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### Mission Statement

The Capilano School Community will work together to provide learning opportunities that will enable students to develop as creative and inquiring individuals who are inspired to be lifelong learners and globally responsible citizens.

### Vision Statement

We provide a supportive learning environment that values diversity, promotes success and personal growth, and inspires students to become global citizens who accept responsibility for their learning.

### Have a Happy and Safe Summer Vacation

As our school year winds down we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students on their accomplishments and efforts throughout the year. We are excited to see that students have become enthusiastically engaged in their learning in the IB units of inquiry, and have increasingly carried their learning into action projects. We hope all students carry their wonder and passion for learning with them into the summer.

We would like to also take this opportunity to recognize students who have contributed to our school in a variety of ways. We thank students for their commitment to service and leadership in: Lunch Monitoring, Peer Mediating, Fundraising, Recess Equipment Sign-Out, Jump Rope For Heart, and Spirit Council.

We would also like to recognize students who became actively involved in extra-curricular activities including: Band and Choir, Cross Country, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, Track and Field, and "Green" initiatives.

Last, but not least, we thank parents for their ongoing commitment to supporting children's learning and to Capilano school. Have a healthy, fun-filled, safe summer!!

### Final Week of School:

- June 28 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly 10:00 a.m.  
Grade 7 Tea (Grade 7s dismissed)
- June 29 Final day of school!!! Students dismissed at 10:00 a.m.; Report Cards sent home

### What's Happening In September:

- Sept. 5 Labour Day
- Sept. 6 School re-opens (students attend 8:50 - 9:30 a.m.)
- Sept. 7-13 Kindergarten gradual intake
- Sept. 14 First full day of Kindergarten
- Sept. 15 PAC BBQ 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 19 Cross Country Running Begins
- Sept. 22 Curriculum Night 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23 Terry Fox Run  
IB Planning Meeting (1:00 p.m. dismissal)
- Sept. 27,28 Grade 4s to NVOS Big House
- Sept. 30 Newsletter sent home

**\*\*Please note the September 23rd early dismissal after our Terry Fox event. This early dismissal was determined in consultation with PAC, SPC, Assistant Superintendent, and all Capilano staff. Students will have a "working lunch" (and short energy break) to reduce loss of instructional time. Teachers will spend the afternoon meeting to address and set goals associated with IBO PYP standards, practices, and curricular and programme requirements.**

## Public Librarian Visits

On June 6, students were treated to a visit from the librarian from Capilano Public library. Kids were challenged to join their Summer Reading Club called "[Savour Each Word](#)" Students can join as early as June 13 and if they can read for 50 days over the summer, they can earn a small prize!

## Library Books

Please have a careful look around the house and return any library books you find. These are important resources for our IB program. Thanks for your help.

