

Shaughnessy Newsletter – Summer 2023

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School Trustee: Joshua Zhang
PAC Chairs: Angela and Anne



Important Dates to Remember:

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| •Sept 4 | Labour Day (no school) |
| •Sept 5 | 9:00-10:00 Grade 1-7 students
9:00-10:00 PAC Welcome to Parents (outside) |
| •Sept 6 | First full day of classes for Grade 1-7
Kindergarten gradual entry begins |
| •Sept 13 | First full day of kindergarten |
| •Sept 14 | 6:00 Meet the Teacher Evening (school gym) |
| •Sept 15 | ProD Day (no school for students) |
| •Sept 25 | 7:00 pm Saleema Noon Parent Presentation (online) |
| •Sept 30 | National Truth and Reconciliation Day |

Jump Rope for Heart Campaign a Huge Success

A big shout out to our Shaughnessy community, for the amazing fundraising efforts during our **1st Annual Jump Rope for Heart Campaign!** Hundreds of schools participated across British Columbia, and Shaughnessy raised almost \$ 7,700, which was the third highest in the province! Bravo Shaughnessy community! And our three highest fundraisers, Mia and Noah C and Ben M raised over \$1,000.00 dollars each, an amazing accomplishment to be proud of.

7% of funds raised, will come back to Shaughnessy to spend on items that will benefit every class K-7; related to wellness, health, and fitness. Thank-you for the many generous donations, and hard work; we are excited to do it again next year, and perhaps we will get Mr. Embree with that pie after all. Don't forget to practice your jump rope this summer.



Music at SHY

At long last, our Band's video recording at VSB's inaugural District Performing Arts Festival held at the UBC Chan Centre last month has been completed and uploaded to YouTube last week: Bravi!! Thank you to all the students, parent volunteers and teachers who helped to make this evening a success.

<https://youtu.be/0oculw9Ev5o?t=391>

Grade 7 Legacy Gift

We had a wonderful Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony last Monday to recognize our Grade 7s who will be heading to various high schools in the fall. We are proud of each one and wish them the very best. The Grade 7s presented the school with a **\$1,000.00 Legacy Gift** to be spent on gym equipment for our school next year.

Thank you for this generous gift!



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Some Sad Good-Byes

As we approach the end of another full year, it is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to three remarkable individuals who have dedicated their lives to shaping the minds of our students. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Ms. Chow, Ms. Pace** and **Ms. Yeomans** for their unwavering commitment, kindheartednesses, and remarkable contributions to education in our school community. Please join me in celebrating the remarkable careers of these esteemed individuals and wishing them a well-deserved retirement filled with happiness, good health, and countless new adventures.

Ms. Chow

Thank you, Shaughnessy Elementary community, for six amazing years of learning and growing together. It has been my honour to be the teacher-librarian in a beautiful teaching space that is a daily hub of learning, inspiration, and celebration. With your support and enthusiasm, we have achieved so much, including a huge library “makeover” and the opportunity to create our own digital library collection.

We have hosted many author visits and events over the years and many book fairs. I have the experience to say that Shaughnessy’s staff is one of the most collegial and professional teams that I have worked with in my 32 years as an educator. They collaborate on best practises for students and on what’s best for the community. Team teaching with my colleagues enabled us to explore rich literacy practises such as Guided Reading, Story Workshop, Reading Power, direct writing instruction and novel study. I was able to support field trips with further historical studies and we delved into our cultural heritage through project work in the library. Science research, inquiry projects, Indigenous teachings and finding “good-fit books” were also a part of my connection to the students at Shaughnessy. During the Covid lockdown, when we continued to teach through online lessons, I needed to connect with students during those daily sessions to keep me sane in all the chaos!

I have loved being a teacher, engaging students in the learning journey, adjusting to their needs, and pushing myself to be the best I can for them. To be retiring with two of my fellow Education classmates (who also taught my own sons) is a full circle experience! I am grateful to be part of this chapter of Shaughnessy. Cheers to everyone! I will miss you all!

Ms. Chow

Ms. Pace

Many of you know that I am retiring at the end of June. I have been at Shaughnessy for 20 years and these have been the best of my 32-year teaching career. I came in as the Art Specialist and have tried my best to promote creativity and the Arts throughout my many years. I think there is a lot of pottery out there! Thank you to the PAC for its continued support of the Art Program at SHY. Also, some of you may know that my time as a National Team rower has greatly impacted my teaching as I have lived the benefit of sport. That is why I have been so encouraging of sport for Shaughnessy students. I have been so impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the students for both Cross Country and Track and Field. We can boast the biggest teams in the city! Thanks also to you as parents for supporting your child’s sports endeavours as you are helping to build lifelong skills and confidence. For me, Shaughnessy has become my family and it will always be in my heart. I do hope to come by for a visit so don’t be surprised if you see me occasionally next year! Thank you for all your support over these many years. I’m sad to be leaving my home away from home but there always come a time to say so long! Wishing you and your child all the best in the future! Love, **Ms. Pace**

Ms. Yeomans

Dear Shaughnessy Community, I feel very fortunate to have worked at Shaughnessy for the past 31 years. I have loved both teaching and coaching, and I consider it a privilege to have worked with this amazing and supportive community of students, parents, and exceptional colleagues. Thank you, parents, for all your support. Thank you, students, for all the wonderful memories I have of working, creating, playing, and laughing with you. With gratitude and best wishes, **Ms. Yeomans**

And a Few are Moving on...

