



Principal: J. Wilson
 Vice Principal: J. Harris
 Admin. Assistant: K. Roberts

Telephone: 604-903-3370
 Callback: 604-903-3370
 Fax: 604-903-3371



May 27, 2011

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.

Being Reflective

As our school year comes to an end, it is a great time for students to be reflective. Being reflective means that students, “give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their own learning and personal development” (Making the PYP Happen 2007).

As adults, we sit back on reflect on our lives and learn from our experiences all the time. It is important for students to learn to do this as well. At this time of year, students can think back over the year and talk about what they learned or got better at. Students can also discuss their limitations so they can set new learning goals for the rest of this school year and longer term goals for next year. Children need to learn to reflect to celebrate their success and set new directions for their futures.



What's Happening Next Month:

- | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| May 30 | Professional Day |
| May 31 | Grade 4's leave for Bighouse |
| June 1 | Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 |
| | Grade 4's return from Bighouse |
| June 3 | Lunch: Hot dogs (pre-ordered) |
| June 6 | NV Public Librarian Visit |
| | CPAC Saleema Noon Meeting 7:00pm |
| June 7 | Swangard District Track & Field Meet |
| June 8-9 | Saleema Noon class visits |
| June 9-10 | Capilano Library Used Book Sale |
| June 10 | All library books due in for the year |
| | Lunch: Pizza (pre-ordered) |
| June 14 | CPAC Meeting 7:00pm |
| June 15 | Performance: Will Stroet (French) |
| June 17 | Lunch: Japanese (pre-ordered) |
| June 19 | Father's Day |
| June 20 | Lost & Found Items put on display |
| June 22 | Band & Choir Performance 1 & 7 pm |
| | Newsletter |
| June 28 | Grade 7 Assembly 10 am & Parent Tea |
| June 29 | Last Day of classes 10 am |

School Reminders:

- Please return Saleema Noon letter to your child's classroom teacher prior to June 3rd.

Student Placement

It is important that students learn to work and socialize in environments of diversity. This not only prepares them for life in the 21st century, but also allows individual talents to shine. Our teachers get to know their students very well during the school year, and do consider each and every student as an individual and part of the school community when considering placement.

Parents and guardians are understandably concerned that their child is placed in the best possible learning environment. With that in mind, if there is information about your child's unique learning needs that our staff would not already know, and that you would like us to consider in the placement process, please complete the form available on our website or at the school office by June 3. An accompanying letter or meeting with staff or administration is not required.

2011-2012 School Calendar

The North Vancouver School District used a survey to gather data regarding possible changes to the school calendar for the 2011-12 school year. The District Calendar Review Committee, presented a report on the data collected at the May 24th School Board meeting. The decision to include a two week spring break for the 2011-12 calendar year was approved by the School Board. Capilano's school 2011-12 calendar is now as shown at right.

School Fees

School Fees for the 2011-12 school year will include a \$35 kindergarten fee, for consumable classroom supplies, and a \$9 fee for student agendas. Student agendas must be pre-ordered. Please contact the school office by May 27th if you have not yet ordered an agenda for your child for next year and would like to do so. Other fees may include: Costs to cover field trips and outdoor school (Grades 3: \$140, Grade 4: \$95 and Grade 6: \$250).

School Supplies

Order forms have been sent home for pre-ordered school supplies through Edu-Pac. All orders are due in to the office on Monday, May 30th. If you would like to purchase next year's school supplies yourself, then keep the order form for your records.

School Calendar	Event
Days in session	193
School Opens	6-Sep-11
Early Dismissal for Child Abuse Prevention Training (1:45 pm)	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

New School Logos

A big thank-you to Sarah David for creating our new school logos. Sarah developed several versions of the corporate and sports logo and students voted on their favourites:



Capilano School Planning Council

A huge thank you to the parents on the School Planning Council (SPC), Lori Nobes, Emma Tymm-Nash, and Mary Charleson, for their valuable contributions to the creation of the 2011-12 school plan. The plan has been submitted to the District for review and will be presented to parents at the June PAC meeting.

Saleema Noon Visits

Saleema Noon, a highly regarded and respected Sexual Health/Body Science Educator, will be visiting Capilano again this year to give presentations to the students in Grades K-7 on **Wednesday, June 8th and Thursday, June 9th**. There will be a presentation for parents, to review what will be discussed in the classes, on June 6th at 7:00 pm in the Library. If you **DO NOT** want your child to attend the sessions planned for their class, you must **let your child's teacher know in writing** that you will be taking on responsibility for the delivery of the components of the Health and Career curriculum that will be covered. Students not participating will be supervised in another classroom during their class' session.