- Lise Smith

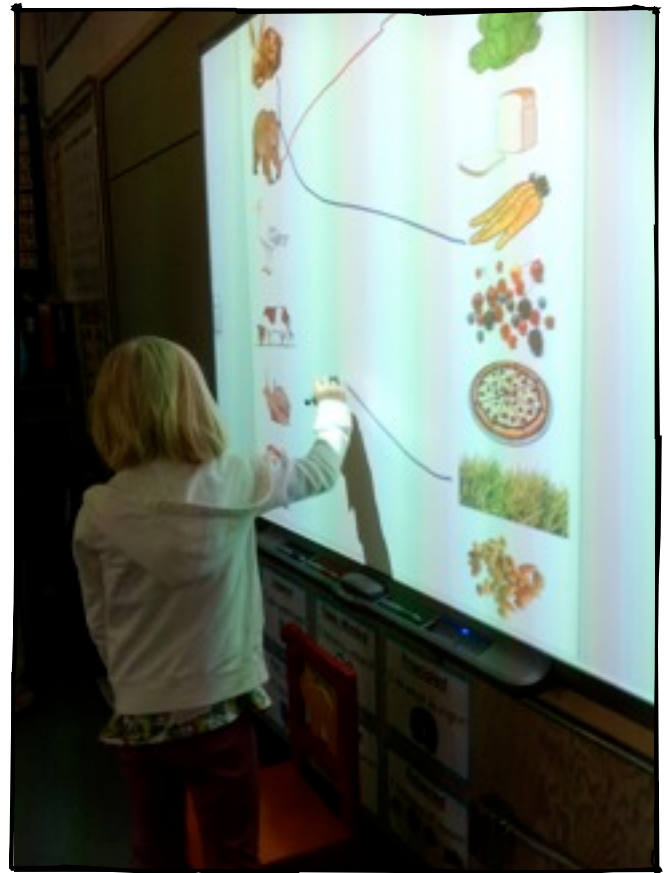


## Smart Boards Arrive

Recently, the Capilano PAC supported the purchase of two new Smart Boards for our school. Smart Boards are interactive touch screens that are attached to the wall like a traditional white board, but they are connected to the teacher's desktop computer and a wall mounted multimedia projector. These tools allow students and teachers to view whatever is on the computer screen, write and draw in different colours on the screen, save what is displayed on the whiteboard for later use, watch and hear DVD's, and interact with text and images in a hands-on way.

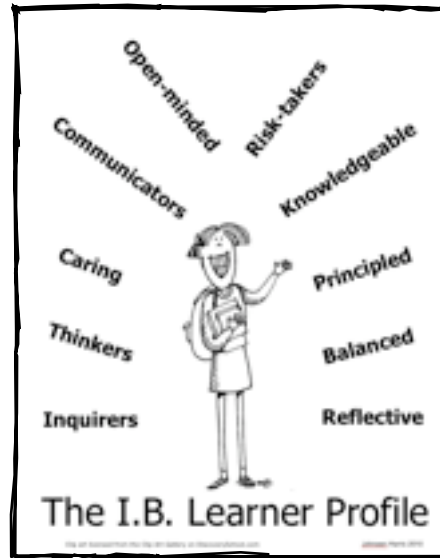
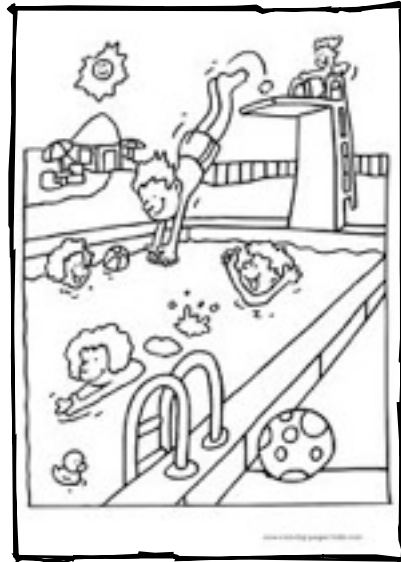
There are many benefits of having Smart Boards in the classroom. Teachers that have used them report that students are more engaged. This type of technology also supports students who are more visual learners. It has bright colours and clear images that traditional overhead projectors don't have. It is also helpful to tactile learners because they can get up and interact with what is on the screen with a touch of the finger or with a pen from the pen tray. Teachers note that it aids their teaching because they no longer need to copy teaching material onto plastic overhead transparencies. Teachers can save all work and lessons done on the Smart Board and easily post it to their webpages, refer back to in future lessons, or copy to provide students with review or catch-up if absent.

Two teachers volunteered to be 'mentor teachers' and are learning to use of Smart Boards in their classes: Mr. Andrews (Gr. 7) and Ms Doan (Gr.1). Other teachers are excited about their potential for improving instruction and practice and are looking forward to having the technology added to their rooms. At the last PAC meeting, those in attendance were treated to a Smart Board demonstration. The PAC voted to fund six additional Smart Boards for next year.



