



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:

Monday, November 7th



Photo Retakes

Thursday, November 10th
Remembrance Day Assembly
10:30

Friday, November 11th
Remembrance Day
Holiday
School Closed



Friday, November 18th
Community Council Meeting
9:15

Friday, November 25th
PRO-D DAY
Students Do Not Attend

Wednesday, November 30th



12:30

Wednesday, November 30th
Parents as Partners
5:30 - 8:00 pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Attendance **AND** Punctuality Matter!

The following newsletter message is a re-write of a similar message included in last March's newsletter. I am re-visiting this topic because as a staff, we have already noticed high absenteeism and/ or lateness so early in the school year. We are hopeful that a gentle reminder about the importance of attendance will help in ensuring all students are here each day, on time!

Last year, colleagues and I had the good fortune of spending some time with Abe Fernandez, the co-director of South Bronx Rising Together and Director of Collective Impact, the Children's Aid Society. Abe has lots of experience and advice on how to build strong, vibrant communities where children and families thrive. Among the topics discussed with him, the issue of chronic absenteeism emerged. Chronic absenteeism can be applied to any student who misses 10% of school or more. This is the equivalent of missing only 2 days per school month.

Students who miss 10% of school or more per year are at risk of lower academic achievement and poorer social connections. As well, chronic absenteeism in early years (K-3) is a predictor for chronic absenteeism in later grades. The cumulative effects of students being chronically absent OR late day over day and year over year means that students can miss a significant amount of schooling over the course of their entire school career. In short, **attendance and punctuality matter!** Being at school **EVERY DAY, ON TIME**, is critical to both academic and social achievement, and has been proven to directly impact students' future success. Establishing good habits and routines from the start of school careers is also important, meaning that it is **AS** critical, if not **MORE** critical, for Kindergarten students to attend every day, in order to establish good patterns for success in later years. We need your help to keep track of days missed or days late, and realize that one or two days here and there can actually add up to quite a big impact on students.

I know that this time of year, sickness can affect everyone, and we appreciate that in these instances, students need to stay home, rest and feel better. We also empathize with the difficulty of getting out of the house on time each morning - especially when it's dark or cold or wet! Nonetheless, we need your help to ensure that aside from the occasional illness or rough morning, students should be at school, on time, ready to learn, in order to make the most of their time with us.

Sunday, November 6th
Daylight Saving Time Ends:
Set your clocks **BACK** one hour!



Parks and Recreation Credit

You can pick up your application form from Sheri, Community School Coordinator, in the Community Office, or you can apply when you register at the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. You must bring the following information with you:

- recent phone or hydro bill showing current Burnaby address
- Copy of 2015 T1 General Tax form for each adult or Income Assistance cheque stub
- 2015 Notice of Assessment for each adult
- Canada Child Tax Benefit & BC Family Bonus Notice for each child.

Burnaby Christmas Bureau Registration

The Burnaby Christmas Bureau offers gifts to children of families with low income. Registration will begin this month: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:00 - 4:00 at Edmonds Community School.

Eligibility:

- Live in Burnaby
- On income assistance, disability, or net family income below guidelines* (see below)
- Children 16 years of age and younger
- No more than \$100 per adult of interest income and \$1000 per family of RRSP contributions.

Working Families must provide a C-Print from both parents/guardians. To obtain one call: 1-800-959-8281 (Press*to speak to an Operator - have your Social Insurance number ready and be prepared to answer tax questions). For families who are on income assistance, a print-out from your Ministry Office will replace the C-Print. Please allow 8 - 10 days for it to arrive in the mail. For more information call 604-292-3902.

*Qualifying Net Income Levels (min. \$5,000)

# in family	Income below
2	\$30,286
3	\$37,234
4	\$45,206
5	\$51,272
6	\$57,826
7+	\$64,381

Qualified applicants will receive new toys for their children.

Please Note: Christmas Bureau is not giving out food gift cards this Christmas.

Help Wanted

Parent volunteers are needed for Popcorn & Hot Chocolate Days on Friday afternoons. Jobs include bagging popcorn and serving hot chocolate. Help is needed in the morning for preparation and in the afternoon for after school sales. Leave a note for Maria in the Community Room Office if you can participate.



Community Council Friday Meetings:

- Nov. 18
- Dec. 12 - Pot-Luck Luncheon
- Jan. 13
- Feb. 10
- Apr. 7
- May 19
- June 16 - Pot-Luck Luncheon

All Meetings start at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join the Council Meetings. If you would like to attend but cannot because of the time, please stop by and see Maria Jácome in the Community Room to let her know.

Community Social Club

Local Members of our community will be connecting in the Community Room on Fridays from 9:15 - 11:00 for crafts and activities. Everyone welcome - make a connection and learn a new skill. If you have something you'd like to share with the group please leave a note for Maria in the Community Room office

StrongStart

For our youngest community members (0 - 5 years) and their families, don't forget to visit Jenny in our StrongStart room from 9:00 - 12:00 on school days!



Hallowe'en Safety

It's trick or treat time again! Here are some tips from your school health nurse for a fun and safe Halloween:

How to make your costume safe:

- Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with reflective tape and give each child a flashlight.
- Make sure your child can see. Use face paint instead of masks.



- To prevent falling, costumes should not be longer than your child's ankle.

How to make trick or treating safe:

- Children should stay in well lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside any house.
- If you are driving on Halloween night, please be extra careful. Children are excited at Halloween and may forget some of the safety rules.
- Before your children eat their candy, make sure you examine it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped.

*****An adult should always supervise younger children.**

The following is the **City of Burnaby's Fireworks bylaw: Bylaw No.8047**

A Bylaw respecting the prevention and suppression of fire and the preservation of life and property.

