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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.

### **First Term Reporting**

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday December 9th as scheduled in our school calendar. Through email messages previously sent out, we have explained that this year's reporting practices will differ from other years due to the current Teachers' strike.

The first difference you will notice is that the report card you receive will likely not contain comments or letter grades. If your child is taught by either the Principal or Vice Principal they will receive a report card that provides comments and grades (where applicable) for the subjects taught by those administrators. Student attendance information will be included as usual on the front of the report card.

The second difference is in the parent-teacher conferences. Teachers will be meeting with parents between 2:00 and 3:00 on our early dismissal days, December 12th and 13th. Due to the limited amount of meeting time available on these two days, meetings will be set up by the teacher as time allows. We understand students and parents traditionally rely on the valuable information contained in report cards and parent-teacher conferences. If you do not receive an invite to meet with your child's teacher on the early dismissal days and would like information about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher directly (phone the school office or email - teacher email addresses are available on our school website). Although teachers are not required to communicate progress information on a report card this term, they are assessing and evaluating your son/daughter on a regular basis and can provide you with up to date progress status in the curricular areas of instruction.

We understand that students may have questions about the report card as well. This is a perfect opportunity to emphasize the importance of their daily learning as it applies to fostering the development of attitudes, skills, and habits of a life-long learner.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to the current strike, please feel free to contact the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, school administrators, or visit the information sites listed on our website.

### **What's Happening Next Month:**

- Dec. 5 Holiday Market
- Dec. 6 Band and Choir Concert 7:00pm
- Dec. 8 Grade 6 Immunization
- Dec. 8 Fruit & Vegetable program
- Dec. 9 Report Cards sent home
- Dec. 9 Band & Choir Perform at local malls
- Dec. 9 Hot Lunch Program (pre-paid) Japanese
- Dec. 12-14 Scholastic Book Fair
- Dec. 12 & 13 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
- Dec. 16 Hot Lunch (pre-paid) Hot Dogs
- Dec. 17-Jan. 2 Winter Vacation
- Jan. 3 School re-opens
- Jan. 6 Hot Lunch Program (pre-paid) Pizza
- Jan. 12 RCMP Child ID Program 3pm (foyer)
- Jan. 13 Hot Lunch Program (pre-paid)  
Booster Juice & Wraps
- Jan. 16 Professional Day (students do not attend)
- Jan. 18 Performance "Groupo America" 11:00am
- Jan. 20 Hot Lunch Program (pre-paid) Japanese
- Jan. 27 Hot Lunch (pre-paid) Hot Dogs
- Jan. 30 Cyber Safety Presentation gr. 4-7
- Jan. 30 Cyber Safety Presentation for parents 7:00
- Feb. 2 The New Carson Presentation for parents 7:00
- Feb. 3 Hot Lunch (pre-paid) Pizza
- Feb. 3 1:00 p.m. dismissal (Staff IB Meeting)

## 2012-2013 School Registration Information

Dates To Remember:

- Kindergarten Registration started November 7th and closes December 16th
- Kindergarten placement information will be mailed to parents by March 9th
- Registration and transfer requests for grades 1-12 begins on January 23rd
- March 9th is the deadline for new registrations and transfer requests for grades 1-12
- The Late French Immersion information meeting for parents will be held on January 25th at the LMCC starting at 7:00 pm

Registration forms are available at the school office or can be downloaded from the [NVSD registration site](#). All registration forms must be dropped off in person at the central registration office located in the William Lucas Centre, Room 102 - 2132 Hamilton Avenue, North Vancouver BC V7P 2M3 (North of Capilano Mall).



### Lost & Found

Please check the lost and found pile located in the hallway in front of the school office for items that may belong to your child. We routinely hold quite a collection of clothing items!

### Roots of Empathy

The Roots of Empathy program is being hosted by Mrs. Waterman's Kindergarten class this year, facilitated by trained Roots of Empathy Instructor, and Capilano parent, Chelsea Seaby. In this program an infant and their parent regularly visits the classroom with the trained Roots of Empathy Instructor who coaches students to observe the baby's development and to label the baby's feelings. The Roots of Empathy program helps to foster the development of empathy and emotional literacy, and reduces levels of bullying, aggression and violence in children. For more information click [HERE](#).



