

# École Capitol Hill



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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Spring has finally arrived and as we are planning for all of our upcoming events and activities for a busy last term, I would like to highlight a few of them. First of all, our grade 4-7 Capitol Hill Track team who have been busy practicing after-school and attending preliminary meets will be attending an all day Awards meet this Thursday, May 4th at Swangard Stadium. Our Leadership team has been busy organizing their Change 4 Change Fundraiser which will take place the week of May 8-12. Our Library will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair May 17th and 18th. We are well on our way in organizing our Sports Day which will take place on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The last term will fly by and we are already starting to plan for the 2017-2018 school year. Kindergarten registrations are still being accepted. If you know of any children who were born in 2012 and live in our catchment area, please encourage their parents to come to the school and register for Kindergarten as soon as possible. We will also begin the task of having preliminary discussions for class placement of our Grades 1-7 students in June. We would encourage parent input in this process (please see page 2 of this newsletter for further information).

May is a time when all of us tend to get outdoors more and take the opportunity to get more physically active. As parents and educators we understand the importance of a healthy, active lifestyle to promote good physical and mental health for children. Regular physical activity is important for the proper growth and development of the body. It has been demonstrated that physically fit children learn faster and more easily than those whose fitness level is much below accepted standards. Students, who feel good, feel better about themselves and get along better with their peers as a result. Children who are physically active require nutritious food to maintain their energy and build muscles. We encourage everyone to take part in daily physical activities together as a family and get into good healthy eating habits from an early age.

Wally Kanno  
Principal

### PAC Executive

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## SEPTEMBER, 2017 STUDENT PLACEMENTS

The first step in this process is that the school district examines the projected enrolment for our school and then determines how many teachers will be assigned to the school staff. With this information the Principal, and Head teacher, along with the staff, must create the organization of classes and placement of the students. In doing so we will plan to stay within class limits and use our professional judgement to place students in an environment in which we believe they will thrive. It is a challenging and time consuming task and one which we take very seriously. Combined classes (sometimes called split classes) will undoubtedly occur. This is partly to accommodate the number of children we must have in each class. However, we must add that we also believe that this type of class setting can serve the learning needs of students very well. **We will not be able to accommodate requests for single grade classes or for specific teachers.**

In developing class lists, many different factors are taken into consideration. Your child's current teacher will be present at all meetings and he/she will provide a year's worth of current insight. Also involved are other classroom teachers, our support staff, administration, EA's and other professionals will provide input in this very complex process. Our staff consider many variables when creating classes for the following year.

Some of these considerations are:

- Individual students' learning style and needs
- academic achievement
- fair distribution of students with special needs
- leadership skills,
- students' relationship with peers
- social and emotional needs
- a balance of male/female
- class size limits

Throughout the year, teachers become increasingly aware of your child's needs both through daily interactions and discussions with you. Parental input while not required, is welcome, and we will certainly add parent information to the discussion about student placement. The kind of input that is most helpful is information about the specific learning needs of your child(ren) or the type of environment which you believe would best suit these needs. We ask that if you do have a preference for a specific type of learning environment that you **submit a September Placement Information Form to the Principal by June 2nd** . This is a **new** form and can be obtained from our school office. The form will be shared with the teaching staff while the new classes are being created. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Kanno at 604-664-8637.

## Burnaby Summer Session 2017 (July 10—27)

We will once again be a Burnaby **Summer Session** site here at Capitol Hill. The three week summer session will run from **July 10 to July 27**. There will be a number of courses available in both English and French. The classes will be held in the mornings (9:00 - 12:15) and in the afternoons (12:45—4:00). Online registration for these courses has begun this past month, and can be accessed through our district website (<https://sd41.bc.ca>). There is no charge for the morning courses if your child is a student registered for school in British Columbia with a PEN (Personal Education Number). There is a charge for the afternoon classes. You will need your child's PEN to register for a summer session course. The PEN can be found on your child's report card (on the label under his or her name). If you do not have your child's PEN, please contact our school office for assistance. We encourage all of you to register for these courses as soon as possible to ensure that you have a spot, or conversely to ensure that the class is not cancelled due to lack of registration.

## Capitol Hill School Phone Number Change

Our phone system at Capitol Hill will be changing over on May 25th. Because of this new system, our phone number will be changing (**effective May 25th**) to :

# 604 296-9006

Please update your records

## PAC Meeting

Our Parent Advisory Council will be holding their next meeting on **Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm**. All PAC meetings are held in our school library. Please put this in your calendars and plan to attend.

## School Closure Day

**Monday, May 22nd — Victoria Day**

**NO SCHOOL**



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 District Awards Track Meet 9:30-2:30 Swangard	5	6
7	8	9 Gr. 7 Band Festival	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Book Fair	18 Book Fair	19 Sport's Day	20
21	22	23	24 Welcome to Kindergarten 1:00pm	25 Staff Appreciation Luncheon  New Phone # 604 296-9006	26	27
28	29	30	31 Month End Assembly 11:00am			

\* Please Note: Calendar, dates and times are subject to change

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## École Capitol Hill Comments

*We would like to know the Newsletters are being read at home by parents and students. Please fill in the information below and return it to the school and your child(ren) will have a chance to win a prize at our monthly draw. As always, your comments are welcome.*

I have read the Newsletter Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments on any topic are most welcome:

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