

## Champlain Heights Newsletter – December 2025

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*Kindergarten Holiday Art*

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

### Important Dates to Note

- **Tuesday, Dec. 9** – PAC Meeting 6pm at Annex
- **Thursday, Dec. 11** (9:15am) – Winter Concert (*Due to capacity restrictions, please limit your attendance to a maximum of two people per student family*)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 17** – Written Student Learning Updates #1 sent home
- **Friday, Dec. 19** – Pancake Breakfast, Pajama Day and last day of school before Winter Break
- **Monday, January 5, 2026** – First day of school after Winter Break

### WHAT'S NEW AT CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY?

#### Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Korey Yung (SSA), who joined the school team in November.

#### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year began on Nov. 1. This is not first come first served, however, for priority placement, the deadline to complete registration is January 31, 2026.



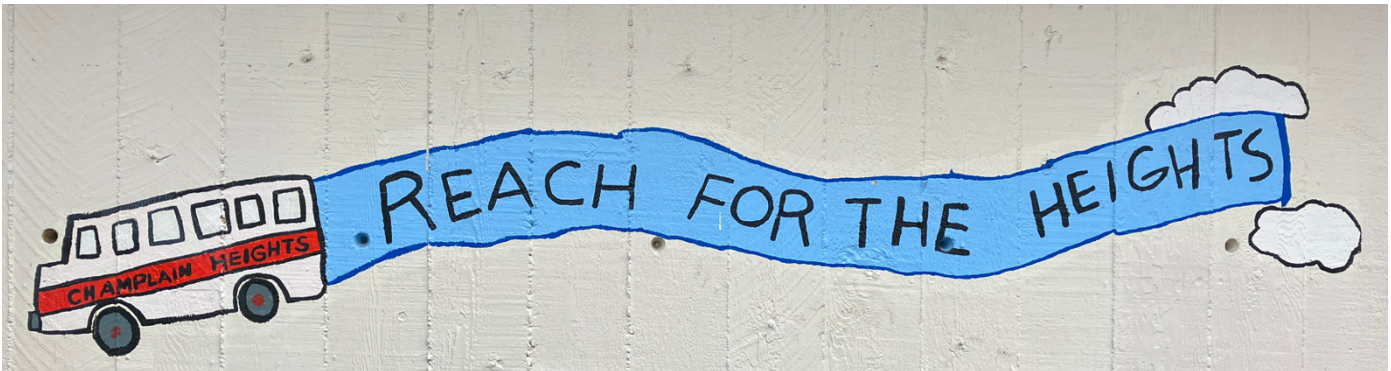
### Student Supervision

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, especially with the colder weather that is upon us. There have been a number of children who have gotten wet or muddy outside and did not have a change of clothes at school. The school recommends everyone to keep a spare full set of clothes at school just in case. If you would like to be provided with a spare set of clothing, please contact the school as we have a small supply of gently used clothes that could be provided to families.

Need a winter coat? Mittens or gloves? Winter boots? Please contact [smcalister@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:smcalister@vsb.bc.ca) with your child's name and size and we will try to find a gently used match. At this time, the school does not have more space or capacity to accept new donations.

### Athletics Update

Tuesday lunch hour floor hockey continues every other week supported by our Youth and Family Worker Ms. Trisha Kay and our VPD School Liaison Officer. Congratulations to all participants of the volleyball teams that are wrapping up for the season. Thank you to the dedicated staff (Ms. Mah, Mr. Lombardi and Ms. Miller) for organizing and coaching this opportunity for students. Stay tuned for information in the new year regarding the upcoming basketball season.



### PAC UPDATES:

Hello Champlain Families,

As we gear up for Winter Break, we would love to take the time to thank the volunteers who have lent a helping hand so far this school year. Whether it was for the bake sale, hot chocolate sale, Hallowe'en Dance or any other event, we THANK YOU!

Your PAC has been working hard behind the scenes with fundraisers for this fall. We are trying to raise funds to help pay for performances, field trips, class supplies and tech. Our current fundraisers are about to close for the holiday break so get your orders in fast!

Purdy's (closes Dec 1)

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/2171730-131706> account 64684



Winter Plants and Poinsettias: [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com) under Fundraisers. Closes Nov 30 for December delivery.

Spirit Wear closes this week: [www.pressingmatters.ca/champlainheights](http://www.pressingmatters.ca/champlainheights)



We will continue to have Hot Chocolate sales Dec 5 and Dec 12 so come warm up with a \$2.00 hot chocolate.



And our 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held Dec 19 for students during the morning portion of the day. We would love any help from volunteers who can mix and flip pancakes. Bonus if you have a griddle you can bring as well!

Our next meeting will be held at the Annex on Tuesday December 9 at 6:00pm. You can find previous minutes as well as our calendar on our website at: <https://www.champlainheightspac.ca>

If you have any questions, you can email pac at [pac.champlain@gmail.com](mailto:pac.champlain@gmail.com).

**Attached: Champlain Heights Community Centre December newsletter**



### **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:

<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.