym. We are thrilled to showcase the remarkable talents of our students during this event. Kindly note, that due to space constraints, seating is limited to the family and guardians of the performing students. To ensure your spot we request that all attendees be seated by 1:15 pm. Don't miss out on this exciting display of talent.

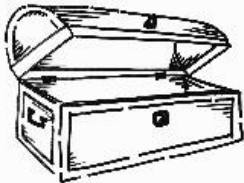
Are You Moving?

To plan for next year, we need to know whether your child/children will be returning to Shaughnessy Elementary. If you know that you will not be returning, please contact the school office (shaughnessy@vsb.bc.ca). Please note that students who are returning are automatically registered for next year.



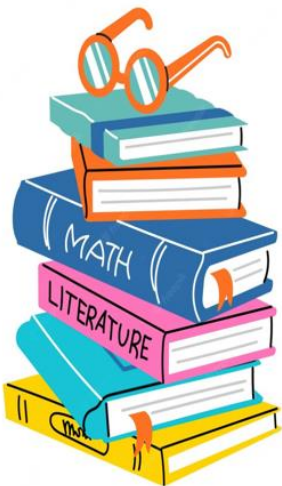
Shaughnessy Library Year- End 2023

- All STUDENT BOOKS ARE DUE Thursday, June 8
- If a student or parent is CERTAIN they have returned their books, please let Mrs. Chow know (kchow@vsb.bc.ca)
- The FIRST TWO Primary and the FIRST TWO Intermediate Divisions that return or account for ALL of their Division’s books will receive a COOKIE REWARD in June!
- We may need to hold a draw if there is a tie ☺



‘The Great Shaughnessy Barcode Treasure

Hunt’ is a school-wide search for ALL Shaughnessy books and materials WITH BARCODES: student books, teacher books, and long-lost books...from home, from classrooms, bins, boxes, backpacks, everywhere! Please return anytime. No questions asked!



Thank you! Mrs. Chow and the Library Parent Volunteers



Class Organization for 2023-24

As we near the conclusion of the school year, our staff work diligently on the thoughtful organization of classes for the upcoming school year. Each student placement decision is approached with care and consideration. We consider various factors, including the student’s social, emotional, and academic requirements. Additionally, we consider specific needs such as English Language Learners, students with special needs, leadership abilities, cohesive student groupings, previous classroom experiences, as well as adhere to class-size and composition guidelines set by the Ministry/VSB.

We kindly request your understanding that the school **will not be accepting letters requesting a particular teacher**. Our primary focus is to create well-balanced and supportive learning environments for all students. Thank you for your consideration and trust as we strive to ensure the best educational experience for every student.

Swiss Practicum Teachers

In a partnership between the **University of St. Gallen** and the **Department of Education at UBC**, Shaughnessy has been selected to host four teacher practicum students from Switzerland.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to **Luca, Seraina, Selina, and Samira**, who have joined our school community for a three-week practicum. These dedicated teachers in-training have been actively engaged in Division 6, 11, 13, and 17 classrooms, providing support to our teachers and students alike. Additionally, they have enthusiastically contributed to our recent Track and Field meet and have been observing various other classes in our school.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to exchange ideas and practices with these aspiring educators from Switzerland. Their presence at Shaughnessy brings a unique perspective and enriches the educational experience for everyone involved.

Let's make sure to extend our warmest Shaughnessy hospitality to our guests as they are with us until June 9, 2023. Welcome!



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