

Capilano School September 10, 2010

Final Friday Flyer

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2010 -2011 school year! What a positive start we have had! We extend a warm welcome to all new students and families and wish all students a successful year of learning. The start of the school year and the change that it brings can be unsettling for children and parents; however, I am pleased to report to you that, thus far, we have experienced a smooth school opening. Teachers make every effort to welcome children into their classrooms and make them comfortable in their new settings. Parents play a crucial role by providing the reassurance that children need in order to feel secure. Thank you to all parents and teachers for assisting their children during the transition to a new class grouping.

We have opened with 410 students! This is a growth of 150 students over a four year period. Our International Baccalaureate Programme has proven to be very popular with parents and we will continue to grow by 30 students per year for the next few years until we level off at approximately 510 students. Capilano's future appears to be bright, positive and very secure.

We welcome six new teachers to Capilano! These folks arrive with some incredible talents, skills and enthusiasm and I am sure that their association with our school, parents and students will be a positive one. The teachers, divisions and grades are listed within this flyer.

Our Capilano mission statement, as defined by staff and a group of Capilano parents in light of our International Baccalaureate and global vision: ***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.***

Staff and parents created a vision statement last year that supports our mission statement above. It is: ***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.***

The School Planning Council (3 parents and 2 staff) updated our school goals and strategies last spring. Our school goals are:

- To improve Literacy proficiency in students K-7
- To increase students' Numeracy success rates
- To improve students' skills in the area of Social Responsibility

With the start of the school year it is important to establish certain routines, procedures and work habits that benefit all students. The school needs the support of parents in building children's independence, responsibility and confidence as they begin the new school year. For younger children, this means allowing them to enter and exit the building on their own, to carry their back pack and lunch kit to school and to place their own belongings on the hooks at the beginning of the day (and to retrieve them at the end of the



day). By enabling children to assume responsibility for these simple tasks at an early age, parents help their children to develop greater responsibility in the future. As children progress through the grades, they will be expected to record assignments in their agenda, to complete homework consistently and on time, to have the necessary equipment at school (gym strip, band instrument, school supplies) and to be prompt in attending classes, meetings and practices. Thank you to parents for providing the needed support towards independence.

Parents play a crucial role in assisting with academic, social and emotional success. Regular and set bed times, good nutritious lunches (and snacks), and creating a home study area where homework can be completed without distraction are all important attributes to student success. Please read the Student Agenda (all agendas are delayed at the printer - we expect a next week mid-week delivery) front pages to your child for your knowledge and their reinforcement.

The next school newsletter will be on Friday, September 24th and it will be sent to you electronically (yes, no paper copies this year!). As we move to more of a paperless society, I would like for ALL parents to sign up for email newsletters and communication. The forms for email communication are within. Please PRINT CLEARLY with clearly denoted underscores and periods (if any). The final Friday format will provide you with consistency and predictability in receiving school information. I have asked teachers and CPAC to, wherever possible, send home communications on a **Friday**. Hopefully, you, as parents, will be better informed and able to assist your child to do their best at school with consistent communication.

This newsletter is posted on the Capilano web-site: <http://www.capilanoschool.ca> (easy-to-remember!) The site contains a live Google calendar, Class and Teacher info, PAC information and many other topics and will be updated as the year progresses.

Our focus for this fall is to prepare for our International Baccalaureate authorization team who will spend December 9th and 10th in our school speaking with teachers, parents and students. We are currently a Candidate School and anticipate that we will be an IB Authorized World School after the accreditation visit.

Lastly - as we grow, our traffic drop-off and pick-up periods are more chaotic. Please drive CLOCKWISE around our school to drop off. That way your child will exit onto the curb rather than having to cross the road. A reminder to drivers that the speed limit is 30km/hour in all designated school zones. Schools zones are in effect from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm during school days. A safety committee will be working this fall to ensure safer passage to and from school as well as guiding parents to the safest procedures. Watch for future improvements to signage, paint on the road and future safety bulletins.

