

Newsletter # 9

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# Stride Community School Newsletter



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## It's a Matter of "*Principal*"

Dear Stride Families,

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. We made it, together, as a learning community that supported one another through the ups and downs. As you look back on the year, there's so much to be grateful for: the friendships formed, the lessons learned, and the memories made. I encourage you to take a few moments to scroll through your child's assignments or photos from the past year. You'll see clear evidence of their growth, joy, and the collaborative spirit that makes Stride Avenue such a special place. What more could we ask for?

At this time of year, we also take a moment to say goodbye. We send our heartfelt best wishes to our Grade 7 students as they take the next steps in their learning journey. We know they will continue to grow and thrive in their new schools. We are also bidding farewell to several staff members: Our Education Assistants — Ms. Rumimpunu, Mr. Dizon, Mr. Mugaruka, and Ms. Suenaga, who joined us on temporary contracts, will be moving on to new opportunities in other schools. Mr. Watson, who has provided such thoughtful care and guidance to our intermediate students, will also be transitioning to another school, as his contract with us comes to an end.

We are deeply grateful for their contributions to our school community and wish each of them continued success in the next chapter of their journey.

Looking ahead, there's a lot to be excited about. The new school building, scheduled to open in late spring, marks an exciting chapter in Stride's future. That said, the 2025–2026 school year will be bittersweet for me personally.

Last week, the Burnaby School Board announced its administrative changes for the upcoming school year. I have been appointed as **Director of Instruction** at the Burnaby District Office. A new principal for Stride Avenue will be named in the coming days. While I'm excited to begin this next chapter, I'm also deeply saddened to be leaving such a remarkable school community.

Although my time at Stride Avenue has been short, the impact this community has had on me is lasting. The students, families, and staff here are truly exceptional. It has been an honour to serve as your principal. I've learned and grown in countless ways, and I'm incredibly grateful for every conversation, moment of collaboration, and shared success.

Thank you to everyone who makes Stride Avenue a warm, safe, and vibrant place for children to learn and thrive. To the families moving on to new schools or communities, we wish you continued success and happiness. And to all, may your summer be filled with rest, laughter, and meaningful memories. On behalf of all of us at Stride Avenue, have a safe and joyful summer!

*"It's not the length of time we spend in a place that matters, but the depth of the connections we make while we are there. Some moments leave a lasting mark on the heart." — Unknown*

Warmly,

Kelly Chow  
Principal  
Stride Avenue Community School



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### 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

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Sports Day Memories



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# SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

## Community Room Updates

### SACC In-Person General Meeting a Success!



On the evening of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Community Room was filled with keen caregivers and community service providers who enjoyed a light meal and had a great discussion about upcoming events. In addition, the Education Chair and the Special Events Chair led discussion around ideas for the next school year. There are different ways for parents/caregivers to get involved and volunteer their time as a member of the Council or as a Class Parent Representative (CPR). Please join us in September at the Annual General Meeting to learn more about roles like the SACC Chairperson, Treasurer, Fundraising Co-Chair, Education Chair and Special Events Chair as well as Member at Large and CPR.

### Volunteer Tree of Recognition

The Volunteer Tree of Recognition was created by a local student artist from Byrne Creek Community School. On June 11, over 50 volunteers displayed their names to the Volunteer Tree in recognition of their time in supporting students and/or staff at Stride. Stride volunteers have contributed their time by attending field trips, helping out in classrooms, supporting the Scholastic Book Fair as well as joining the SACC to lead school initiatives in various ways. We are SO grateful to everyone for their volunteer time!



### Thank you donors for supporting playground fundraising efforts!

Over the past two months, various fundraising initiatives at Stride have helped raise nearly **\$6,000**. Most recently, a group of enthusiastic Grade 2 students set up a lemonade stand during lunch and after school, raising an impressive **\$115**.

These funds will be used to inform and inspire potential donors by showcasing the contributions made by our students, families, and staff—with the goal of having those donations matched.



The Walk-a-thon held on June 6th raised over **\$3,800**—a fantastic achievement! A heartfelt thank you to **Save-On-Foods at Market Crossing** for their generous donation of a **\$50 gift card**, and congratulations to **Amir**, one of our Stride students, for winning the prize draw from the pledge forms.

We're also looking for a parent volunteer to join **Joan**, our current Fundraising Chair, as **Co-Chair** to help support future fundraising initiatives. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact **Sandy Krishna** at **604-838-6280**.



### Summer Fun Pass only \$20+GST

The City of Burnaby is offering a great deal to children and youth, ages 5-18 years. The Summer Fun Pass allows children and youth to access different drop-in program such as fitness and basketball in the city's community centers and swimming at the indoor as well as outdoor pools from June 28 to September 2.



### Food support Wednesday June 25, 10:00-11:00 am

Ms. Stewart and Ms. Colleen will be distributing donated items from Costco to families in need of support near the picnic tables closest to the small parking lot. Please remember to bring your **numbered key tag**, as priority will be given to **Stride families**. If you would like more information or are interested in registering for this food support program, please contact [sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca). Wishing you all a wonderful summer break!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## First Week September Schedule

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025 from 8:55am -10:00am**

- **Students in Grades 1–7** will return to their **last year's class** for a one-hour session. Teachers will meet students outside on the basketball court.
  - *Students who were in Mr. Watson's class should look for Mr. Cockram.*
- **New students and parents** to Stride will meet in the **gym**, where they will be welcomed by a group of teachers and our School Community Coordinator, **Mrs. Krishna**.
- **All students (Grades 1–7)** will be dismissed from the **same location** where they started the day.
- **Kindergarten students** entering the 2025–2026 school year **do not attend from 9:00–10:00 a.m.** Please follow the **Gradual Entry schedule** previously sent to families.



**Wednesday, September 3 to Friday, September 5, 2025 from 8:55am – 3:00pm**

- **Students in grades 1-7** return to their last year's classes.
- Students **new** to Stride will be joining their assigned classes for the rest of the week.
- Kindergarten families will attend scheduled *Welcoming Conversations* and follow the gradual entry schedule

**More information and reminders will be emailed out in late August. Please check our school website in late August for further information Visit: <https://stride.burnabyschools.ca/>**

