



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 1st



Report Cards Home

Tuesday, December 5th
Student Pancake
Breakfast



9:00 - 11:00

Monday, December 12th
Community Council Potluck
Luncheon: 11:30 - 1:00

Wednesday, December 13th

Primary Music
Showcase

12:30 & 6:30

Tickets Required;
Cash & Food Bank
Donations at the Door



Friday December 22nd

Holiday Sing-a-long

12:45 (Gym)

Families Welcome



December
25th -

January 8th
Christmas
Holidays



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December's Monthly Theme: Empathy and Compassion

Hi everyone! As we ramp up to the holiday season, I wanted to update you on a few "happenings" at Stride.

Firstly, please find a survey included with your child's report card. This survey, which will also be available via link on our website, is intended to gather information about what YOU need from us! We are very proud of our partnerships with our parents, families and community members. We want to continue our Parents as Partners series with relevant, informative content. We also want to ensure that the times of the day and format of our events allow for busy parents to join us! Please fill out the online survey or the paper copy; paper surveys can be returned to your child's teacher. Thank you in advance for your input!

Over the next few weeks, we have many fun things planned around the school. Throughout the participation of all these events, we aim to draw students' attention to the monthly theme of Empathy/Compassion. Empathy can be defined as the capacity to understand what a person may be feeling; to "walk in another's shoes". Research has shown that students who can empathize have a stronger sense of well-being and attachment. Empathy is also critical in building and supporting strong communities. The following link has a great video that explains this concept in more depth (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ewvqu369Jw>). I encourage you to have conversations at home about the concept of empathy, why it's important, and perhaps even watch the video together with your children.

I look forward to seeing you all within the weeks to come!

Ms. 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 5th and our Craft Morning on December 22nd - 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!

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 12th from 11:30 - 1:00. **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.

Emergency First Aid

One day first aid course at Stride Avenue Library, Monday, December 11th, 2017, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; \$85.00 + tax. Contact Maria Jácome to register: maria.jacome@sd41.bc.ca.

Burnaby Family Life Workshop

"Keeping It Cool for Parents : Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:30 at Stride Avenue School for 6 weeks, January 15th - 31st, 2018. (Free childcare if pre-registered - advise when registering.) To register, contact Maureen or Maria at 604-296-9032, Ext 652011 or register online at www.burnabyfamilylife.org. Cost is \$30/person or \$50/couple payable online or by cash or cheque, payable to Burnaby Family Life. Please contact Maria Jacome if you require financial assistance.

Christmas with the Horses

In celebration of the Christmas season, Burnaby Horsemen's Association is holding their 14th Annual Open House - Sunday, December 3rd, 2017, 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
- Lead Line Pony Rides
- Displays and Craft Tables
- Mr. & Mrs. CLAUS arrive 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*.

UBC Girlsmarts!

UBC Girlsmarts is a non-profit organization launched by the UBC Computer Science department to help girls spark and sustain an interest in computer science. Our organization has been running workshops since 2004 and we often partner up with various local tech companies (including Microsoft, Amazon, SAP, and many others) to run many different workshops and activities for girls in grades 6 to 12. This year, we will be offering two grade 6 workshops (in partnership with Microsoft) and one grade 7 workshop (in partnership with SAP). Please note that our workshops are for girls only. Our grade 6 workshops will teach girls about programming their own game, cybersecurity, creating their own webpage, and hardware. The grade 7 workshops are run in partnership with SAP and will teach girls about design thinking, programming, social gaming, and user interface/user experience. If you are interested in learning more, our website is at <https://www.cs.ubc.ca/girlsmarts4tech/> or you can contact us at girlsmarts-info@cs.ubc.ca.



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

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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