



in Stride...

Dedicated to providing our community a supportive and inclusive environment that recognizes individual strengths, fosters respect for self and others, encourages social responsibility and promotes life-long learning.

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NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, December 2nd



Report Cards Home

Tuesday, December 6th
Student Pancake
Breakfast



9:00 - 11:00

Monday, December 12th
Community Council Potluck
Luncheon: 12:00 - 1:30

Wednesday, December 14th
Primary Concert
12:45 & 6:30



Tickets Required;
also Cash & Food Bank
Donations at the door.

Friday December 16th
Holiday Sing-a-long
12:45 (Gym)
Families Welcome



December
19th -
January 2nd
Christmas
Holidays



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Power of Plaid



As we near the end of our first term, and head into the month of December, where our focus is on empathy and compassion, I thought it fitting to share with you a recent experience I had here at Stride.

About three weeks ago, a flu hit me like a ton of bricks. I fought through a few days here at work, but eventually knew that the only "medicine" that would help was rest. In total, I missed 5 work days, which felt like an eternity! Not only did I feel like I was putting undue pressure on the team to manage situations, I felt like I was letting staff, students and families down by not being there.

The following Monday, when I returned to work, a loving, compassionate surprise awaited me. One by one, as staff came in, it became clear to me that everyone was wearing a plaid shirt and necklace. Did I miss something? Was there a theme day I forgot to add to my calendar? A student finally informed me of what was going on: as a way to say "welcome back", the staff conspired to all dress in an outfit similar to one I had worn a few weeks before. The plan apparently came together over the weekend, and the message was passed on to as many staff and students as people could reach. The photo above illustrates the result. What an amazing gesture that instantly eased my stress about being away.

At the heart of it, in this community, I see time and again that when one of us is low, the rest of us work to lift spirits. Sometimes we do so in small, subtle ways, and sometimes it is through large gestures. Coming back to a sea of plaid shirts did more than lift my spirits; it reminded me of the love and support that radiates through this building. What an incredible community this is.

Jennifer Griffin



Snow!! Will School be Open?

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff about Burnaby School District weather related school closure announcements. All schools will remain OPEN, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (eg. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. The district will do its best to communicate school or district-wide closures and bus changes or cancellations by 6:30 am. This information will be posted on the front page of the district web site and as part of the scrolling announcements on elementary school web sites. Updates will also be provided to the following radio and tv stations: CBC, CKWX, CKNW, Global TV, CBC TV, City TV, CTV - BC, and Omni TV.

Please note that no announcement will be made that schools are open - only if they are closed.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. Please walk elementary children to the door of their school if you are uncertain whether the school is open or not. If for any reason you feel that your child cannot travel safely to school then you should notify the school that your child will be absent. Student safety is a shared responsibility. With your cooperation and support related to winter weather procedures, we can achieve safe conditions for all.

Rainy and Snowy Days

Please send an extra set of shoes, socks, pants and gloves for your children on rainy or snowy days. Unless it is raining heavily, students go outside at lunch and recess. Thank you.



Volunteers Needed

Parent Volunteers are needed to help with our annual student Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, December 6th and our Craft Morning on December 16th - please see Maria in the Community Room if you are available to assist with set-up for the breakfast and supervision,



assistance and clean up for the Craft Day. Don't forget to sign up to volunteer for Popcorn & Hot Chocolate Days too!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Stride! We invite you to participate by purchasing the latest in children's books. There are hundreds of quality books for a wide range of reading levels and interests to choose from. Book fair preview flyers were sent home the week of November 28th. Look for the Family Event Draw ballot on the back of each flyer. If your child's ballot is drawn, they and their teacher will each win \$25.00 in books! The ballot box can be found in the library. (One ballot per student.) Winners will be announced on the last day of the Fair. Please mark the following Book Fair Dates on your Calendar:

Tuesday, Dec. 6 1:45 - 12:15 & 3:00 - 6:00

Wednesday, Dec. 7 11:45 - 12:15 & 3:15 to 6:00

Friday, Dec. 9 11:45 - 12:15 & 3:00 - 4:30

Thank you for helping to promote reading at Stride and for your support of this fundraising event. We look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

Community Council

Stride Community Council needs community residents! If you are a community resident interested in being on our school Community Council, please see Maria in the Community Room. Don't miss the Community Council potluck on Tuesday, December 13th from 12:00 - 1:30. **Everyone Welcome!**

After-School Programs

Please look for new programs starting in the new year. Make sure to read the January newsletter - we will be sending home registration forms for all available programs.

Burnaby Christmas Bureau Registration

Reminder - registration is ongoing: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:00 - 4:00 at Edmonds Community School until November 30th. The Burnaby Christmas Bureau offers gifts to children of families with low income. Please note that there will be changes to the school based approach to holiday support this year. We strongly encourage families who may

need support at this time of year to register with the Burnaby Christmas Bureau to avoid missing out.

Christmas with the Horses

In celebration of the Christmas season, Burnaby Horsemen's Association is holding their 14th Annual Open House - Sunday, December 4th, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for the public, members, friends and all horse enthusiasts. Come early, stay all day! There is NO FEE to attend our function - non-perishable food items for the Burnaby Food Bank will be accepted.

Please dress warmly (hats/boots/gloves/extra jackets):

Burnaby Equestrian Centre,
9080 Avalon Avenue (off Cariboo Road) - FREE PARKING in the main Regional Park parking lot



EVENTS:

- Horse demonstrations throughout the day
- Lead Line Pony Rides
- Displays and Craft Tables
- Mr. & Mrs. CLAUS arrive for the "LITTLE ONES" at noon

NOTE: CONCESSION AND RAFFLE TICKETS ARE CASH ONLY.

For information call: 604-421-6681 or www.burnabyhorsemensassociation.com

Grade 4 & 5 Snowpass

Students in grades 4 & 5 were given information on the snowpass program to take home with them at the beginning of November. It is a program that offers free



skiing for the ski season. If you missed getting the information or have misplaced it you can find the application online at www.snowpass.ca.



BASES Family Thrift Store

Have you been to BASES Family Thrift Store? It is located at 7825 Edmonds Street between Canada Way and 6th Ave. The BASES Thrift Store is selling affordable clothing and smaller household items. Come visit us and see what we have to offer. All proceeds go to supporting local neighbourhood schools. BASES is run entirely by volunteers. If you are able to contribute some time on

the weekends, they could use your help. Go to the store in person to sign up.

Parks and Recreation Programs:

To see what's offered by Burnaby Parks & Recreation please go to: www.burnaby.ca/Things-To-Do/community-centres/Edmonds-Community-centre.html, then look under *Program Listings*.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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알려드립니다

이것을 번역해 주십시오

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Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

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