## **Champlain Heights Annex**

## March 2021

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At Champlain Heights Annex we acknowledge that we live, work, learn and play on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples the skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xwmə0kwəyəm (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 Aldercroft and Tais Bansal** 

### **Dear Champlain Annex Families,**

Our students and staff are preparing for the upcoming Parent and teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity for the children to express their pride and understanding of all the concepts they are learning at school. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday March 10 or Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> through MS Teams.

Ms. Ostonal, our resource teacher, has recently begun her maternity leave from school. We wish her all the best during this exciting new chapter in her life and thank her for her exceptional support of student learning. We are working with the school district to have a temporary resource teacher replace her until the end of June.

#### **Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution:**

As we work with students to build new friendships and include others in their play, we also continue to teach them problem solving skills with their peers. Our school has a deep commitment to create and maintain a welcoming, safe and nurturing environment.

As a school team we work with students to feel confident about using their voices to ask others to respect their boundaries and to treat them with respect and kindness. Student growth in social and emotional learning skills speaks to the great work that our families and staff are doing to support our students' knowledge and practice. Here are some further thoughts on conflict resolution versus mean behaviour and bullying that are helpful when talking to children about social problem solving:

### The Vancouver School Board identifies 3 types of conflict: Peer Conflict; Mean Behaviour and Bullying:

1)Peer conflict occurs among children that play together regularly; have equal power; are able to work out a difficulty (with support at times); have a desire to solve the dispute and often occurs due to frustration which results in hurtful words or a physical act.

**2)Mean Behaviour** occurs when children try to assert themselves in inappropriate ways. They may call other students names; budge in line or take items of others. These actions are **not planned**; are **not targeted** at a specific student (random) and the student demonstrates remorse or regret when the incident is discussed with school staff.

### 3) Bullying Behaviour has 3 identifying features.

- There is a **Power Imbalance** where one student has 'power' over others due to age; size; social status.
- There is **an Intention to Harm**. The student's intent is to harm or hurt another student; it is not accidental, and it is not random.
- The 3rd feature is that the **behavior is Repeated**. The student's actions have continued over time; the intensity of the actions is increasing and there is a real or implied threat that the behavior will not stop. At Champlain Annex we work hard to identify and correct inappropriate behaviours and not label students but work to build constructive conversations to support student learning.

We appreciate all the conversations we have with our families and are grateful for all your support. Please continue to connect with us when you have a concern that is unanswered.

Thank you for the great work you do supporting your child's growing social skills.

Sharon Vieira, Vice Principal, Champlain Heights Annex

# Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday March 10 & Thursday March 11

All students will be dismissed early at 2:00 pm on both days

## A CPAC Fundraising Message:

# Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

### Can you help us reach our fundraising goals?



We get 25% back in fundraising profits from every sale and you get chocolates crafted in Canada with premium-quality ingredients and 100% sustainable cocoa.

Thank you for your support!

Browse the online catalogue to purchase chocolates a

https://fundraising.purdys.com/1036272-83587

All orders can be submitted online through this link

Orders are due by March 22.

Orders will be sent home with students at

school the week of March 31st

Thank you!!!

### A Special Thank you to the Champlain Heights Annex Parent Advisory Team.

With their fundraising efforts we have been able to offer students a variety of resources such as:

- New Literacy Books that support daily reading instruction.
- New Indigenous Books for our library.
- Sensory furniture such as "wobble stools" that support focus for busy bodies.

All families are encouraged to attend the zoom chat.







# **Champlain Heights Annex**

| Sunday | Monday                        | Tuesday            | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                     | Friday       | Saturday |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|----------|
|        | 1                             | 2                  | 3   | 4                            | 5            | 6        |
| 7      | 8                             | 9                  | 10 2:00pm dismissal Conferences             | 2:00pm dismissal Conferences | 12           | 13       |
| 14     | Spring Break<br>School closed | Spring Break       | Spring Break                                | Spring Break                 | Spring Break | 20       |
| 21     | Spring Break                  | 23<br>Spring Break | Spring Break                                | Spring Break                 | Spring Break | 27       |
| 28     | 29                            | 30                 | 31  |                              |              |          |
|        | Welcome<br>Back               |                    | Purdy's<br>Chocolate<br>orders sent<br>home |                              |              |          |

| April 2021 |                                     |         |           |          |                           |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Sunday     | Monday                              | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                    | Saturday |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|            |                                     |         |           | 1        | Good Friday School Closed | 3        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4          | 5<br>Easter Monday<br>School Closed | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9                         | 10       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11         | 12                                  | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16                        | 17       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18         | 19                                  | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23                        | 24       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25         | Pro D<br>No Students                | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30                        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |

March Art Gallery (many great works are still in progress!)













