



# 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

## ISSUE # 1


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### IMPORTANT DATES:



Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
 **Hot Lunch Program Begins**

 Friday,  
September 9<sup>th</sup>  
**- Spirit Day/Book Bonanza**

Wednesday,  
September 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Community Barbeque** 

 Friday,  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Terry Fox Run, 2 pm**

Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Community Council Meeting**  
9:15 a.m.

Thursday,  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 ~  
& Meet the  
**Teacher Conferences**  
**1:30 Dismissal** 

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
**PRO-D DAY**  
**Students Do Not Attend**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! I hope you've had a restful, energizing summer break! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome new and returning colleagues to our staff: Ms Olwen Cowan, Head Teacher; Ms Maria Jácome, Community Coordinator; Ms Yvonne Pang, Teacher Librarian; Ms Stephanie Lundrigan, Learning Support, Mr. Justin Wu Learning Support/Intermediate Job Share; Mr. Stathis Margelis, Intermediate Teacher, and we also welcome back Ms Loveleen Mahil as well as Ms. Seanna Maher, and Ms Erica McLean, Educational Assistants. All of these new staff members bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to their role, and I look forward to having them join our Stride team!

And now, to business! Firstly, please stay tuned to our newsletter, website, and signage around the school for important upcoming dates! Our first school-wide event, **Spirit Day**, will be held this Friday and all are welcome! We also look forward to welcoming our community for a **BBQ here at Stride on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Look for more information on start times and details to come. Finally, please mark your calendars with our **early dismissal on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30** and our **Pro-D day on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Also please review our policy regarding lunch envelopes turned in late. This policy can be found in our Parent Handbook on our school website. As well, we continue to monitor our parking lot using a "pass" system, to ensure that only staff and authorized volunteers use the parking lot. **Please do not use the parking lot for picking up or dropping off your child.**

Lastly, we are very excited to begin our first full year of implementation of the BC Redesigned Curriculum! We are thrilled to announce that we will continue our "Parents as Partners" learning series this year; tentative dates have already been scheduled and details on each session will be coming out soon! There will no doubt be many questions from both education staff and parents as we come to understand more deeply the changes in our curriculum. For more information, please visit [curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://curriculum.gov.bc.ca) and stay tuned for ongoing information to come from your child's teacher and myself.

### School Organization

Students' classroom placements are temporary until we have established the certainty of our numbers and are assured that the classes we have formed meet the needs of the students and the school. We hope to have this confirmed as soon as possible. Again, we thank you for your patience as we get another school year underway. It is always such a busy time of year. If you have any concerns or requests regarding your child's placement, please notify Ms Griffin, in writing, by the morning of Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that requests should be based on educational needs of your child. Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered.**

### Lunch Program

The lunch program begins tomorrow, Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (except Kindergarten). Envelopes should be returned by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the latest. If your child does not return their monthly lunch envelope by the due date, they will need to bring a lunch from home for that cycle. **Please note that due to increased costs, the lunch program fee has increased to \$70.00/cycle.** For safety reasons, if your child will be going home for lunch, please send a note to your child's teacher.

### Spirit Day - Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for this fun start to another school year. Beginning at 9:30, all classes in Grades 1 to 7, along with staff members, will participate in our spirit presentations, activities and book swap. We will also be remembering Sandy Twinn with the dedication of an in memoriam bench purchased by the Community Council and the school to honour her 20 years of dedicated volunteer service to Stride Avenue Community School. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



### School Supplies

All students have received a basic supply list indicating the school supplies needed for the upcoming year. To prevent loss, please ensure that all supplies are clearly labeled with your child's name. Grades 2 to 7 students will also be required to purchase a Student Planner. The cost for the planner is **\$7.00**. Please send the planner fee to your child's classroom teacher by Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.



### Student Absence

Parents are asked to call the school to let us know if a student will be absent or late.

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Should you forget to do this, you may be phoned between 9:15 and 10:00 to check whether or not your child is coming to school.

### Late to School

If a student arrives at school later than 9:15 a.m., they must report to the office to "sign in" and to get a late slip for class.

### Leaving School Early

Any student leaving school early must report to the office to "sign out". If you know your child will be leaving early for any reason, please send a note to your child's teacher at the beginning of the day. If a student is ill, the secretary will phone home to get permission to send the child home, or have the child picked up.

### Parents Visiting the School

If you need to see your child for any reason, or leave a message for them or their teacher between 9:00 and 3:00, please report to the office. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom as we do not want the children's class time interrupted. Please let your children know your instructions regarding being picked up or where they are to go after school before leaving for school each day whenever possible. The school office is very busy and cannot easily accommodate these calls/messages at the end of the day. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

### School Schedule

8:55	Students enter building /	9:00	Classes Begin
11:30	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.