Education is a partnership between home and school. I hope many of you are already active in the CPAC as a volunteer in events, committees and programs, as well as attending the monthly CPAC meetings (usually the second Tuesday of the month) with the first meeting occurring on Tuesday, Oct 12th at 7:00pm. I encourage you to keep in close contact with the school, especially with your child's teacher. Please take the time to make the school's communication (school, class and PAC newsletters) a priority in your reading. My email address is posted above, as it will be on each newsletter, and if you have questions, I will be pleased to assist. I look forward to meeting and working with you this year. Welcome back!

Sincerely,

Phil Marshall,
Principal



Meet the Teacher Interviews / Curriculum Night - On September 23rd, we welcome parents only for an IB update in the gym between 6 and 6:30, followed by 2 sessions of Curriculum presentations by our teachers in their classrooms to our school to meet the teacher night and to receive information regarding the curriculum, classroom routines, and expectations. Session one is at 6:30 and session 2 is at 7:00. Parents are reminded that discussions regarding individual students should be scheduled at a time other than this evening.

The Capilano Staff

Classroom Staff

Div. 1	Gr. 7	Mr. D. Andrews
Div. 2	Gr. 6	Ms. S. Alexander
Div. 3	Gr. 5	Mrs. T. Doyle
Div. 4	Gr. 5	Ms. S. Webster
Div. 5	Gr. 4	Mrs. J. Wilson
Div. 6	Gr. 4	Mrs. B. Harnden
Div. 7	Gr. 3	Mr. B. Fourchalk
Div. 8	Gr. 3	Ms. M. Gliener
Div. 9	Gr. 3	Mrs. S. Singh
Div. 10	Gr. 2	Mrs. G. Robertson
Div. 11	Gr. 2	Mrs. J. Harris
Div. 12	Gr. 2	Mrs. K. Smith
Div. 13	Gr. 1	Ms. C. Doan
Div. 14	Gr. 1	Ms. J. Burns
Div. 15	Gr. 1	Mrs. L. Scharnagl/ Mrs. Connop
Div. 16	Gr. 1	Mrs. P. Murray
Div. 17	Gr. K	Ms. H. Waterman
Div. 18	Gr. K	Mrs. J. Beesley
Div. 19	Gr. K	Mrs. K. Ritchie

District Staff

Counsellor	Mrs. M. Bates
Gifted Resource Teacher	Ms. S. Lanmark-Kaye
Learning Support Teacher	Ms. Clare Fuller
V.C.H. - School Nurse	Ms. Laura Tayler-Hanson

Support Staff

Library	Mrs. L. Smith
ESL	Ms. K. Gill
Music	Ms. G. Dunkley
LAC	Ms. N. Paiuk
Band Teacher	Ms. G. Dunkley
French Teacher	Mrs. K. Todd

Office Staff

Elem. Admin. Assistant	Mrs. K. Roberts
Elem. School Assistant	Ms. L. Boyd
Supervision Aide	Mrs. B. Stubbs

Custodial Staff

Day Custodian	Mr. G. Davies
Evening Custodian	Mr. B. Jackson
Evening Custodian	Mr. J. Bulalakaw

Classroom Aide Staff

Special Ed. Aide	Ms. S. Catling
Special Ed. Aide	Mrs. S. Roberts
Special Ed. Aide	Ms. G. Trad
Special Ed. Aide	Mrs. E. Wren

District Staff

Speech Pathologist	Ms. J. Israel
School Psychologist	Mrs. B. Ingram
Learning Support Worker	Mrs. J. Gushue

School Hours

Grades 1-7

8:45 am	Entrance bell
8:50 am	School begins
10:10 am	Recess
10:30 am	Bell - end of recess
12:10 pm	Lunch
12:25 pm	Children may proceed outside
12:30 pm	Children must proceed outside
12:52 pm	Bell - end of lunch
12:55 pm	Afternoon session begins
3:00 pm	Dismissal

