



# Canyon Heights E-News

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**September 10, 2011**

## Welcome Back!

A huge 'welcome' to all of our students, parents, and staff as we begin our 2011-2012 school year. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and rejuvenating summer. We look forward with great anticipation to another enjoyable year of working with our Canyon Heights students and parents.

## Communication

Over the next few weeks, you will be required to provide information to the school. One of the important pieces of information we will need is your email address. We will continue to use the email system to communicate to the parent community. There will be more details to follow in future newsletters. Stay tuned.

Also, the Canyon Heights website has the most updated information, including an interactive calendar. So, bookmark it today – [www.canyonhts.ca](http://www.canyonhts.ca).

## Sick Children



Please remember to call in the reason for your child's absence when reporting them absent on our call-back system (604-903-3290). The Health Department has specific guidelines for the schools to report illness – we must let the Health Department know if we have more than 10% of our student body absent who exhibit symptoms of fever, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.

## Class Arrangements

The district received numerous new registrations over the summer and we have received many new students. Our final organization of classes is dependent on the placement of these students. It is important to remember there is still the possibility of classroom/division reorganization right up until September 30<sup>th</sup> although we remain very hopeful this will not happen.

**Initial class placements are done in May and June by the student's current teacher in collaboration with grade group teachers and, when appropriate, our learning support staff, Principal and counselling staff. During this process staff take into consideration the many factors that affect classroom organization. These are again reviewed in late August and September. Once a child has been assigned to a class, unless there are exceptional extraordinary circumstances, placement is considered to be final.**

## Traffic Safety

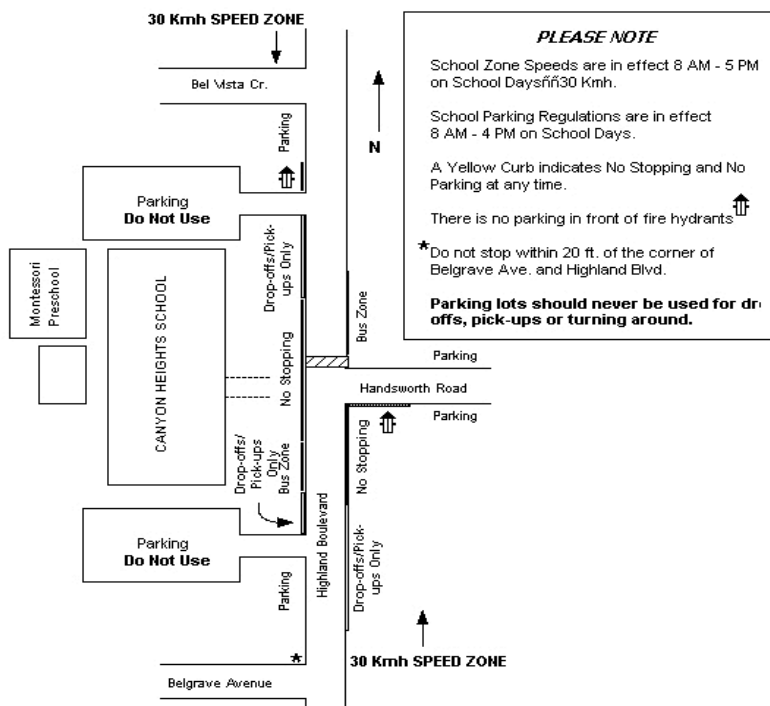
Traffic safety around the school is always a concern particularly during the first weeks of school when we are getting used to being back into regular routines and we have families new to the school who are not as familiar with our area. Please be respectful of our crossing guards who are on the corner of Handsworth Rd. and Highland Blvd. each morning and afternoon and work very hard to ensure the safety of our students.

**Drivers:** If you drive your children to Canyon Heights, **PLEASE** exercise extreme caution in our School Zone and pay attention to the following considerations:

**If you must park to drop-off and/or meet your child, please park on Handsworth Road and walk to the school. If your child is not waiting for you in a drop-off/pick-up area, please drive around the block.**

Many staff members are also arriving and leaving work during these busy times and it is important for them to have easy access their parking. **Please do not block the parking lot entrances.** Small children in parking lots create a dangerous situation – please **do not** use the staff parking lots to pick up/drop off your children.

#### CANYON HEIGHTS TRAFFIC SAFETY MAP



## Addressing Concerns

We recognize that sometimes there may be a question or concern regarding your child's academic program at school. The North Vancouver School District Policy 406 highlights those procedures. At the school level, it simply means that concerns should be first addressed with the classroom teacher. The exception is anything to do with the immediately safety of children. These should be reported immediately to the office and/or administration.

## Starting On Time...



Responsibility is a virtue that we expect to see at school and in the community. As families settle in to their daily routines, we are hoping that all students will be starting their school day on time. Students are expected to be in their classes and ready to start the day by the second bell at 8:42. Learning to arrive on time is very important and establishes a life long habit. Teachers expect students to be in their classroom and ready to start by the 8:42AM bell (10:07AM on Mondays). Please help your children begin their day with the rest of their classmates by arriving on time.

## Call Back

If your child will be late or absent please take a minute to call the call-back number (which is available 24-7) **604-903-3292**. **Please let us know the reason your child is absent (ie. cold, flu, appointment etc.)** If you are call after 9:00AM please just call the school office (604-903-3290). This makes it easier for us to account for the safety of all our students each day.

## Canyon Heights Band Schedule

Beginners:

Monday at 9:40 AM  
Thursday at 10:45 AM  
(all classes in the multi-purpose room)

Continuing:

Monday: 9:00 AM  
Thursday: 11:25 AM  
(all classes in the multi-purpose room)