



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:



Thursday, June 1st
Skipping Day
Early Dismissal -
2:10

Friday, June 2nd
PRO-D DAY

Students Do Not Attend

Friday, June 9th
Talent Show
12:45



Wednesday,
June 21st
Community BBQ
5:00 - 7:00



Friday, June 23rd
SPORTS DAY
1:30 Dismissal



Tuesday, June 27th
Grade 7 Leaving
Ceremony
5:00 - 7:30



Wednesday, June 28th
Grade 7 Luncheon
12:00 - 2:30

Thursday, June 29th
Celebration of Learning
Assembly, 9:00
10:30 Dismissal
Report Cards Home



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Combined Grade Classrooms- Myth vs. Reality

It is hard to believe that we're at the time of year where we begin planning for the next school year. Understandably, this can be stressful for both students, as they leave the familiar surroundings of this year's class, and for parents, as they wonder what opportunities and challenges their child will face next year. Every year, one of the most common questions and/ or concerns that come my way is around combined-grade classes. Because of class-size limits set out by the Ministry of Education, schools must organize classes in ways that meet the guidelines of Ministry policy. As such, there is little option to avoid combined-grade classrooms within a school's organization. We know that combined-grade classrooms are a reality of our current educational setting, and being that it is likely that all students during their school "career" will experience this, it's important that we dispel the myths, and understand more about the realities of this school configuration.

Myth: Students in the higher grade of a combined grade are the "smart" kids; students in the lower grade of a combined-grade are the "low" kids.

Reality: Oftentimes, students are placed in combined-grade classrooms because there are no alternatives in the school organization. In instances where there may be the option of either combined or straight-grade classroom for a student, many factors are considered when deciding on placement. These factors include a student's social skills, academic abilities, leadership qualities, friendships, self- motivation and learning style. Students are placed into combined grades for many reasons, none of which rest on their academic abilities alone.

Myth: Students in a higher grade of a combined-grade will be doing the same work they have already done.

Reality: In any classroom, students will present a range of abilities. As such, it is the teacher's responsibility to ensure that students are receiving instruction that is differentiated to each student's learning style and readiness. In combined grades, teachers often take a holistic approach to the curriculum of both grade levels, ensuring that all themes and outcomes are covered for both grades, while still ensuring that students are working at their instructional level.

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Myth: Students in combined-grade classrooms may "miss" aspects of the curriculum for their grade.

Reality: As mentioned earlier, in a combined-grade classroom, all areas of each grade's curriculum is expected to be covered through the course of the year. This can be done in a variety of ways, which may include students working on theme-based learning outcomes that relate to their particular grade, or students working on different sets of outcomes than their classmates, depending on their grade. It is important that you, as a parent, talk with your child's classroom teacher to find out how learning outcomes for their grade may be covered in their combined-grade classroom.

Further to these understandings, there has been much research conducted that indicates the benefits of combined-grade or multi-age classrooms. These benefits include: the opportunity for younger children to utilize the modelling of older children to develop skills; having students participate in a mixed-age environment that better reflects real society and work situations; a better opportunity to place students according to their needs and skills; and an opportunity for all students to become leaders and role models (Phi Delta Kappan Vol.80).

In September, when class placements are finalized, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher or myself if you still have questions regarding combined-grade classrooms.

On one other note, please remember that if your child has special circumstances that may impact their placement for next year, **submit information in writing to the office by June 23rd**. Please note that considerations will not be made based on specific teacher requests.

Wishing you all a great June!

Ms. Griffin

Bell Schedule for September

- 8:55 Students enter building
- 9:00 Classes Begin
- 11:29 Lunch Begins
- 12:17 Students enter building
- 12:22 Afternoon Classes Begin
- 1:30 Recess
- 1:45 Classes Resume
- 3:00 Classes Dismissed



Please arrange to have your children picked up **on time**. Staff members are not responsible for supervision of students after the 3:00 dismissal time.

School Calendar 2017-2018

September 5 th , 2017	First day of school
(Students attend from 9:00-10:00 a.m. only)	
September 29 th	Pro-D Day
October 9 th	Thanksgiving Day
October 20 th	Provincial Pro-D Day
October 23 rd	Pro-D Day
November 10 th	School Closure Day
November 13 th	Remembrance Holiday
November 24 th	Pro-D Day
December 25 th - January 5 th	Christmas Break
January 8 th , 2018	School Reopens
February 12 th	BC Family Day
February 16 th	District Pro-D Day
March 19 th - 29 th	Spring Break
March 30 th	Good Friday
April 2 nd	Easter Monday
April 3 rd	School Reopens
April 23 rd	Pro-D Day
May 21 st	Victoria Day
June 1 st	Pro-D Day
June 28 th	Last day of school

(Students are dismissed at 10:30 a.m.)



Kindergarten registration for September 2017 for children who were **born in 2012** is ongoing. Parents/Guardians must bring the following documents in order to register their child:

- *Birth Certificate (if born in Canada)*
- *Immigration Documents or Permanent Resident Card (if born outside of Canada) for both child and parents*
- *Record of Immunizations*
- *Proof of Address*
- *Emergency Contact Information.*

If you have any questions, please phone us at 604-296-9032.