## IB Report

We had our last Parent IB Information Evening on May 26. In this session the parent participants a closer look at the Learner Profile and discuss how the attributes could be brought into everyday conversations during regular summer activities with kids. Here is the list they generated:



Making the PYP Happen 2009

Open-minded	Risk-taker	Principled	Caring	Knowledgeable
Traveling, baby sitting, day camps, playing with friends, art gallery, museum, mini-golf, sprinkler play, summer camps, picnic	Mountain biking, plane trips, beach, kayaking, biking, water sports, fruit picking	Baby sitting, gardening, playing with friends, cleaning, lawn mowing, mini-golf	Dog walking, baby sitting, gardening, road trip, staying up late, summer camps	Aquarium, Science World, reading, baby sitting, gardening, art gallery, museum, camping
Inquirer	Thinker	Communicator	Reflective	Balanced
Reading, camping, biking, ball hockey, summer camps, gardening, walks	Day trips, renovation, swimming, vacations, beach, video games, reading, mountain biking, hiking, museum, art gallery	Visits with family and friends, road trip, mini-golf, baby sitting, playing with friends, camping	Camp fires, camping, swimming, vacation, ball hockey, friend's houses, gardening, renovation, house cleaning, reading, baby sitting, hiking, mountain biking, swimming, roller blading, skate boarding	Museum, art gallery, swimming, gardening, skate boarding, roller blading, resting, water park, sleeping in, staying up late, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, swimming, golf

If you missed the presentation, you can view the powerpoint on the Capilano [website](http://www.capilanoschool.ca). Have a happy summer wherever your adventures take you!

## Concerts this Month:



### Will Stroet

On June 15, award winning children's musician Will Stroet visited Capilano. He energized the kids with a variety of music and dances in English, French, and Spanish. With a feel similar to a children's festival, kids of all ages were completely engaged and excited about singing in French and doing the actions to Will's songs. Many thanks to the Capilano PAC for supporting this event. For more information about Will Stroet visit his [website](#).



### Band & Choir

The students in Ms. Dunkley's Band and Choir classes delighted the school and parent audiences during their concerts held on June 22. Students performed for the school at 1:00 p.m, then again for parents at 7:00 p.m. During the afternoon performance, the grade four students in division 5 performed "Saturday Night" and division 6 performed "Purcell's Canon." The choir charmed the audience with "Do Re Mi." Parents were impressed with the lively rendition of "We Will Rock



You" performed by the beginner band and "Funky Town" performed by the senior band. Many thanks to all the parents and family members that attended the evening performance.

### Swanguard

On June 7th, many Capilano students took part in the North Vancouver School District's annual track and field meet at Swanguard stadium in Burnaby. The day began with a parade that included all the athletes from all the schools. The parade was led by Capilano's band (with the help of Ms. Dunkley). All of our athletes had a great showing. They worked hard and were great sports. Congratulations to all the musicians and athletes.



