

Champlain Heights Newsletter – January 2026

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*van Gogh inspired Art
div. 8*

Happy New Year!

Hello Champlain Heights Families. We hope that this finds you well. We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the **School Wide Readathon**. The winning classes and students are listed below. The participation rate was good overall, and it was a successful fundraiser. \$4,824.15 (minus prize expenses) was raised for the Champlain Heights PAC. For more information on how the PAC supports the school and student activities, feel free to subscribe to the emailed PAC updates and read the PAC meeting minutes. The added benefit from our Readathon was that more children made daily reading a habit! As Literacy is a school goal at Champlain Heights this year, we are so pleased that this fundraiser was well received.

Please see the PAC update towards the end of this newsletter.

Important Dates to Note

- **Monday, Jan. 5** – Two week tennis lessons began during P.E. blocks (thank you for paying your fee online and submitting the permission form)
- **Tuesday, Jan. 13** – Killarney Leadership Student Presentation on Anti-Bullying
- **Friday, Jan. 23** – BC Lions Energy Champions assembly
- **Tuesday, Jan. 27** – PAC Meeting 6pm at Main school
- **Friday, Feb. 13** – Pro-D Day
- **Monday, Feb. 16** – Family Day statutory holiday
- **Wednesday, Feb. 25** – Pink Shirt Day assembly



WHAT'S NEW AT CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY?

Staffing Update

We would like to congratulate Ms. Forsyth, who was on educational leave from her SSA position most of the fall. She has now become a teacher in the district! We have a current posting for her vacancy as an SSA. We also said goodbye to Ms. Rajbeer who was assigned temporarily to our school to cover Ms. Forsyth's absence. Thank you both for your service to our school and students!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year Sept. 2026 began on Nov. 1, 2025. This is not first come first served, however, for priority placement, the **deadline to complete registration is January 31, 2026.**

Readathon

Congratulations to our Top Readers!

- K: Ophelia div. 13
- Gr. 1: Aaron div. 12
- Gr. 2: Gabby div 10
- Gr. 3: Teal div. 8
- Gr. 4: Cayden div. 6
- Gr. 5: Rylie div. 5
- Gr. 6: Mattias div. 4
- Gr. 7: Christopher div. 1



The book prizes have been ordered. The primary class with the most minutes read was Division 9 Ms. Wasserman (16,973 minutes) and the intermediate class with the most minutes read was Division 4 Ms. Mah (16,881 minutes). The two classes with the highest participation rate were Div. 9 Ms. Wasserman and Div. 10 Ms. Renshaw/Ms. Chan's classes.

Weather Preparedness

With the temperature much lower than before the winter break and wet conditions, it is very important that students come to school every day with a change of clothes and warm footwear, a jacket and a hat/gloves/mittens. Need a winter coat? Mittens or gloves? Winter boots? Please contact 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.

Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

Stay updated:

Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](https://www.facebook.com/VancouverSchoolBoard)

Instagram: [@vsb39](https://www.instagram.com/vsb39)

X: [@VSB39](https://twitter.com/VSB39)

VSB website: vsb.bc.ca





*New Year aspirations
div. 13*

2026 Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal setting, and in providing individual students personalized support. The school will be conducting the Student Learning Survey at school this month and next with our Grade 4 and 7 students.

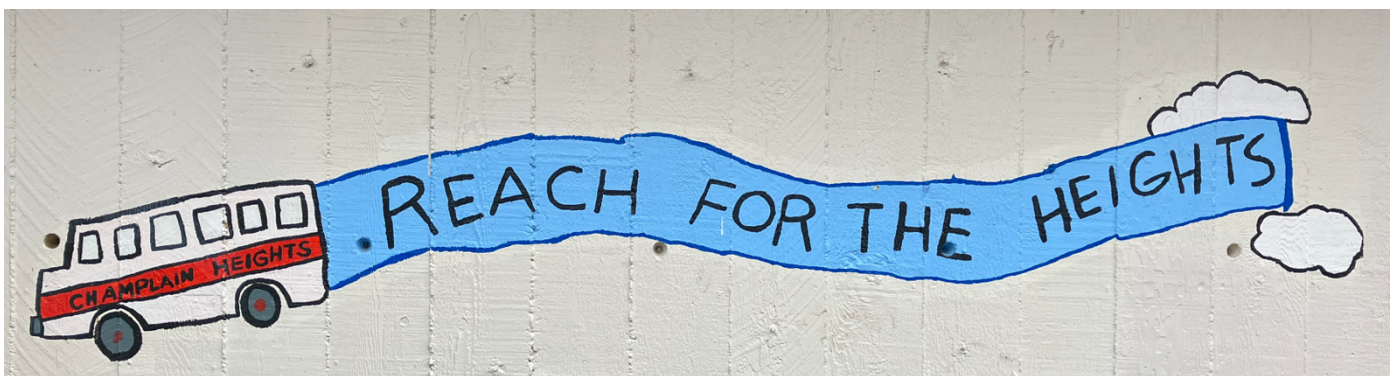
The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online at:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

It is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until May 1, 2026 and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada. For more information, please see the website above.

Athletics Update

Tuesday lunch hour floor hockey will continue this month every other week supported by our Youth and Family Worker Ms. Tricia Kay and our VPD School Liaison Officer. Congratulations to the girl's volleyball team and their coaches for placing third place in the city finals! The boys and girls' basketball season has just begun this week with morning practices already taking place.



PAC UPDATES:

Hello Champlain Families,

PAC would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a great Winter Break and are happy to be back in the swing of things.

PAC will be taking a bit of a break from events and sales in January but will be back with some events and sales in February. Stay tuned for future correspondence regarding those.

Our next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday January 27 at 6:00pm at the Main School. If you have any questions or ideas you can email us at pac.champlain@gmail.com

Welcome back everyone!



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:

<p>To Report Your Child’s Absence via <i>Telephone</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call 604-713-51592. 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.ca2. 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.