Gauss and Abel Math Contest

Congratulations to all of the Intermediate students who participated in the Gauss and Abel Math Contests this year:



Abel: Abigail Dialogo, Lloyd Habing, Abigail Hipolito, Katie Hoang, Claudine Li, David Li Lam, Tarannom Moheq, Justin Rice, and Aldrin Villareal. Congratulations to **David Li Lam, Katie Hoang and Tarannom Moheq** for achieving honour marks, and special congratulations to **Lloyd Habing** for receiving **highest score!**

Gauss: Vince Alegre, Ali Alhassani, Adam Ezzo, Jonathan Gamez, Emma Habing, Andy Lim, Chihana Mita, Munem Moheq, Elise Norman, Lex Paloma, Zekie Ramirez, Victor Ye, Cherry Zhang and Glen Zhu.

Congratulations to **Glen Zhu, Emma Habing and Chihana Mita** for achieving honour marks, and special congratulations to **Andy Lim** for achieving highest score!

All participating students should be very proud of their efforts!



Community Barbeque

Join us on Wednesday, June 21st from 5:00-7:00 for our year end barbeque. Notices will be sent home soon!



Burnaby School District Summer Session

It's time to start planning for summer!

Please check out the school district website for information on FREE academic **Summer Session** programs provided by School District 41. Go to <http://burnabyccce.ca> for information. If you require further assistance talk with Maria Jácome in the Community Office or Ms Griffin.

Burnaby Community & Continuing Education is offering a number of courses for kids during the month of July, 2014 at Canada Way Education Centre. To register, or for more course information contact us.

Online at: www.burnabyccce.ca Or call: 604- 296-6901.

Summer Reading Club

This Burnaby Public Library program is a great way to discover new books and have fun reading throughout the summer. You can read at home, at the library or on vacation. Sign up at any Branch, or visit www.bpl.bc.ca.

- Tommy Douglas Branch
7311 Kingsway 604-522-3971
- Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch
6100 Willingdon Avenue 604-436-5420

Burnaby Neighbourhood House Summer Daycare Programs at Stride Avenue

BNH is offering Summer *Daycare* programs that run from 7am to 6pm every day! They have lots of great activities and **weekly** registration is available. Childcare subsidy can be applied towards these programs. For more information and to register please contact Stasi Larson at 604-431-0400 or email her at:

stasil@burnabynh.ca

BCIT Broadcast & Media Summer Camp

Know someone that is looking for a unique summer camp? Look no further! This July, BCIT will be offering a Broadcast & Media Summer Camp for children aged 8-12 at the Burnaby campus. The day camps will be 5 days long where kids will be able to get hands on experience in the Broadcast Centre with activities such as interviewing, reporting and learning how to produce a news show. The camp promises to be a fun filled week where kids get a sense of what it's like both behind and in front of the camera!

2017 summer camps take place from 8:30am to 3:30pm. After camp care is available.

- Camp A: July 10 - 14
- Camp B: July 17 - 21
- Camp C: July 24 - 28

Early Bird Registration is on until May 31.

Register now and save \$100!

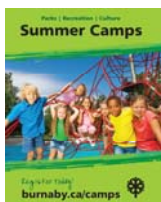
Visit get.bcit.ca/camps for more information and to register. If you have any questions, please email camps@bcit.ca or call 604-456-8103.

Burnaby Camping Bureau Subsidy Applications

Please note that subsidy registration for **working low income families** is done through Burnaby Community Services. Call 604-299-5778 or 604-292-3902 for information and to book an appointment.

Burnaby Parks & Rec Summer Camps

There are many Summer Programs for children in Burnaby - please take a brochure from outside the Community Room or check online at burnaby.ca/camps.



Burnaby Canoe and Kayak Club Summer Camps

Our week long Summer Camps are 5 hrs/day and are suitable for children between ages 8 and 13.

In our introductory CanoeKids Camps, children are introduced to water safety and paddling canoes, kayaks, dragonboats in a fun and safe environment. In our more advanced CanoeKids Plus Camp children expand on their earlier concepts and are introduced to racing canoes and kayaks in a team environment.



Cost: \$230/week. For more information please visit

<http://www.burnabylake.com> or contact us at camps@burnabylake.com.

Celebrate Burnaby 125 | Canada 150

Join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th and Burnaby's 125th birthday! 2017 rings in two historic occasions. This momentous year will be filled with fun events for the whole family. From special arts and cultural experiences to making our City events - such as Canada Day - even more special with a range of activities and performances. After all, it's not just every day that Burnaby turns 125 years old - or that Canada celebrates its sesquicentennial. Together - as a city and a country - let's make 2017 a year to remember!

Visit www.burnaby.ca/celebrateburnaby

Balloholics Youth Basketball - Summer Camps

There will be 2 full-week summer camps open to grades 4-9 boys and girls. Camps are Monday to Friday, from 10 am-3 pm at Burnaby Central.

Camp #1 -July 10-14th

Camp #2 -July 17-21st

Please check the website for further details on camps and to register online:

<http://www.balloholic.com/programs/summer-camps> or,

emailinfo@balloholic.com

Balloholics provides classes year-round for students from age 5 to grade 9 in a fun environment. Students learn the FUNdamentals of basketball in a modified games format from trained coaches. The program is designed to follow the LTAD model for sport in Canada.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS

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重要資料

請找人為你翻譯

これはたいせつなお知らせです。

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알려드립니다

이것을 번역해 주십시오

CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG

Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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Mangyaring ipasalin ito kung hindi nauunawaan.