## Staff Appreciation Luncheon

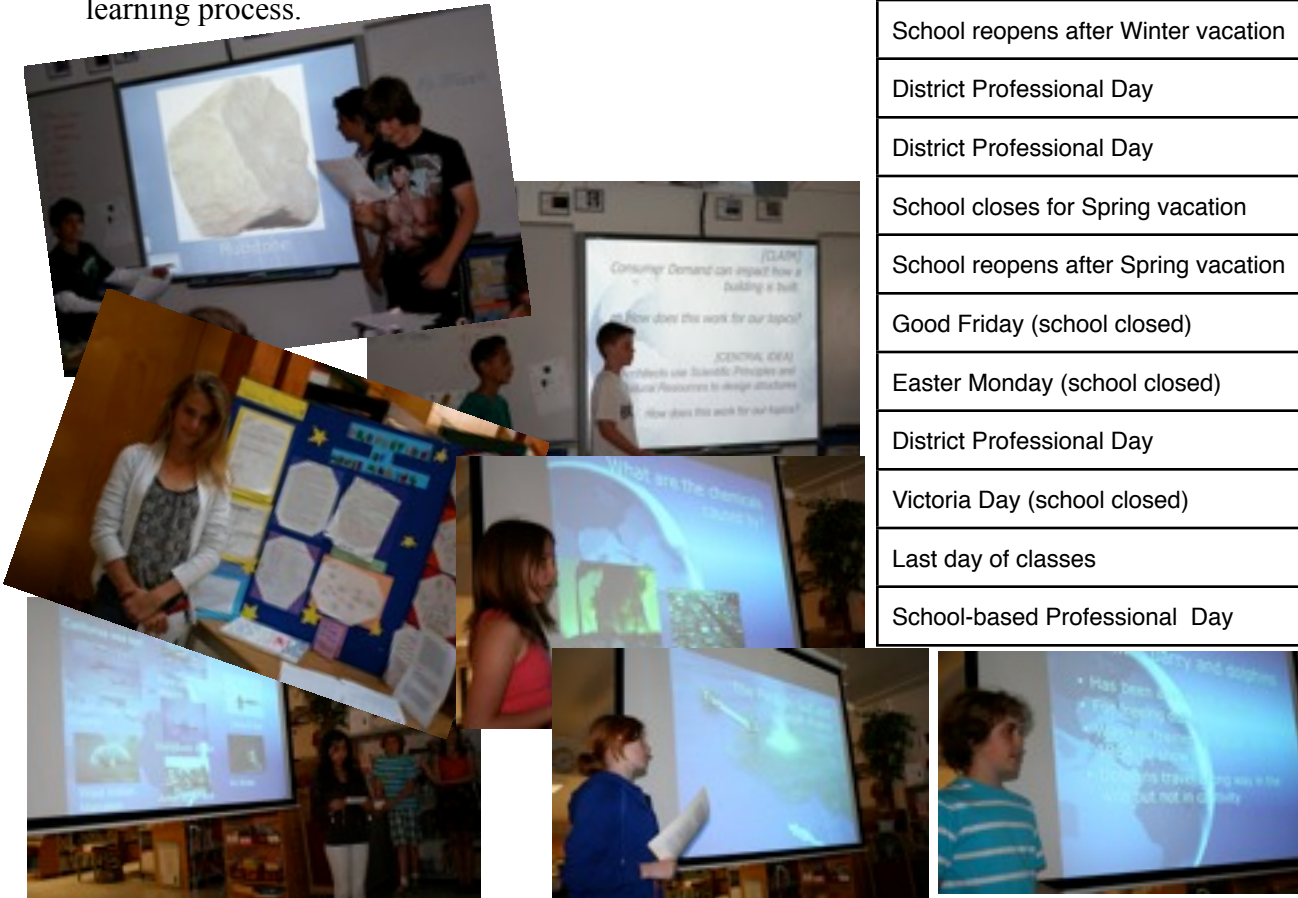
A huge thank-you to Sue Freedman for organizing the staff appreciation luncheon this past Wednesday. Teachers were treated to many amazing dishes. Thank-you as well to the parents who brought all the assorted dishes for the teachers to enjoy and to the parents who volunteered to supervise on the playground.

*Thank You*

## Grade 7 Exhibition

Today, the grade seven students presented Capilano Elementary's first IB exhibition. Students have been working on their projects for approximately five months. All the projects fall under the theme of "How the World Works". The exhibition is a student-driven research project that is a requirement of every students' experience in the IB PYP program. Students have to synthesize and exhibit all the elements of the PYP program including: the learner profile, the transdisciplinary theme, key concepts, transdisciplinary skills, attitudes and action. Many proud parents came to celebrate their learning as they made their final presentations to an audience. Many students had Power Point presentations or movies prepared, as well as, tri-fold posters that clearly showed the steps of their learning process.

School Calendar	Event
Days in session	193
School Opens	6-Sep-11
Early Dismissal for staff IB planning (students dismissed at 1:00 p.m.)	23-Sep-11
Early Dismissal for Child Abuse Prevention Training (1:45 p.m.)	4-Oct-11
Thanksgiving Day (school closed)	10-Oct-11
Provincial Professional Day	21-Oct-11
School-based Professional Day	10-Nov-11
Remembrance Day (school closed)	11-Nov-11
School closes for Winter vacation	16-Dec-11
School reopens after Winter vacation	3-Jan-12
District Professional Day	16-Jan-12
District Professional Day	24-Feb-12
School closes for Spring vacation	9-Mar-12
School reopens after Spring vacation	26-Mar-12
Good Friday (school closed)	6-Apr-12
Easter Monday (school closed)	9-Apr-12
District Professional Day	4-May-12
Victoria Day (school closed)	21-May-12
Last day of classes	27-Jun-12
School-based Professional Day	28-Jun-12



# IB ACTION

## Grade Two Students Take on Action Projects

Recently, all the grade two students have been involved in a unit of inquiry on how people's choices and actions impact air, water, and soil. Students worked in inquiry circles to research and learn more about one of the topics. After becoming experts on either air, water, or soil students planned and executed an action project where they could make a positive impact on air, water, or soil. Read the following page for a sampling of what the students decided to do.