### Holiday Market

The Holiday Market for primary children is on Monday, December 5th. Primary children are encouraged to bring up to two toonies on December 5th for a gift for their family. The primary students LOVE shopping at the Holiday Market and recycling is great for the planet! All funds raised will go to the Capilano PAC.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Capilano is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from December 12-14th! It will be open on:

- Monday after school from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., lunch time, and after school
- Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., lunch, and after school

Not only are there great books to buy, but there are also posters, pencils, pens, erasers, bookmarks and other cool items – for as little as 50 cents!! There are great prizes to be won all week long – make sure you enter the draws and listen to the announcements each day to see if you're the winner! The grand prize - \$25 worth of books for you and \$25 worth of books for your classroom - will be announced **on Wednesday** – for this big prize draw you must make a purchase to enter the draw.

Just a reminder that this is also a fundraising opportunity for Capilano – the more we sell, the more we get back in credit to be able to buy teaching resources for our school. - Lise Smith – Librarian

[www.capilanoschool.ca](http://www.capilanoschool.ca)

# IB ACTION

## Cards For Japan

As a follow-up to a fundraiser held last year for survivors of Japan's devastating earthquake, a group of students and parents decided to try to create 200 cards for an elementary school in Japan. Olympic medalist, Yuko Arimori, will be visiting Vancouver soon and has agreed to take the cards back to Hebita Elementary School in Miyagi prefecture, Ishinomaki city, when she returns home.

Stay tuned next week as this group has planned to hold a bake sale on December 9th to raise money to help with the massive re-building needed in Japan.



## Food Drive

The Kilometre Klub and Mr. Langston's grade 6 class have joined forces and would like to give back to the community by collecting canned goods for the Harvest Project. We will be collecting these items from Friday December 2nd until Saturday December 10th. There will be boxes set up at the doors where you or your children can place the items. (No fresh food please. Only canned or dried goods can be accepted) The final day for collection will be at the Jingle Jog on Saturday December 10th at the school.

Thank you so much for your kindness. - Sandra Tweed (Parent Sponsor)

## Grade 7 Turkey Raffle

Tickets are being sold in the atrium at lunch and after school until December 8th for the grade 7 turkey raffle. You can purchase tickets for the draw for the following prices: 1 ticket for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 10 for \$10. The draw for the turkey will take place after lunch on Thursday, December 8th. Proceeds will go to the Grade 7 year end events and memory book.



## Grade Five Students Make A Difference

Recently, a number of grade 5 students decided to try to make a difference in the lives of children in the Dominican Republic. After learning more about the country while planning a winter vacation, one student decided to gather a group of friends to collect money, school supplies, and toys for children in an orphanage. Many thanks to everyone's generosity.



# Special Events

## Chess Club



Students in grades 3-7 have been learning how to play chess in a pay program at lunch time. The instructor, and chess master, has been teaching them a variety of strategies. The Chess Club will continue in January on Monday's at lunch. If students in grades 2-7 are interested, please pick-up a registration form at the school office.

## Special Visitors



On November 17, a group of visitors from the BC Ministry of Education came to Capilano to learn more about the IB program. They visited several classes and observed the IB program in action. Ms. Smith, our IB coordinator, showcased our school and highlighted the inquiry-based learning that takes place at Capilano.

## Giant Visitors



On November 15, several representatives from the Vancouver Giants Hockey Team came to Capilano to encourage students in grades 2-7 to participate in the Read to Succeed program. Many students diligently read and exercised each day to earn tickets to a Giants hockey game!

## Remembrance Day

On November 9th, Capilano observed Remembrance Day. Many classes helped by being a part of our Remembrance Day Assembly at the school. There were students that read poems, classes that read stories, danced and sang songs. Thank-you to all who helped us remember.



# 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.

## Author Visit



During the spectacular visit from author Pam Withers, viewers learned about different experiences the author had and how she wrote her books. Pam Withers writes about many sports such as kayaking, mountain biking, dirt biking, scuba diving and surfing. She uses lots of description and always gathers her information about the sport from teachers, guides, or professionals who do it themselves. Pam has also tried many of the sports she writes about, which probably helps with the richness of her novels. Pam Withers visits many schools and it was an honour to have her here.

**By Grade 6 student J.H.**

## Scientist Visits Grade 2 Classes



The scientist put glue in the plastic container. Then they put in food colouring with the glue. The children mixed the food colouring and the glue with a popsicle stick. Then they talked about matter. They tried to disprove that sound wasn't matter.

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

## Backwards Day



Today is backwards day! H. wore his tie backwards. E. wore her sweater backwards. Mr. Lum wore his tee-shirt and watch and belt and pants backwards. I wore my tee-shirt backwards. Even our chairs were backwards. It was a crazy day!

**By Grade 1 student B.H.**