### Animals at School

Concerns have been expressed regarding dogs being brought to school. These include health and safety issues, cleanliness of our grounds and dogs interacting with other dogs. We ask that you do not bring your animals onto the school grounds. We do, however, recognize the importance of children interacting with animals. Animals can be used to teach science, empathy, self-esteem, friendship skills and caring relationships. Teachers will continue to be given the opportunity to create learning environments for children to interact with animals. If you have any concerns or wish to share your opinion regarding animals at our schools, please give Ms Griffin a call. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated. ☺



## Stride Avenue Community School Staff

Jennifer Griffin	Principal
Olwen Cowan	Head Teacher
Maria Jácome	Community Coordinator
Uma Malli	Div. 1, Intermediate
Vasso Feretos/Justin Wu	Div. 2, Intermediate
Stathis Margelis	Div. 3, Intermediate
Olwen Cowan/Justin Wu	Div. 4, Intermediate
Vivian Norman	Div. 5, Intermediate
Stephanie Janzen	Div. 6, Intermediate
Cheryl Chan	Div. 7, Primary/Intermediate
Jas Sanghera/Pamela Watkins	Div. 8, Primary
Sarah Collier	Div. 9, Primary
Karen Gillespie	Div. 10, Primary
Mairi Spence	Div. 11, K/1
Caroline Thomas	Div. 12, K
Yvonne Pang	Teacher-Librarian
TBA	Counsellor
Karen Andersen	Learning Support Services
Stephanie Lundrigan	Learning Support Services
James Smith	Learning Support Services
Justin Wu	Learning Support Services
Sue Takeuchi	Learning Support Services
Judy Lea	Music
Peter Wenzek	Band
Brenda Metcalfe	School Administrative Secretary
Maureen Hannay	Staff Assistant, Community Room
Brenda Ferris	Office Support Clerk
Joan Stewart	Food Service Worker
Diane Chubb	Educational Assistant
Liane Eng	Educational Assistant
Sandy Hsu	Educational Assistant
Diana Hurmer	Educational Assistant
Seanna Maher	Educational Assistant
Loveleen Mahil	Educational Assistant
Erica McLean	Educational Assistant
TBA	Educational Assistant
Elizabeth Sundvall	Educational Assistant
Sarah Tritton	Educational Assistant
TBA	Educational Assistant
Bert Gunter	Custodian (Day)
Harald Bosshart	Custodian (Evening)
Savita Chandra	Student Supervisor
Gwenn Suehn	Student Supervisor
Stephanie Suehn	Crossing Guard

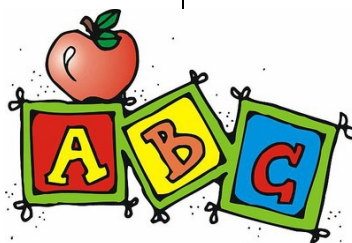


## School Calendar 2016-2017

September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	First day of school
<b>(Students attend from 9:00-10:00 a.m. only)</b>	
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Conferences, 1:30 Dismissal
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Provincial Pro-D Day
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day
December 19 <sup>th</sup> - January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Break
January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2017	School Reopens
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Conferences, 1:30 Dismissal
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	BC Family Day
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	District Pro-D Day
March 13 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Reopens
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Conferences, 1:30 Dismissal
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Victoria Day
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pro-D Day
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school
<b>(Students are dismissed at 10:30 a.m.)</b>	

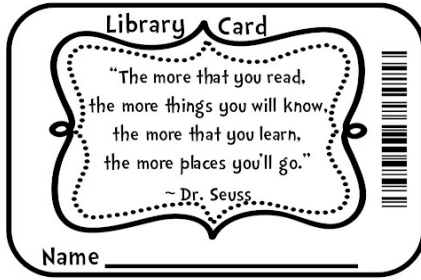
## Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent home from the classroom at the end of each month. A reminder email link will be sent to parents who are on our listserve, and it will be posted on our school website at [www.stride.sd41.bc.ca](http://www.stride.sd41.bc.ca) as well. Copies will be also be available at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance, outside the Main Office, in the Community Room and in the Gallery.



## **Burnaby Public Library**

September is a great time to sign up for a Library Card! Library cards are free to all people who live in the City of Burnaby. If you do not have a library card, but would like one, please apply at any branch of Burnaby Public Library. Tommy Douglas is the nearest branch to Stride! Remember to bring identification. Children under 16 must have their application forms signed by a parent or legal guardian. For more information, visit <http://www.bpl.bc.ca/borrowing/library-cards>.



## **The Burnaby Public Library is 60!**

You are all invited to Civic Square next to Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch to celebrate the Burnaby Public Library's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this Saturday, September 10! There will be food, games, activities and plenty of entertainment! Those who completed this year's Summer Reading Program, *Book a Trip*, will also be receiving their medals!

Please visit <http://www.bpl.bc.ca/events/60th-anniversary> for more information about this fun-filled, family-friendly day!



## **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。

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**

ਵਿਰਧਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੱਥਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।

## **INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE**

Busque alguien que le traduzca.

## **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.