## Coins For Uganda Update

Students in Mrs. Alexander's grade six class have recently completed a very successful coin drive for street kids in Uganda. Through their IB studies, students have been communicating with a member of the Canadian International Development Agency who was working with kids in Uganda. Once they realized what life was like for street kids in this region, the class knew they wanted to do something to help. They decided to educate the Capilano community with announcements in the morning and organize a coin drive to provide aid to these children. For the first week the grade sixes collected pennies and nickels, the second week they collected dimes and quarters, and in the final week they collected loonies and toonies. Altogether they raised well over one thousand dollars! Well done grade sixes!



# Capilano Kids Communicate

As part of the IB program, students at Capilano are consistently given opportunities to practice being “communicators.” People who are good communicators understand and express ideas confidently and creatively in a variety of ways. Here is what is going on at our school in the words of our students.

## Grade 2 Action Project



For our project, we are working on air pollution. Why are we working on air pollution? Well, because I thought that we would be good and I worked on it for inquiry circles, so I know a lot about it. We are making a book and a speech to go with it. C. and I work well together. We are so close to finishing. When we are done our book and speech, we will go to three classrooms and give them the book and present our speech.

**By Grade 2 student E.**

## Grade 2 Action Project



Hello! We are K., L. and R. and we are doing an action project that helps, air, water, and soil. We are going to ask for plants seeds for our action project. We would like to plant them around the school because they make oxygen. We are also making posters that say, “stop using weed killer.”

**By Grade 2 students K, L & R**

## Grade 2 Action Project



All the grade 2's are doing an action project about air, water, and soil. We are making a poster that can go up around the school and doing announcements to spread the information. Some examples of action projects are planting seeds and cleaning up garbage. On Thursday, June 23, we will be showing our posters to the other grade twos.

**By Grade 2 student T.**

# le coin français

As part of the IB program, students are required to learn a second language. Exposing students to languages other than their mother tongue provides an insight into and an appreciation of other cultures, and an awareness of other perspectives. Madame Todd, our french specialist teacher has put together “le coin français” (the French corner).

## **Our local French community:**

North Vancouver School District Summer School 2011 is offering Late French Immersion (for both non-immersion and those entering the Late immersion program). This program runs from July 5-28 at Carisbrooke Elementary from 9:00am – 11:30am. The program will focus on developing high frequency beginner French vocabulary and structures with activities centered on communication through games, art, music and physical activities. For registration information visit: <http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/~media/E38AA20EB53147A1AB18E14C36B6E538.ashx>

## **2011 Festival d'été:**

Visit the following link for information about the 22<sup>nd</sup> Festival d'été June 16 - 24 <http://www.lecentreculturel.com/>

## **Capilano French Wikispace:**

- Visit Capilano Elementary School maintained website: <http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/schoolsites/capilano.aspx>
- Click on “Divisions” top left
- Click on “French” (icon near top of page between LAC & Library links)



## **French Encouragement:**

French app for your ipod or other device: [Mindsnacks French](http://www.mindsnacks.com/). Interesting name but the free levels offer games with numbers, days, and months vocabulary. The full version is optional and content becomes increasingly more difficult. I suggest the free level for elementary students. The website link is <http://www.mindsnacks.com/> for more information.

## **Learn vegetable vocabulary in French (des legumes):**

[http://europschool.net/static/dico/fr/legumes/legumes\\_fr.html](http://europschool.net/static/dico/fr/legumes/legumes_fr.html)

When you drag your mouse over a vegetable image the corresponding word will be highlighted at the bottom of the page. If you click on the vegetable you will hear the French pronunciation.



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