Kindergarten Orientation

Capilano will be welcoming three full classes of Kindergartens again for next year. These "in-coming" students and their parents have been invited to attend an orientation on the morning of June 1st, from 9:15 – 9:55 a.m. While parents are attending an information session, the new Kindergarten students will spend time in the Kindergarten classrooms, meeting the teachers and getting their first "taste" of what they will be experiencing next year.

Capilano Volunteers Recognized

Capilano Parent Volunteers were recognized our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea held Wednesday May 25th from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Parents enjoyed tea, coffee and treats while being sung to by the Primary Choir.

Capilano's Used Book Sale

Capilano will be hosting a used book sale in the Library on June 9 and 10. You can come by the Library at lunch or after school on Thursday, June 9. On Friday, June 10th, you can visit in the morning. Classes are welcome to visit the sale any time, and students can also come by at lunch. **All books are priced at only \$1.00 each !!** All funds raised will go towards replacing worn and well-read/damaged books that are currently part of Capilano's library collection and need to be replaced. Any books not sold will be donated to charity.

Contributions to the Book Sale:

Please bring in any old books you would like get rid of, to be sold at the book sale, by Wednesday June 1. Books for the book sale can be dropped off at the office or given to Mrs. Smith in the Library.

Track & Field

Track and Field season is coming to a close. Students are commended for their excellence in both their athleticism and sportsmanship. The "elimination" meets took place on May 18th and 19th, determining which students will be participating at the NV District meet at Swanguard Stadium on Tuesday June 7th. Parents of the Capilano students competing at Swanguard will be notified via a letter home with details for the day's events.

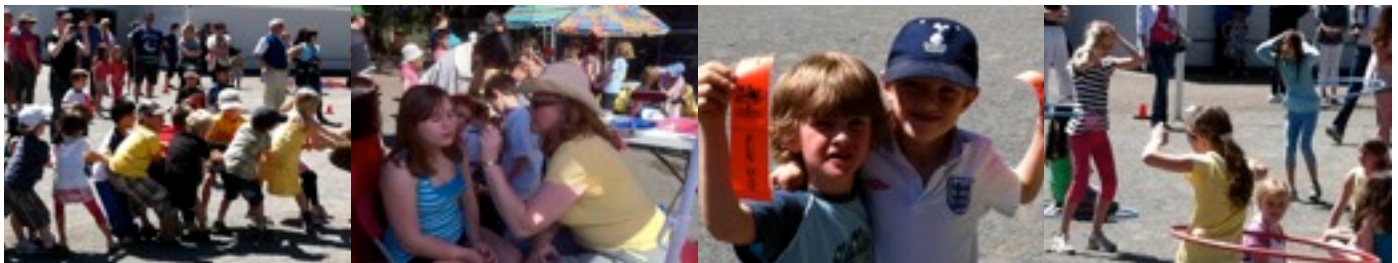


Flower Power

As you may have noticed, there have been some busy gardeners at Capilano, making our school grounds more beautiful. The crew consisted of primary students, parents and a neighbourhood friend, Arlene, who helped out by donating her time and some plants. This project was funded by PAC. We would also like to thank Gardenworks off Marine Drive who offered discounted prices and threw in a few freebies as well. Please take care when sitting or playing around these areas, especially by the playground. The plants were chosen for their hardiness, however they will need some extra TLC this summer to get them off to a good start. Thanks for helping to keep our gardens and grounds beautiful.

Fun Day

May 20th was "Fun Day" at Capilano and students were treated to a carnival style day with a variety of activities. The day began with all classes on the field singing "O Canada" and then parading with their class around the field. Then, students could choose from a variety of activities that included face-painting, dress-up races, limbo, scooter races, and many more. Students received a much appreciated frozen treat from the PAC at recess and then continued to visit the many activities. After a brief break for lunch, students gathered once again on the field for running races (slow-motion walking race for the grade 6's), hoola-hoop contests and tug-o-war! The brilliant sunshine just added to the excitement and good times had by all.





Teachers Visit Other IB Schools



A number of Capilano teachers were able to go and visit other IB schools and classes to observe. Teachers went to West Bay, Cypress Park, or Brockton. Teachers reported that they came back with a number of ideas but most importantly with a feeling of success that Capilano is providing an excellent IB experience for kids.

