

STRIDE AVENUE COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello everyone and happy November!! The weather is changing rapidly; winter is coming! School has been a busy place with many events taking place.

FALL 2023 UPDATES

In September, we hosted a welcome back potluck dinner. Thank you to our volunteers for making this event a success and to everyone who attended and brought a dish of food to share. Thank you also to the **Buy Low Foods** on Edmonds and the **Burnaby Fire Department** for their generous donations. Thank you to **Happy Day Events and Styling** for the amazing photo backdrop and to **DJ BFAD** for playing music.



MEET MR. TESAN

We would like to welcome our new head teacher - **Mr. Tesan**. He has been with us since September and is getting to know all the students and parents. Please stop by to say “hi” if you have not yet met him.



In September we held the annual Terry Fox Run. Our fundraising goal was \$600 but through our “Twoonies for Terry” donations and Terry Fox shirt sales, we raised an amazing **\$1478.95**. All money has been donated to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research.

THANK-YOU STRIDE DRAGONS!

BREAKFAST AND SNACKS



The community room is open 8:15am-8:45am each morning for breakfast. Students are welcome to join for cereal, oatmeal and fruit, if they did not eat at home. We have also been offering a morning snack from 10:15am-10:30am in the community room for any students who need a recess snack. Thank to to the **Burnaby Fire Department**, **Buy Low Foods** and the **Tzu Chi Foundation** for their generous donations which support these food programs.



StrongStartBC

Strong Start is free drop-in program for parents, grandparents and caregivers with children from birth to 5 years old. The program runs Monday to Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm in Room 10. Closure dates are listed on the calendar on the school website and posted outside Room 10. Everyone is welcome, and snacks are provided. Please speak to Ms. Jenny in the Strong Start room or visit the Stride website, and click on the Strong Start icon for registration information. www.stride.burnabyschools.ca

OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The fall session of out-of-school programs started the 2nd week of October. We will be offering more out of school programs in the winter and spring. Information will be sent home in January about the second session of programs that will be offered this year. Please note, we do our best to ensure students who apply get into at least one program. If your child is attending a program, please ensure you are aware of program start dates and pickup time. We appreciate your cooperation.

FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM

Our school participates in the BC Agriculture in the Classroom program. Every 2 weeks a different fruit or vegetable is delivered to the classroom. This allows students to taste different produce items and learn about how they are grown. If your child has an allergy, please make sure their teacher is updated.



WEDNESDAY 2PM-3PM FOOD PICK-UP



If families need additional support with food, we invite you to come on Wednesday's between 2pm-3pm to pick up some items of food. Pick-up is at grey door on the West side of the school. If you require this support, please register with Sandy in the Community Room or by phone at 604-838-6280. Thank you to **Costco** and **Cobs Bread (Market Crossing)** for their donations that support this program. We would also like to thank **Ms. Stewart** for picking up these donations every week and to **Ms. Ozee** for her help with the program.

GARDEN RELOCATION PROJECT

Over the next few months, construction will begin on our new school. The new school will be located in the South parking lot and the current garden area. To prepare for construction, we had to move the Stride Community Garden. In October, a group of volunteers from **The Dudes Club**, moved the garden boxes and soil to the West side of the school. The gardening materials will be stored until the spring-time when they will be used by the Dudes Club to set-up the new planters from members of the Stride Community Garden. A great big thank you to all the volunteers from The Dudes Club, a brotherhood to support men's wellness. If you would like more information, please call or text 604-838-6280.

BURNABY FC SOCCER WEEK AT STRIDE



In October, we welcomed soccer coaches from Burnaby FC to Stride. The coaches spent a week with our students and during their scheduled PE time, they ran soccer drills and taught the students how to play soccer. This event was enjoyed by all students. For more information about Burnaby FC's soccer programs being offered at Edmonds Community School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, please use the following QR code.



GRADE 5/6 BE ACTIVE PROGRAM

The City of Burnaby offers a free pass for Grade 5 and 6 students to access a variety of activities at different Recreation centers. The pass is valid from September 2023 - August 2024. Families can apply for the pass at their local community center.



CHRISTMAS BUREAU REGISTRATION NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 9

Low income or Income Assistance families can register at The Amazing Brentwood (4567 Lougheed Hwy) from Nov.1 to Dec.3 to receive a gift for each child up to 16 years of age as well as food gift cards. Proof of income (CPrint), address, ID for each child is required. Once you're registered at the Bureau, please call 604-838-6280 to let Sandy know you have done this. We have many families in need of support and limited access to donations. We appreciate your understanding. Thank-you!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2023/2024 EXECUTIVE

Every parent or guardian who has a student at Stride is a member of the Community Council. The Executive Council was elected in October. These members do the planning and organizing for the council. Meet this year's Community Council Executive Members:

Mel Thomas (chair)
Alicia Belac (secretary)
Amy Hsaio (co-treasurer)
Joan Zhou (co-treasurer)
Santoshi Mitra (education chair)
Colleen Ozee (fundraising chair)
Priya Gunturi (special events chair)
Madiha Nasim (DPAC rep)

2023/2024 CLASS REPS

Div.1-Alicia Belac
Div.2-Tina Vargyas
Div.3-Priya Gunturi
Div.4-Amy Hsiao
Div.5-Sahar Alboabbas
Div.6-Mahsa Kavehpisheh
Div.7-Charisse Guinto
Div.8-Santoshi Mitra
Div.9-Madiha Nasim
Div.10-Joan Zhou
Div.11-Sahar Alboabbas
Div.12-Kinley Jett
Div.13-Catherine Serapio
Div.14-Mandi Manhas

UPCOMING COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - EVERYONE WELCOME

Meetings are held monthly at 630pm on ZOOM. Link to the meeting will be emailed to all families.

- December NO meeting
- Tuesday, January 23
- Tuesday, February 20
- March NO meeting
- Tuesday, April 23
- Tuesday, May 21
- Tuesday, June 11

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

For information about volunteer opportunities, upcoming meetings or events at Stride, please email strideavecc@gmail.com or call/text Sandhya at 604-838-6280.

FUNDRAISERS

- Popcorn and hot chocolate sale every Friday, 3pm in the gallery \$1 each.



- Poinsettia sale happening now!! Payment and forms due December 8, 2023. Pick up date December 13. Plants are \$15 - payment via cash on line.



JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

EDMONDS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Saturday, November 25, 2023

2:30-5:30 pm

Edmonds Community Centre

7433 Edmonds Street

Santa will be there!

One lucky child will help the Mayor light the Big Tree at 5:15 pm!

Come watch as we light up the huge tree, and enjoy festive music, hot chocolate and holiday crafts with your family.



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