



Canyon Heights E-News

Our actions re **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE**

November 10, 2010

Head Lice

Typically the fall months bring an annual problem of head lice and this year appears to be no different. Reporting head lice to the school plays a key part in minimizing the spread of head lice. Your report generates a letter home to the class involved. From this point on, vigilance is key – if you have received a letter home indicating head lice in your child’s class, please be vigilant in checking your child’s head on a daily basis and, if necessary initiating treatment immediately. If you should find head lice on your child, please follow, thoroughly, all of the instructions which are sent home. If lice are found on a child at school, parents will be called and the student will be sent home. Once treatment has started the may return to school. We all appreciate your co-operation to tackle what seems to be a larger than normal problem this year.

Parent Teacher Interviews

First term report cards will be going home with students on Monday, November 29th. Parent/teacher interviews will take place as follows:

- Tuesday, November 30th – 2:00 – 7:00PM
- Wednesday, December 1st – 2:00 – 4:00PM
- Thursday, December 2nd – 2:00 – 4:00PM

Students will be dismissed at 1:50 PM on all three days. Please be sure that any after school caregivers and babysitters are advised of the early dismissal times.

Signup sheets for parent/teacher interviews will be posted on the office ‘window’ on Tuesday, November 23rd. The school will be open until 5:30PM that evening and Wednesday November 24th for parents who wish to come in on the way home from work to sign up.

Report cards provide information about your child's progress at school. The parent/teacher conference is an important opportunity to further discuss specifics about your child’s progress and/or issues that have been noted.

Kindergarten Registration

January 12, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Parent Information Session Lucas Centre Gymnasium 2132 Hamilton Avenue, North Vancouver BC
January 24, 2011	Registration for all kindergarten programs begins
January 31, 2011	Registration and transfer requests for Grades 1 to 12 begins

Dance in Schools

Thank you to PAC for bringing Dance in Schools back to Canyon Heights this year. Students will all be able to participate in this week-long program the week of November 22nd. Friday afternoon, November 26th will see our students performing at a special “Dance Assembly”.

Spare Clothes

We are in need of ‘spare clothing’ for those little accidents that happen during the school day—particularly at this time of year when a fall results in some pretty wet clothing. If you have track-type pants size 6–10 that your child has outgrown that you are able to donate, please pass them along to the office to cover us for those odd occasions when parents are unable to rescue us with dry clothing. Thanks so very much the “Office Mums”

The Calendar is back ...

Our website woes have, for the most part been fixed with a recent District upgrade. A new, regularly updated calendar is no back as part of the Canyon Heights website – www.canyonhts.ca . The calendar and “This Week” are great places to check for upcoming events.

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety around our school is always a concern particularly during the darker, more inclement weather we will experience in the coming winter months. 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.

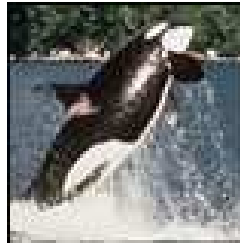
Water Wizards

Hi Canyon Heights Families,

We are the “Water Wizards”, your Canyon Heights Conservation Team. We are students in grades 3,4 and 5 and who meet every Thursday lunchtime. This year we are working on water and how to keep it clean.

We have adopted a whale named “Surf” through the Vancouver Aquarium. We were able to adopt him through the money raised by Ms Kan and her team of recyclers (Ms. Kan is our teacher sponsor). We want to help Surf and his water friends have a safe and clean place to live. Have you seen our mascot in the display case?

Surf (A66) - a teenage male killer whale born in 1996 to Sonora (A42). He patrols the waters off northern Vancouver Island and the mainland north coast as far as southeast Alaska.



We performed a skit at the October Target Assembly about the things we like to do in CLEAN WATER. We are starting to learn about how to conserve water.

Did you know that running a tap while brushing your teeth uses 12 litres of water and when you turn it on and off it only uses ¾ litre? – Well, we do!!!!

We are looking forward to more experiments, more learning and more Clean Water!
And remember

Every Thursday is Litterless Lunch Day

Grade 7 Fundraiser

The grade 7's are raising funds to help defray the expenses of their special field trips. Visit the Canyon Heights website for further information and the link to order your Christmas Poinsettias – www.canyonhts.ca

Canyon Heights PAC News

October was a busy month for the PAC!

Hot lunches restarted with the additional of a new option, Sushi Day, as well as the regular favorites. We have a great team of parent volunteers and grade 7s distributing the lunches every Wednesday - Thank you!

The **Parent Directory** was distributed to all via e-mail - We hope you find this resource useful. An updated Directory will be sent out soon to include any families new to the school. Please let Kathy McKinnell, our communication's coordinator know if you have any changes.

A very successful **Parent Social** was held in October at Mosquito Creek Bar and Grill with over 90 parents in attendance; many stayed into the small hours, dancing the night away! It was a fun evening and raised over \$1000 for the PAC

Many families attended the **Family Photo night**, raising further funds for the PAC. Our thanks to Lori Brandstrom for co-coordinating this event again; it raised over \$800. It's her final year at the school, so if anyone would like to take over this role please let us know.

Our Fundraising Team launched their new initiative - **The Magazine Fundraiser**. Over the course of 2 weeks you generously purchased over 360 subscriptions which made a staggering \$3800 profit for the PAC. We hope you found it a real winning fundraiser; not only did you get fantastic value on your magazine subscriptions, but also raised so much money for the school! All the children were offered fruitiscles at recess last week as a thank you for their selling activity. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Division 4, Mrs Winterbottom's class, and Division 8, Ms Kan's class, on winning a pizza lunch for selling the most magazines. Date to be announced.

November sees the start of the **Noon Hour Activities**. Our new Noon Hour Coordinator, Sandy Therrien, has brought some new options to the school including Art Mania and Bella Ceramica, as well as familiar activities such as Hip Hop Dance, Chess and Kid's Yoga. The programme for next term will be available for on-line bookings in December.

Thank you to all who attended the **Family Movie Night on Friday November 5th**. A packed gym was enthralled watching the new movie release. Popcorn and water was on sale from our PAC Social Team - it was a great family event.

Some PAC Events for your Diary

Christmas Sing-a-long in the Gym Thursday 9th December starting at 7pm - Bring your blankets and your singing voices for this family event. Christmas Cookies will be provided by the PAC.

A Talk by Barry MacDonald: Parent Education Event Wed Feb 9th 7-9 pm: Barry MacDonald is an educator and Registered Clinical Counsellor who is a champion for strong families, strong schools, and an advocate for boys. A sought-after speaker and authority on boys and learning, he has worked with parents, educators, and youth for over twenty-five years, nationally and internationally. More details to follow including a link to on-line booking for tickets to attend this great event.

The funds raised by the PAC go towards enhancing your child's school, their learning environment and providing opportunities on top of the curriculum.

Amongst the future **PAC sponsored events** this school year are:

- **Dance in Schools** for all grades - returning for the third year.
- **Drama Workshop** for all grades - more details in the new year .
- **Gym Sense** - A programme for all grades to learn new gymnastic skills.

We are also supporting various performance groups including a Folk Duo called the **Wheat and the Barley** who will share their music at a school assembly in December. In the New Year, the PAC are sponsoring a **Song-Writing Workshop** for Grade 4.

The PAC have also increased their donation to the **School Field Trip Funds** providing \$15 per child towards field trip costs over this school year.

We thank you for your generous support - without you we could not put on such great events and give our children many fantastic opportunities at Canyon Heights School.

Enjoy

Canyon Heights PAC



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