Wednesday Weekly Dismissal Time - 2:10



September Calendar

Sept. 12	Order Deadline for Sept 16 th BBQ
Sept. 15	First full day for Kindergarten classes
Sept. 16	CPAC Welcome Back BBQ 5:30 - 7:30
Sept. 17	CPAC Newsletter home
Sept. 20	Deadline for Lunch Food Orders
Sept. 23	Early Dismissal 2:00- parent/teacher interviews
Sept. 23	Curriculum Night and Meet the Teacher
	In gym for IB overview 6:00pm
	In classrooms -session 1 - 6:30; session 2 - 7:00
Sept. 24	Terry Fox Run 2:15 - parents welcome
Sept. 24	Next Final Friday Flyer home



check out our Live Calendar at:

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/SchoolSites/Capilano/School%20Calendar.aspx>

Lunch at School



Lunch at school is considered a privilege for students. Students not eating at home and bringing lunch to school **MUST** remain at school for the lunch break. They may not leave the school grounds unless there is a parent's note to inform the school of this arrangement.

Band Schedule



Beginning Band - Mon. & Wed. 8:00 - 8:40am

Continuing Band - Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 - 8:40am

School Supervision



Our supervision aides are on duty outside at recess, and lunch during the eating of lunch and outside at the lunch break. There is no formal supervision before or after school, yet all staff members at Capilano informally supervise students.

For this reason, please do not send your child to school before 8:45 am unless your child has been specifically requested or has permission of the classroom teacher, sports, or band/choir teacher.

Labelling



Please label everything! Every year, a large donation of unclaimed "lost and found" articles is made to a charity organization. Parents need to label **all** books, clothing, P.E. bags, and all materials. Also, please ensure that your child **does not** bring valuables, ipods, electronic games, CDs, money, etc. to school as children are very disappointed when their valuables are lost or damaged.

Call-back - Safe Arrival



If your child is late or absent, please call 604-903-3370 and leave a detailed message regarding your child's absence. We will be calling parents of children not accounted for. If your child is late for school, you will be notified in the early evening by our automated telephone system.

Student Appointments



If your child will be leaving school for an appointment, please send a note to the teacher. Please state the name of the person who will be picking up your child, as well as the pick-up and return times. We ask that the person picking up your child meet your child at the office. Students must sign-out at the office when they leave the school and check-in upon their return.

Safety to and from School



This is an opportune time for parents to review the safest route to and from school, especially for younger children. Students learn traffic safety by watching and doing. Parents should walk the route practising these safety steps:

- Stop at the curb or edge of the road.
- Listen and look for traffic to the left, right and left again.
- Teach children who don't know left from right to look "this way", "that way" and "this way".
- Remind children to use sidewalks and to walk facing traffic where there are no sidewalks.

Summer growth of trees and bushes may have changed the visibility at some crossings or trails. If you are aware of any hazards or areas needing attention, please notify Mr. Marshall immediately. If your child is riding a bike to school, please take the time in an evening or weekend to ride with your child to ensure proper road rules. Bicycles at school should be locked in the bike-rack at the front of the school.

Cell Phones



Cell phones may be brought to school by students, however, the following rules must be followed:

- Students may not use a cell phone during school hours (between 8:50 am and 3:00 pm)
- Cell phones must be stowed away in the child's backpack during the school day, with the ringer turned off
- Taking pictures with a cell phone or digital camera is strictly prohibited

The school office telephone is always available in emergency situations.

Terry Fox Run



The Terry Fox Run will start in the gym at 2:15 pm on Friday, September 24th.

All students will jog, run or walk around a designated route through the neighbourhood. Parents are invited to participate! We need parents to help supervise the running route. Please contact Mrs. Roberts at 604-903-3370 or in the office by Friday Sept. 22nd if you can help en route. We hope you will take part in this event and make a donation to this worthwhile fund. Teachers will be collecting donations in their classrooms or donations may be made in the office. We hope to see you on Friday, September 24th!