Lego Robotics



Many students in grades 2 through 6 have been coming to school a little bit early on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to take part in Capilano's first Lego Robotics program. This paid program allows students to learn to build drills, windmills, zip lines, cranes, and more. As students develop a progression of skills



they move on to more difficult creations. These include motorized models and models that use computers to program their actions.

Tap & Company

On May 19th, Tap and Company visited Capilano and wowed the audience with their fast feet! This group of Vancouver youths performed a 45 minute show that was funny, entertaining, and informative. Students learned about famous tap dancers, special tap moves, and different types of percussion from Professor T.A.P.!



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 3 Outdoor School



We grade 3's went to outdoor school from May 11th to May 13th. It was a place near Squamish. We did farm chores, set the tables, played games, had a campfire, and lots more. One of the favourite things was feeding the goats. It was a good experience living in nature. We could also see humming birds in the forest. While we were at the pond for a field study, someone even caught a salamander! The food was really yummy there. There was a heavy rain on the first day, but the other days were nice. It was really fun!

By Grade 3 student R.K.

Fun Day



Fun Day was fun! We did hockey, golf, egg on a spoon race, and bubbles! All my friends had fun too. I got a treat at golf and at snack. Finally, it was so fun!

The bouncy castle was fun because it was really bouncy. There was golf and a sponge race and tug of war. My favourite part was the racing.

I like the climbing wall because you climb. The golf was fun too. I liked watching the teachers having a race.

**By Kindergarten students D, M & J
helped by Grade 2 students E, K, & L**

Grade 7 Exhibition Preparation



This year the grade 7's are doing a 2 term project called Exhibition. What we do is pick a topic that really interests us, such as architecture, fashion design, movie making, global warming, etc. Everyone has their own topic, but we were put into groups with other classmates and we are to present our findings as a whole. Each group has a central idea of their own that relates to all the topics in the group. We started our research on our individual topics. In June, we are going to present our findings in a large presentation through power point commercials demonstrating what we learned and what we decide to do with this information we've gathered and how we'll take action.

By Grade 7 student S.K.

IB ACTION

Grade Five Students Show Themselves as Inquirers

During the month of May, grade 5 students have been sharing some of the interesting information that they have learned from their recent inquiry on the human body. Students have shown excellent communication skills as they share their new-found knowledge with the school on the morning announcements.



A Tetra-Pak Free School Almost!

Capilano Elementary continues to work toward becoming Tetra-Pak free. Several classes have reached this goal and several others are almost there! We would like to thank Save-On Foods for generously supplying fruit bars as an extra incentive to each student in each class that reaches the goal of eliminating Tetra-Paks. Well done to everyone who is taking steps and making sacrifices to make our world a healthier place now and for generations to come.

Bake Sale For Japan

The grade five students in Ms. Webster's class decided that they wanted to make a difference by having a bake sale. The class decided to donate the money they earned to the people of Japan to help in their recovery from the recent earthquake. Most people in the class baked and they drew names to see who would get to sell. They raised over \$200 dollars! Well done grade fives!

Coins For Uganda

The grade six students in Ms. Alexander's class are collecting coins for street kids in Uganda. As part of a class action project the students are trying to collect money to provide school supplies, education, and homes for these children. This week they are asking students to bring in pennies and nickels. During the week of May 30th they are collecting dimes and quarters. Finally, during the week of June 6th they are collecting loonies and toonies. The students are challenging everyone in the school to bring one of each coin to help them make a difference in the world around them.

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:

Did you know that Vancouver has a French Cultural Centre (Le Centre Culturel Francophone de Vancouver) that offers opportunities for all of us in French?

“Le Centre presents professional caliber events and shows, offering the population of Vancouver access to artistic products in the French language or from francophone culture in the sectors of visual arts, media arts and performing arts. In addition, Le Centre offers a panoply of educational services to anyone who is interested in the activities of Le Centre, whether or not they speak French.”

2011 Festival d’été:

Check out the following link for information about the 22nd Festival d’été (Summer festival starting June 16th).
<http://www.lecentreculturel.com/>

90.9 FM

For a local French experience in your home or car tune into “Espace Musique” at 90.9FM. Yes, the broadcasters speak French but the focus is on music, sometimes even in English or sometimes in Spanish.

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 :

Learn French numbers (Les nombres en français):

<http://www.languageguide.org/french/numbers/>

The nice thing about this link is that the pronunciation is offered when you drag your mouse over the number. Once you’ve had a listen, click on the “options” icon at the top of the page and check “Quiz Mode” to test yourself on how well you know numbers in French.

