

## Champlain Heights Newsletter – November 2025

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*Pictures of some of the  
Diwali celebrations in  
October*



Hello Champlain Heights Families! Please see the PAC update towards the end of this newsletter.

### **Important Dates to Note**

- Saturday, Nov. 1 – Priority Kindergarten registration begins (not first come first serve)
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 – Take Our Kids to Work Day (for Gr. 9 students)  
Reading One to One workshop for Primary parents 9-10:30am
- Friday, Nov. 7 – Photo retakes (if interested, please see attached slip)
- Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wednesday, Nov. 19 – Silent Walk
- Friday, Nov. 21 – Pro-D day (school not in session)
- Thursday, Dec. 11 (am) – Winter Concert

### **WHAT'S NEW AT CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY?**

#### **Halloween Safety**

First and foremost, we hope that those taking part in festivities tonight are safe in terms of safely crossing roads, having an adult nearby for supervision, and exercising caution to avoid trips, slips, tampered treats, and safety when near any fireworks. Have fun!

#### **Staffing Update**

We would like to welcome the following staff who began after the start of the school year: Ms. Rajbeer (SSA), Ms. Chote (Kindergarten Teacher) and Ms. Vassilian (Extra Clerical on Thursdays). Welcome to Champlain! At the end of October we said farewell to Ms. Joanne Cheung (SSA) who worked at Champlain for 27 years and thank her very much for her service to the school and our students over the past few decades including all of the extracurricular coaching she undertook!

**Kindergarten Registration**

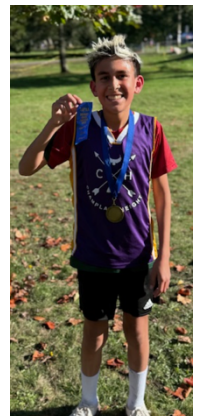
Kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year begins on Nov. 1. This is not first come first served, however, for priority placement, the deadline to complete registration is January 31, 2026. Please see the attached letter if this applies to your family.



**Student Supervision**

Please note that all children are expected to be outside during recess and lunch as well as before and after school. This is to ensure proper supervision for your children’s safety. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

As a reminder, before school, students are expected to wait for their teachers outside before entering the classroom. We ask that families bring their children as close to 8:55 am as possible each day. We have a few staff members circulating outdoors for supervision between 8:40-9:00am and 3-3:20pm daily.

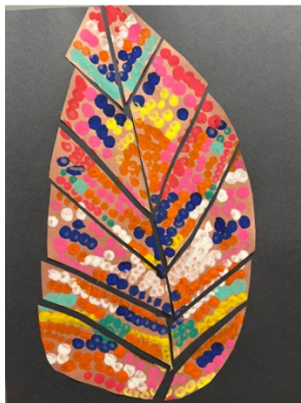


**Safety Patrol**

We have a number of dedicated gr. 6 & 7 student volunteers who will begin regularly assisting students cross Blake St. safely. This will begin on Nov. 3. Thank you Mrs. Angel for sponsoring this activity.

**Athletics Update**

Congratulations to all participants of the cross country season and Trout Lake meet in October. A big congratulations to Nico Rodriguez for placing first and Ava Loconte for placing fifth! Thank you to the dedicated staff (Ms. Lopez, Ms. Mah, Ms. Pearson, Ms. Cheung and Mr. Lombardi) for organizing and coaching this opportunity for students and to our PAC for funding the bus trip to Trout Lake. Volleyball practices have also already begun. A big thank you to Ms. Mah, Mr. Lombardi and Ms. Miller for coaching volleyball.







### **VSBC 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:

<b>To Report Your Child's Absence via <i>Telephone</i>:</b>	<b>To Report Your Child's Absence via <i>E-mail</i>:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Call 604-713-5159</li><li>2. Provide the two-digit extension for our school: "18"</li><li>3. Record your message (include child's full name, grade and division)</li><li>4. Hang up</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. E-mail: <a href="mailto:chaattendance@vsb.bc.ca">chaattendance@vsb.bc.ca</a></li><li>2. Type your message (include child's full name, grade and division)</li><li>3. Hit send</li></ol>






Please report the absence to the Safe Arrival Program *even if* you have already notified your teacher.