Part V Fireworks and Firecrackers

14.

- (1) In this section,
 - a) firecrackers means small fireworks with entwined fuses used solely as noisemaker and not for pyrotechnic effect;
 - b) fireworks means manufactured goods intended to be used for a pyrotechnic effect that are classified by the Canada Explosives Regulations as low hazard fireworks for recreation (Class 7.2.1) such as firework showers, fountains, golden rain, lawn light, pin wheel, Roman candles, volcanoes and sparklers.
- (2) No person shall
 - a) offer for sale or sell fireworks, or
 - b) use, set off or discharge fireworks.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply during the period commencing the 25th day of October and ending the 31st day of October
 - a) to an offer to sell or a sale of fireworks to a person who is at least 18 years of age, or
 - b) to the using, setting off or discharging of fireworks on private property with the knowledge and consent of the owner.
- (4) No person shall offer for sale, sell, use, detonate or explode firecrackers.



Have a Safe and
HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please have this translated.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS

Prière de les faire traduire.

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。

どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。

알려드립니다

이것을 번역해 주십시오

CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG

Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲਥਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

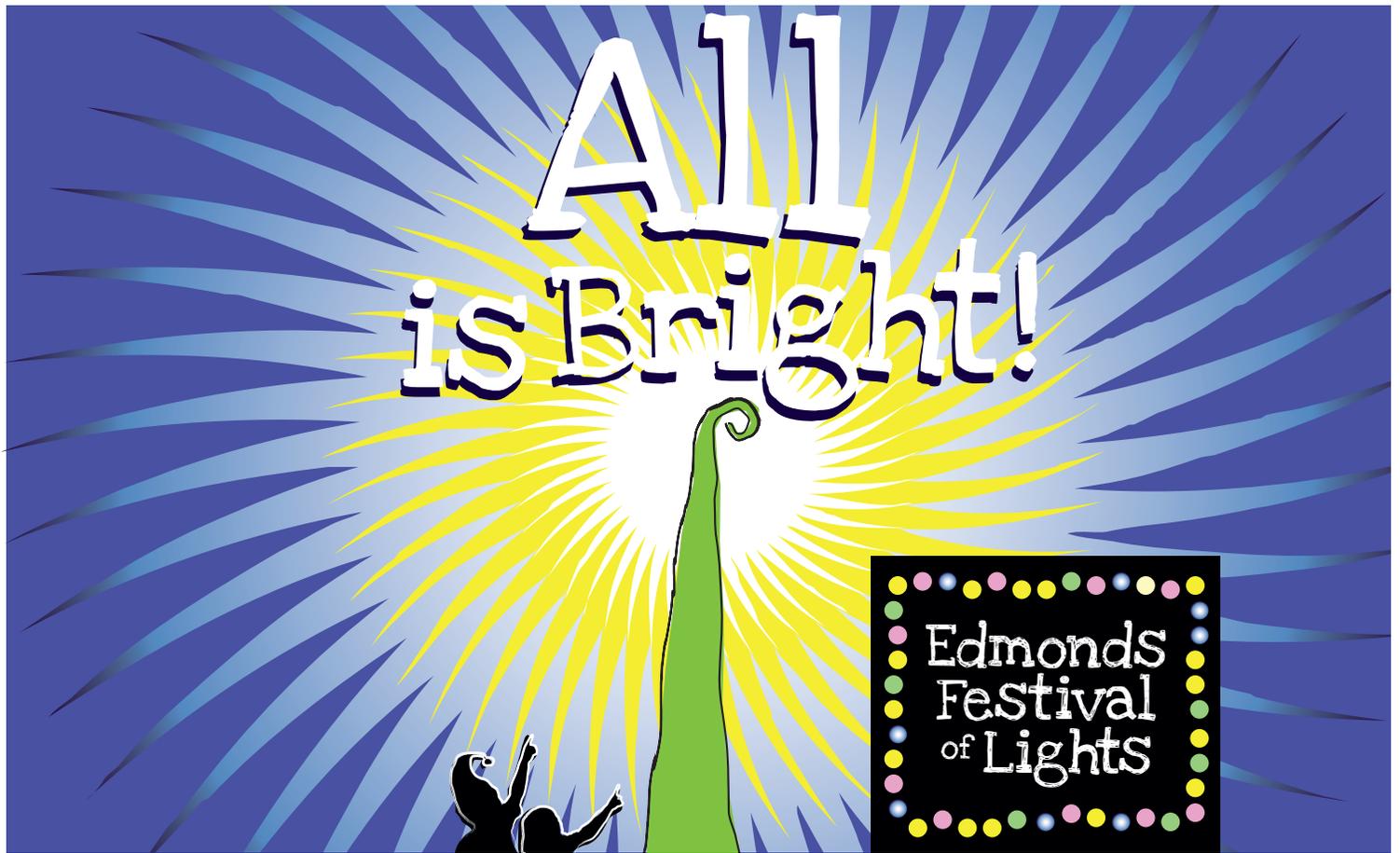
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اطلاعات مهم و سودمند

لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند

IPO AY ISANG MAHALAGANG

PATALASTAS. Mangyaring ipasalin ito kung hindi nauunawaan.



**Join us for family fun at Edmonds Festival of Lights
Saturday, November 26, 2016 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Edmonds Community Centre, 7433 Edmonds Street**

There will be live entertainment, snacks, crafts and activities for all ages.

And **SANTA** will be there!

One lucky child will help the Mayor light the

BIG TREE
at 5:15 p.m.

So unpack your mittens, scarves and toques, and head down to Edmonds Community Centre to kick off the season!

For more information, contact Lindy at 604-816-6876

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

