

Champlain Heights Newsletter – November 2024

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Tuesday lunch hour floor hockey – sponsored by YFW Jen Eayrs, SSA Aaron Collard, Teacher Lukas Lombardi, and Constable Kurt Spence. Thank you to Canucks for Kids for the equipment donation!

Hello Champlain Heights Families! Please also see the PAC update and PAC calendar of events that will be attached to this email.

Important Dates to Note

- Friday, Nov. 8 – Remembrance Day Assembly (for students)
- Wednesday, Nov. 13 – PAC Meeting 6pm at the Main School
- Friday, Nov. 15 – Spirit Day – Dress as a Book Character
- Wednesday, Nov. 20 – morning schoolwide performance “Space Queen Women of Rock and Roll”
- Thursday, Nov. 21 – Spirit Day - Pajamas
- Friday, Nov. 22 – Pro-D day (school not in session)

WHAT’S NEW AT CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY?

Indigenous Enhancement Worker

Mr. Jack supports our school once a week in many different ways. If your child is Indigenous, you will likely have already heard from Mr. Jack. If you haven’t, please reach out to Ms. McAlister and we can put you in contact with Mr. Jack.



Readathon

The month of November marks the second annual Readathon. There was a launch assembly on Monday this week, so our students already have an idea about how the Readathon works. For more information, please see the attachment from PAC as well as the package that your child brought home from the school.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/2026 school year begins on Nov. 1 and priority registration is closing on Jan. 31, 2025. Please note, it is not first come first served. All applicants within the time period above will have the same consideration, regardless of the date of registration. For the details, please see the attached Kindergarten registration newsletter.

Parking on Frontenac – Continues to be a Challenge

Ongoing challenges have been continuing with parents and caregivers parking in DO NOT STOP zones, blocking visibility of pedestrians crossing at the crosswalk. This has created a very unsafe environment for our students. Police support has been requested once again to correct this problem. The city will also be notified and will issue tickets with photographic evidence of parking violations. **PLEASE do not speed in the school zone, or make three-point turns on Frontenac or park or stop within the no stopping zones indicated by signage** because drivers will not be able to properly see students crossing the road and it is not safe. For the safety of your children and the children of our community, please respect these bylaws and regulations. Parents, if you see unsafe driving and parking putting students at risk, ***you are encouraged to make a report to the VPD non-emergency line (note the license plate, vehicle make and model and driver description)***. The school will be setting out cones in the afternoon to block off the area of greatest concern near the pedestrian crossing.

Athletics Update

Volleyball practices have already begun and Volleyball season has started. Volleyball games will start next week - boys on Wednesday and girls on Thursday. The boys' first game is at Cook and the girls' first game will be at Champlain. A big thank you to our staff coaches Ms. Mah and Ms. Cheung!!! Cross country was a big success. Thank you to the PAC for covering the cost of the bus to transport students to the Trout Lake meet on Oct. 22. Congratulations to Nico Rodriguez in gr. 5 for winning first place! A big thank you to all the staff who supported Cross Country this season!



Paper Wanted

Mrs. Angel is putting a call out for any kind of blank, plain paper of any colour (can be old computer paper). Div. 11 enjoys many different activities with the paper, and it is very good practice for students' fine motor development. Any donations are welcomed.

After the Bell

Are you curious about how AI can enhance learning? Do you have concerns over privacy or appropriate use of AI in the classroom? In the latest episode of VSB: After the Bell, we discuss everything from Administrative Procedures to AI hallucination and everything in-between.

Listen to our latest podcast episode [here](#):

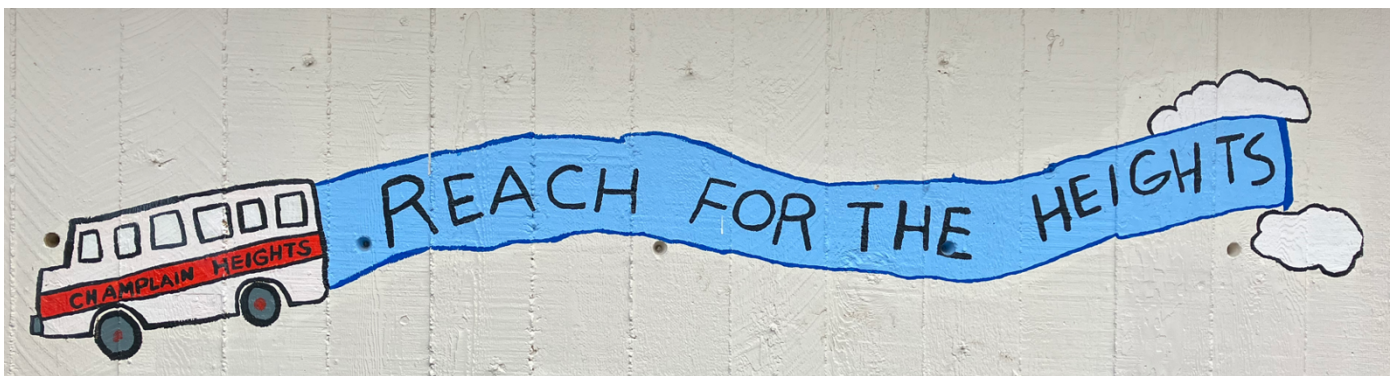
[Mariann Roberts: VSB After the Bell: AI Learning](#)

Clothing Left Outdoors

There has been an abundance of clothing left outdoors by students during the day as well as after school. This will eventually be brought to the lost and found. Parents, if you have your child’s name inside their clothing it will have a higher likelihood of making its return to your child. If parents can also remind their children to bring their coats and hoodies inside with them, the school grounds will be tidier and the lost and found will have less items to sift through.

Terry Fox

Thank you everyone for your support. Our school community raised a total of \$1,190 for the Terry Fox Foundation! The school will hold a random draw tomorrow Nov. 1 to gift one lucky student a Terry Fox t-shirt. All students will be entered into the draw.



- Attached:**
- Kindergarten Registration Information
 - November PAC calendar
 - Monthly PAC Update



VSB Safe Arrival Program

On behalf of our Office Team here at Champlain Heights, thank you very much for following the district-wide Safe Arrival Program! Please continue to report your child’s absence in the following ways:

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| <p>To Report Your Child’s Absence via <i>Telephone</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call 604-713-5159 2. Provide the two-digit extension for our school: “18” 3. Record your message (include child’s full name, grade and division) 4. Hang up | <p>To Report Your Child’s Absence via <i>E-mail</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. E-mail: chaattendance@vsb.bc.ca 2. Type your message (include child’s full name, grade and division) 3. Hit send |
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Please report the absence to the Safe Arrival Program *even if* you have already notified your teacher.