

Champlain Heights Annex News June 2021

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In June we celebrate National Indigenous History Month and National Pride month.

At Champlain Heights Annex We Acknowledge that we live, work and learn on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – the *skwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), *seɬwítulh* (Tsleil-Waututh), and *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) nations.

Principal: Nicholas Chu

Director of Instruction: Chris Stanger

Annex Vice Principal: Sharon Vieira

Superintendent: Suzanne Hoffman

CPAC Co-Chairs: Fatima Elamiri and Sarah Rosen

Trustee: Oliver Hanson

CPAC Annex Liaisons: Lori Aldcroft and Tais Bansal

June 2021

I want to share my deep gratitude and appreciation for all the members of the Champlain Heights Annex community. I am grateful for the support that you have provided the school over the past 3 and half years. I will truly miss this wonderful school community and will have many fond memories of my time here. The students, staff and families in this small but tight knit community are amazing and I will never forget what I have learned here.

I know that you will be in excellent hands with Ms. Amber Burma. She will be a wonderful leader at our school and brings a wealth of experience to her new role. We have been working together to ensure that she has knowledge of the many stories that make our school community so special. She will be visiting the school to meet with staff and students before the end of the year.

Good Byes

We will be saying a few good-byes to some of our Champlain Heights Annex staff this June. Ms. Reena Sian will be ending her temporary position here in the role of resource teacher at the end of June. We are so grateful for her support of student learning. Ms. Celina Calogero who has been a support staff in our school is going back to school in September to become a teacher. Ms. Talia Sorace who joined us for the last two months of school as a student support staff member will also be leaving our school and going onto university to get her teaching certificate as well. Finally, Ms. Laura Parsons is retiring and moving onto new and exciting adventures. We wish her the very best in her newfound freedom.

Thank you for all your patience and support through very different times. We will be in contact with families in the last week of August to let you know what the Vancouver School Board and the Ministry of Education have planned for school start up in September. The Champlain Heights Annex staff team wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,
Ms. Sharon Vieira
Vice Principal, Champlain Heights Annex

**Join our students and staff to sing in healing on
Wednesday June 9th at 11:10am**

'Songs Are Our Healing' Live

From the VSB Indigenous Education Department

Everyone welcome and encouraged to virtually attend!

On May 24th we all became aware that the remains of 215 children were found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School site on the Tk'emlups te Secwépmc Nation.

This week the revelation of this national tragedy brought us together in deep sadness for and acknowledgment of the 215 children whose remains have been found, and in support for those in the Indigenous Education Department, intergenerational survivors and community members impacted by the devastating news and the lasting impact of the residential school system. We wore orange to express our solidarity. Flags were lowered to acknowledge and pay respect.

Song and singing are very important to Indigenous Communities. 'As we have been taught, 'the more we sing, the more we heal'. On June 9th, 215 hours will have passed, and we invite you to sing with us:

On Wednesday June 9th we are inviting our Learning community to join us in this virtual healing time:

When: 11:10-11:30

Where: Link to the Livestream the More we sing the more

heal: <https://youtu.be/UoPYNFKaaxs>

Program:

- Opening remarks – Indigenous Education Department
- 2 minutes 15 seconds of silence
- Songs led by the Indigenous Education Department: Chief Dan George Song, Cherokee Morning Song (words attached)
- Closing remarks – Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent

The content is developmentally appropriate for all age groups and the length of time of the event was chosen to be cognizant of our younger students. We are always mindful about the emotional safety of our community, please share the details of the event with Counselling staff, in case a student(s) needs support.

This is a community event so please feel free to share the link with members of your broader community. The song sheets can also be shared. We dedicate this event to the 215 children and families of the Secwépmc and Nlaka'pamux peoples. The more we sing, the more we heal.

Is your child moving to a new school for September 2021?

If you have not notified the School office already please do so as soon as possible. You can email Mr. Lee directly at pelee@vsb.bc.ca

Thank you to Champlain Heights Annex Parent Advisory  Committee for all your amazing support. Thank you for attending the zoom meetings and your support raising funds for our school.

2021 NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM-Elementary

This form is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school LATER THAN noon on **Thursday September 9, 2021**, but prior to **Thursday, September 30, 2021**.

Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on September 9, 2021, your child's space will be given to another student on the waitlist.

Please ask Mr. Lee to send home a late return form with your child to ensure that we have a spot for you September 2021 if you know you are going to be returning late.

pelee@vsb.bc.ca or call 604-713-4880

Thank you!

Summer Reading Club is going ahead this year as planned!

This summer's theme is Crack the Case! **The BC Summer Reading Club is FREE**

Summer Reading Club is back at Vancouver Public Library! This fun and free program for school-aged children launches on June 14 and registration details have been added to our VPL Kid's Website<<https://www.vpl.ca/kids>>.

Also, check out Our

SRCVideo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLZlshAvzh4><<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLZlshAvzh4>> .

This year's theme is Crack the Case! To participate, all you need to do is set a goal and try out multiple library challenges that will take you through the whole summer - like listen to a story, attend a virtual library program, or, of course... read something! Once your challenges are complete, visit your local library to pick up a medal. You may also pick up a print Reading Record package from your local VPL branch, in addition to registering online.



Art Cards Fundraiser

Your child will be bringing home a sample of their **personal card art** with information on how you can order more of these cards as a fundraiser for our school.

We are pleased to offer 3 packages for your consideration:

- 6 Art Cards for \$6.00,
- 12 Art Cards for \$10.00 (over 15% savings)
- 24 Art Cards for \$15.00 (over 35% savings)

Purchases are through online payment only when you receive the form and card please log into <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> or <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/online-payment> and follow the directions to the School Cash Online page. You will also find a 'Pay Fees' button on the Champlain Annex website

Thank you for your support.
Mr. Peter Lee

We will be sending out a September opening timeline later in June so please stay tuned. This will also include a kindergarten gradual entry timetable as well.

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June is Pride Month and Indigenous History Month						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Welcome to Kindergarten bag pickup • 11-12pm • 3-4pm	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 National Indigenous day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Last School Day Report Cards sent home Teams assembly Good-Bye Grade 3s Have a safe summer!	30			