

Newsletter # 2

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# Stride Community School Newsletter



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## It's a Matter of “Principal”

Dear Families,

Not long ago a former student told me a story about taking an exam in university where students were asked to bring a photo I.D. On the day of the exam there was a student in the class who had not brought one. When she was told that she couldn't take the test without the I.D., she was incredulous. She literally did not believe that there would be a consequence for her forgetfulness. She assumed that there would be a Plan B for people like her. When it became clear that plan B was “go home and next time, bring your I.D.,” she was angry and scornful.

I understand we are not in university; however, I do see this attitude not in frequently in our schools. Many are unaccustomed to the idea that they are fully responsible for their actions whether it be forgetting their band instrument, forgetting their Hot Lunch order or simply not bringing their completed school work to school.

Setting aside the issue of whether university students should carry I.D. and be 100% responsible for their learning, consider this question: What happens during K-12 education to prepare students for taking responsibility? If you ask teachers, they will list a plethora of ways that teach and reinforce the idea of taking responsibility however subtle or direct as it may be. But shouldn't students become increasingly aware of this responsibility as they get older? I can see telling a first-grade teacher: “You can't expect the kids to come to you. You've got to reach them.” But if we say the same thing to an intermediate or high school teacher, then we're failing to teach students something important. If you believe that students should become more responsible for their actions and learning as they age, shouldn't teachers and parents become less responsible?

As we navigate through the year, I encourage everyone to think about ways in which we enable our children to take responsibility for their actions, academic or not.

Warm Regards,

Kelly Chow  
Principal  
Stride Community School



**Website** - Our school website is filled with information. Visit: [stride.burnabyschools.ca](https://stride.burnabyschools.ca)

### Follow us on X (formerly Twitter)

To follow us at Stride go to <https://twitter.com/StrideSD41>

What is X? X is a free social networking service that allows registered members to broadcast short posts called tweets. X, and 'tweeting', is about broadcasting daily short burst messages to the world, with the hope that your messages

# DID YOU KNOW?

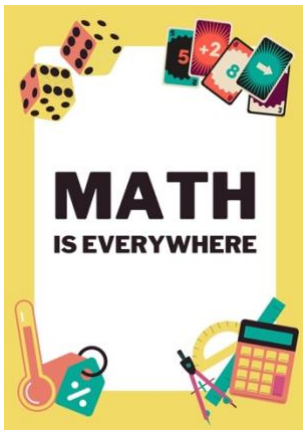
## Technology in the homes

Lately, I have had conversations with parents who are wanting to talk with me about technology in the home and how to keep their children safe. While there is no easy answer, a few quick and important questions to ask:

- 1) Where is the computer in the house? Is it in a location that is always visible or is it in the child's room where they can be using it behind closed doors, limiting the visibility and your knowledge of what they are doing?
- 2) Does your child have a Snap Chat, Tik Tok or Discord account? If yes, do you know what they are posting or how they are using it?
- 3) Do you have limitations on what can be downloaded on the computer? If you have your own user password, you can control some of the content being loaded onto the computer. There is a difficult line in place when trying to respect your child's privacy and protecting them. I guess the message can be looked at this way: kids can go many more places on the internet in 2 hours than they can outside. If you wouldn't allow your child to leave the house and wander around for 2 hours without knowing where they have been and what they have done, perhaps the same conversation needs to be had about the computer.



## Supporting Your Child with Math at Home

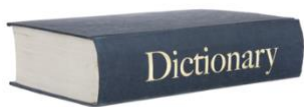


Did you know the kitchen can be a great place to have a math conversation. Cooking involves a lot of measurement, some approximation, time and volume. There is a great list of ideas of how to do math in the kitchen at <https://ihomeschoolnetwork.com/math-kitchen-elementary>

Some examples included:

- Ask your younger child to estimate how the different measurements relate to each other. A good way to make this concrete is to give her water and flour to measure and transfer from tool to tool. That way if you ask how many tablespoons are in a cup she can try it out to confirm her estimation
- Have your child help you double or triple the ingredients in a recipe. If she is unable to multiply fractions yet, have her show you the correct measurement, using cups and spoons

**Visual Mathematical Dictionary**—To better understand math terms visit: <https://math.uni.lu/dictionary/> Here you'll find mathematical words in various languages, thematically sorted and illustrated. This is an excellent tool to help students.