Dear SHY community, I have some bittersweet news to share - next year I will not be returning to Shaughnessy School. My partner Rob and I have bought a house in the Fraser Valley, and we will be moving over the summer. We are very excited, but I am also sad to leave this amazing community. The past four years at SHY have been so very special for me, and I have made some treasured memories. I will never forget the support I have received from the caring kids, staff, and parents. I loved it all. **Ms. Jones**

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Shaughnessy community, after more than three years as a Resource teacher and now a year and a half as your Vice-Principal, the VSB has decided that I am needed elsewhere so I must say farewell. It has been such a pleasure to have worked at Shaughnessy for these last five years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this amazing team of dedicated, professional, and caring staff, and have learned so much from them. They truly go above and beyond expectations every day! I am also grateful to have met and worked with so many wonderful parents in this community whose support and flexibility are so important and appreciated. Finally, over these last few years I have come to know and care deeply about the fabulous kids who are in our care every day. They bring me hope for the future where people appreciate and celebrate differences, as well as help and respect one another. Have a wonderful summer filled with laughter, family fun and treasured memories! **Mr. Mulligan**



It has truly been my honour and privilege to have served Shaughnessy community particularly Division 17 students and families throughout my entire 10 years of stay here. Although I am moving to Charles Dickens, I am bringing with me the most amazing memories both as a teacher and a coach. I am going to miss my daily interactions, whether giving high fives, simple hellos, sweet smiles, gentle hand waves with students, families, and my colleagues. My mindful gratitude to each one of you from the bottom of my heart! Let's continue to create safe spaces for each other. Have a spectacular and safe summer, Shaughnessy! Sincerely and lovingly yours with a smile, **Mr. A** 😊

Kindergarten 2023-24

We are excited to welcome our new kindergarten students to Shaughnessy in the fall. Kindergarten students will begin with a gradual entry on **Wednesday, September 6th** with the first full day of kindergarten starting on **Wednesday, September 13th**. An email with the gradual entry schedule will be sent to all kindergarten parents in July.

School Learning Plan for 2023-24

In the Spring of 2023, we engaged in a collective brainstorming session with our teachers, SSW support workers, office admin, supervision aides, and administration to identify the specific needs of our students. Consequently, we arrived at a new focus for the upcoming 2023-24 school year, centered around **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)** and the cultivation of **prosocial behaviors**.



Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is defined as “the process by which individuals, both young people and adults alike, acquire and apply knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for developing healthy identities, managing emotions, achieving personal and collective goals, demonstrating empathy towards others, establishing and maintaining supportive relationships, and making responsible and compassionate decisions” (CASEL).

Prosocial behaviours are defined as “a range of positive behaviors including positive interactions (e.g., friendly play or peaceful conflict resolutions), altruism (e.g., showing kindness, sharing, offering help), and behaviors that reduce stereotypes” (Mares and Woodard, 2007).

At Shaughnessy, we recognize the significance of SEL in nurturing and developing emotional intelligence, self-awareness, empathy, and responsible decision making. By integrating SEL into our curriculum, we aim to equip our students with the tools they need to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Collaboration between educators, parents, and students is important. As we embark on this journey, we invite you to join us in embracing this important focus. Together, let us foster an educational experience that not only equips our students with knowledge but also empowers them to navigate life's challenges with resilience and empathy. We are excited to embark on this important journey together.

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Thank you to our students, staff, and supportive parent community for a fantastic year. We wish you all a restful and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you back in the fall. The next Shaughnessy newsletter will be sent out on September 1, 2023.

Calendar 2023 - 24 SHAUGHNESSY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
School Operation Overview	
Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non-Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (June 28)
Important Dates	
First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Day in Lieu of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
In Lieu of Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Vacation Period	Wednesday, December 27, 2023 - Friday, January 5, 2024
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 - Thursday, March 28, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2024
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2024
Professional Development and Curriculum Implementation Days (school not in session)	
Friday, September 15, 2023	Professional Development Day (<i>Date set by school</i>)
Friday, October 20, 2023	Professional Development Day: <i>Province Wide</i>
Friday, November 24, 2023	Professional Development Day: <i>Indigenous Focus</i>
Wednesday, January 17, 2024	Professional Development Day (<i>Date set by school</i>)
Friday, February 16, 2024	Professional Development Day: <i>District Wide</i>
Monday, April 22, 2024	Professional Development Day: <i>District Wide</i>
Parent Conference Dates	Dismissal Times
Wednesday, October 25, 2023	Early Dismissal at 2pm
Thursday, October 26, 2023	Early Dismissal at 2pm
Tuesday, February 13, 2024	Early Dismissal at 2pm
Thursday, February 15, 2024	Early Dismissal at 2pm

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SCHOOL FEES for 2023-2024

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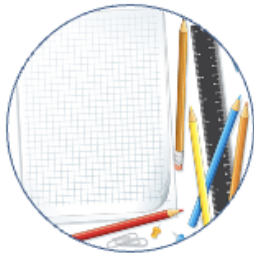
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Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста

GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2023-2024 is \$35.00 per student*.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

- Student Agenda/Planner – \$10**

Students at Shaughnessy will be using an Agenda/Planner in grades (1 to 7). School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families.
- Performance Fee**

This supplementary fee supports the school in bringing in talented and professional theatrical and musical performers that align with a particular educational theme. As performances are arranged, parents may be asked to contribute.
- EarthBites Fee – \$45**

During the school year, and as permissible under Provincial and District Health and Safety protocols and direction, non-curricular activities may be offered to students with nominal fees. Program fees will be published at that time.
- Workbooks – \$20**

Workbooks may include JumpMath, IXL, and MathUp. These materials supplement the classroom math program.
- Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level**

Throughout the school year your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, (insert name). All requests will be treated confidentially.

