

Newsletter # 6

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Stride Community School Newsletter



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It's a Matter of "Principal"

Dear Stride Families,

As we approach Pink Shirt Day, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the importance of kindness and acceptance in our school community. Pink Shirt Day, which is celebrated annually around the world, started as a simple yet powerful act of standing up against bullying. It serves as a reminder that everyone deserves to feel safe, valued, and respected—whether at school, at home, or in our wider community.

Wearing pink on Pink Shirt Day is more than just a fashion choice; it's a symbol of our collective commitment to kindness. It's a visual statement that reminds us all to be inclusive, to show empathy, and to treat each other with respect. I believe that kindness is contagious, and when we treat each other with care and understanding, we create a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

However, while we celebrate kindness and acceptance on Pink Shirt Day, we also need to acknowledge that conflicts and misunderstandings can still occur. Conflict or hurtful behavior may arise from time to time. These situations are part of life, and as much as we work to prevent them, they are a reality we must face. The key is how we handle these challenges. It's not about expecting perfection, but about how we respond to difficult situations.

I believe we all have a role to play in addressing and resolving conflicts. It is through collective effort by students, teachers, families, and the entire school community that we can build an environment of tolerance and respect. By teaching our children to embrace differences, show empathy, and actively stand up against bullying, we help foster a culture of acceptance. While these efforts may not always eliminate every conflict, they lay the groundwork for resolving issues peacefully and with understanding.

In the spirit of Pink Shirt Day, we encourage all of our students, staff, and families to think about how we can be more kind to one another every day. Whether it's offering a compliment, helping a friend in need, or standing up for someone who is being treated unfairly, small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Together, we can create a school environment where everyone feels seen, heard, and respected. We are committed to building a school culture where everyone feels accepted, no matter their background, abilities, or differences. By continuing to support each other, we can ensure that our school remains a place where kindness and respect are at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to create a safe and loving environment for all students. Let's continue to spread kindness, not just on Pink Shirt Day, but every day!

With warm regards,
Kelly Chow



Website - Our school website is filled with information. Visit: 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?

Reporting Student Absences

We want to remind everyone, if your child will be absent from school please contact the office by emailing, strideavenue.info@burnabyschools.ca. Emailing the school is the most efficient way of letting the school know your child will be absent. Many families call in the morning, and due to the high volume of phone calls and phone line saturation across the district during this cold and flu season, we've had reports that parents cannot get through or leave a phone message regarding a student absence. Leaving a voice message can also be problematic as we have received incomplete messages due to cell phone reception being poor.

Reporting a student absence email: strideavenue.info@burnabyschools.ca

The email messages must be from parents and guardians only. Please include:

1. Student's First and Last Name
1. Division #____ - Teacher's Name _____
2. Reason for absence: eg. Sick or medical appointment
3. Relationship with the student: (mother, father, legal guardian)



After school student pick up

A friendly reminder to all parents that school pick-up time is at **3:00 PM**. Timely pick-ups are crucial for both the well-being of your child and the smooth operation of the school day. Late pick-ups can cause unnecessary stress for your child, as well as disrupt the schedule for staff members who need to attend to other responsibilities. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly at the designated time to maintain a positive and efficient end to the school day. Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy!



Report Cards—Going online



We are pleased to announce that **Stride** will be creating parent/caregiver accounts for the MyEducation BC (MyEdBC) Family Portal. These accounts will provide parents and caregivers with secure access to important educational information about their child, including learning updates (report cards), attendance records, and demographic details.

If you have another child currently enrolled in a Burnaby high school, you should already have a parent/caregiver account, which you can now use to access your Stride child's information.

You will receive an email on Tuesday with login details, including a username and temporary password. To ensure you receive this email, please add sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca to your email address book to prevent it from being flagged as spam. (Check your junk/spam/promotions folder in case you don't receive it, otherwise follow up by contacting the school office)

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Burnaby Emergency Preparedness Workshops were offered to families in person and online in the past month. We hope you had the chance to attend one of these sessions to help you better prepare for any type of emergency you may encounter in the future. In case you did not get a chance to attend the session, please see below additional for resources in the community.

City of Burnaby Emergency Management

- [Burnaby.ca/getprepared](https://burnaby.ca/getprepared)

Prepared BC (Emergency Plan Booklets)

- [Gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC](https://gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC)

Public Safety Canada

- <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca>

British Columbia Hazard Map:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/hazard-map>

Stride Avenue Community Council - *Thank you* to everyone who purchased the Safety Kits to help fundraise for SACC activities! Since the new school is only one year from being completed, we are starting to think about a new playground for the students to enjoy. Watch out for more fundraising opportunities in the future. *Please join us on Tuesday, March 4th at 7pm on Teams for the next Council meeting.*

Burnaby Family Life – Upcoming Events

Parents' Learning Event – Saturday, March 1@ Scandinavian Centre. Register for tickets. <https://www.burnabyfamilylife.org/parent-learning-event>

Kids Superhero Event at Stride's gym - Sat, Mar 8, 10am-1pm for Free, Fun & Interactive games

Calm & Confident Parenting series at Stride: 1230-230pm, April 15 to June 3, includes childcare for more information or to register, please contact: sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca

Capoeira - Stride students will be learning about Capoeira music and trying out dance movements when we return to school after spring break. We hope you can join us on Friday, April 4th at 1pm in the gym to appreciate the multicultural music, dance and self-defense movements from Axe Capoeira and Stride students!