### Important Dates:

- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> --Photo Retake Day
  - Nov. 11 —Remembrance Day (School closed)
  - Nov. 13 & 14--Parent Teacher Conferences (early dismissal 2:00 pm)
- \*\*more information about parent teacher conferences will come out next week



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Stride Avenue Community Council (SACC) 2024-2025

Chair / DCSACC Rep	Kotesh Rao Maddi
Secretary	Amy Hsiao
Treasurer	Andre Petit Imthurn
Education Chair	Munibah Irshad
Fundraising Chair	Joan Zhou
Special Events Co-Chair	Shanmugapriya (Priya) Arunmozhi
Special Events Co-Chair	Priscilla Pandez
Member at Large (2)	Colleen Ozee, OPEN
DPAC representative	<i>Rotation by Executive Members / Open</i>

### Community Council Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, November 26
- Tuesday, January 28
- Tuesday, February 25
- Tuesday, April 22
- Tuesday, May 20

Meetings are online at 7pm via TEAMS. Link to meetings will be emailed to families one week before meeting date.

### Stride Avenue Community Council Fundraisers

Thank you to all families who contributed to the **Fall Clothing Drive Fundraiser**. Families donated over 35 large bags of clothes to support the Big Brothers Foundation and a cash amount will be given to our school for each bag we collected. Families will be receiving information about our winter fundraisers soon (**Poinsettias and Purdy's Chocolates**). The SACC also holds a weekly **Popcorn and Hot Chocolate** fundraiser on Fridays. We appreciate your ongoing support of these fundraisers.

#### Breakfast and Snack Program

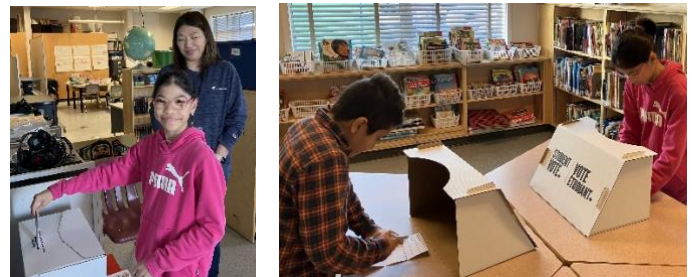
The President's Choice Children's Charity made a generous donation to our breakfast program and brought snack packs for each student in the school. Thank you to **Wholesale Club** on Kingsway and **Independent Grocer** at Champlain Heights for their generous donation of snack packs.

The Breakfast and Snack program at Stride ensures that every student who needs to start their day with breakfast or a healthy recess snack will receive it. If your family is new to Stride you can pick up a Breakfast/Snack registration form in the Community room or contact Ms. Krishna at 604-838-6280



#### BC Election – Student Vote

On October 16<sup>th</sup> students in grade 5 and 6 took part in the BC Election Student Vote. More than 180,000 student votes were recorded from 1,034 schools in BC providing results from all 93 electoral districts. Similar to the BC Election results, the students elected a BC NDP minority government with the BC Conservative Party as the official opposition. Thank you to Ms. Pang, our librarian, for organizing the Student Vote and to volunteers Ms. Colleen and Ms. Amy for their assistance at the polling station.



#### Outdoor Activities for Recess and Lunch

Youth Grants from Burnaby Neighborhood House were used to buy several outdoor games for intermediate students to enjoy at lunch break. Burnaby Neighborhood House Small Grants Funds secured by two parents last spring are also being used to purchase outdoor items for primary students to enjoy too.

