



# Stride Community School Newsletter

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## DECEMBER 2025

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DECEMBER 2

Pancake Breakfast

#### DECEMBER 10

Winter Concert (Grade 4-7)

#### DECEMBER 10-12

Pick-up Poinsettias and Purdy's  
Chocolates

#### DECEMBER 17

Report cards available on MyEd

#### DECEMBER 19

December Assembly/sing-a-long

#### DECEMBER 19

Last day of school

#### JANUARY 5

School Reopens

### TO REPORT AN ABSENCE FOR YOUR CHILD

#### PHONE

604-296-9032, press 2 and leave a  
message on the absentee voicemail

#### EMAIL

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Dear Stride Families

As we move into this festive season, we're excited to share several upcoming community holiday events that will bring our families together, some of which are included here, and some have already been sent home to families. Keep an eye out for details coming home as we become aware of more—there will be activities for all ages, and we hope to see many of you there celebrating.

Our staff recently had the opportunity to tour the new school building, and we were thrilled by the bright, welcoming spaces taking shape. From flexible learning areas to more open brighter and wider hallways, the new school promises to be a wonderful environment for our K-7 students. We look forward to sharing more updates with you as progress continues.

We're also gearing up for our annual Holiday Concert, a highlight of the year for many students and families. Classes have already begun practicing, and we can't wait to see our students shine on stage. More information about performance times is included in this newsletter.

As the weather continues to shift, we kindly remind families to ensure children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play—warm coats, boots, gloves, and hats make a big difference in keeping students comfortable throughout the day. Thank you for helping us keep everyone cozy and ready to learn.

Warmly,

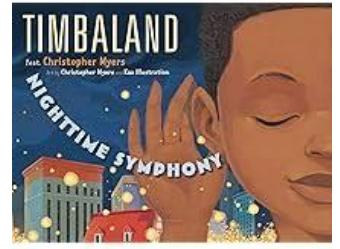
Mr. W. Hiltz

Principal



## Winter Concert – December 10th

We are excited to invite families to our Winter Concert for grades 4-7 on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** at 130pm and 630pm. Tickets are required for the evening performance. The concert is inspired by Timbaland's book "The Nighttime Symphony". Tickets are free but donations are greatly appreciated (all funds go towards our music program at Stride).



## Report Cards

Report cards will be available Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> online in My Ed. Paper copies will not be sent home with students. The office will send an email one week before with reminder instructions about how to log in to My Ed and how to access the report cards. On **DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 915AM** in the Community Room there will be a session for ELL parents to learn how to access their children's reports online. All parents are welcome to join this session if you require help with logging into your My Ed account.

## Stride Spirit Week December 15 – 19 (Students and Staff)

### SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!!

Monday, December 15: wear red and green

Tuesday, December 16: Mountain Wear (wear toques, scarfs, mittens, ski wear)

Wednesday, December 17: Christmas SWAG (holiday sweaters, Santa hats, Elf ears, etc.)

Thursday, December 18: Winter Solstice (wear white, blue and purple)

Friday, December 19: Dress Your Best (wear whatever you feel really good in)



## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found outside the Community Room is overflowing!! If your child is missing any clothing, jackets, water bottles, or other personal items, please take a moment to stop by and check the Lost and Found area. Unclaimed items will be donated/discarded on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12** so we encourage you to come by soon. Thank you for your help in keeping our space tidy!

## Movie Night

Thank you to all families who joined us for Movie Night. We hope you had a good time. With entrance donations, concession and pizza we raised \$832.00 that will go towards our playground fund. We would also like to thank the parent volunteers who organized the event, served food and helped clean up. Events like this are not possible without our many volunteers.



## Chip-In Wednesdays

We are also grateful for everyone who has supported the Chip In fundraiser on Wednesdays after school. With our sale of chips, we have raised \$750 which will go towards the new playground. Thank you for your support. Thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered to help!!

## Hot Lunch Reminder

Parents, please remember to order hot lunch for your child as soon the Cash Online reminder email has been sent by the school. Once families receive the first email, Cash Online for Hot Lunch is open for **10 DAYS** and we are unable to reopen after the deadline passes. If the deadline does pass and you have not ordered, your child will need to bring a lunch from home for the following month. The email for the January lunch program will be sent next week. Please watch for this email and if you are interested, order right away!



## Stone Soup – Division 6

Division 6 spent a morning making Stone Soup with parents and Indigenous Elder, Kanatitio. Each student brought an ingredient to add to the soup. As they were making soup, the students learned why it is called Stone Soup.

“Hungry travelers came to a village where no one wanted to share food. So, they put a smooth stone in a pot of boiling water and said they were making “stone soup.” Curious villagers watched and began adding small things—like a carrot, a potato, and some beans. Soon the pot was full of tasty soup that everyone enjoyed together.” The lesson learned with Stone Soup – Sharing Makes Everything Better.



## Accessibility in Burnaby Schools

The Burnaby School District is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all students and families. Part of this commitment involves working with community to help inform our work.

You may not be aware that the District has advisory and working committees to gather information about accessibility and assist in identifying barriers in the District. We encourage feedback. You can find information about how to share your feedback via an online form, email, phone, or regular mail [here](#), where you can also learn more about Accessibility in Burnaby Schools.

We welcome your input to help us improve accessibility across our schools and programs.

<https://burnabyschools.ca/accessibility/>

## Parking Lot Reminder

We are still having a problem with a few parents entering the staff parking in in the mornings and after school. Even if you are running late or the weather is bad, **parents may not park or drop off their children in staff parking lots.** All staff have a Burnaby School District parking pass displayed in their windows, and we are still seeing parent cars that do not have a valid parking pass in the parking lot. Thank you to those parents who are arriving earlier and parking further away or walking their children to school. We appreciate your cooperation.



## December Community Events

There are many free and low-cost events happening to celebrate the festive season this month. Click on the links below for more information about each event:

City of Burnaby public swimming and skating events (Swim with Santa, Holly Jolly Swim, Ugly Christmas Sweater Toonie Skate, Holiday Public Skate, Boxing Day Skate, New Years Eve Public Skate) skates <https://www.burnaby.ca/recreation-and-arts/holiday-fun>

**NEW** – Edmonds Community Center will be OPEN on Christmas Day (limited Hours)

[Festive Village](#) at Burnaby Village Museum Nov 22- Jan 2, except Dec 24 and 25. Visit the heritage village, see the lights and ride the carousel. (LOCATION – Burnaby. Bus #133 from Edmonds Skytrain station)

[Lights at Lafarge](#) is Metro Vancouver's largest free outdoor winter lights display, featuring a 1.6-km pathway filled with dazzling lights and re-imagined displays. November 28-February 16, 2026. (LOCATION – Coquitlam near the Lafarge Lake Skytrain).

[Shipyards Market in North Vancouver](#) November 28 - December 24 (open daily). Free entrance to the outdoor European market and outdoor ice skating. (LOCATION - North Vancouver near the Lonsdale Sea bus Terminal).

[Robson Square Ice Rink](#) Free outdoor ice skating (small fee for skate rentals). November 28 – February 28 from 9am-9pm every day. Open December 24 and 25. (LOCATION – Downtown Vancouver near the Burrard Skytrain Station)

[Gingerbread Lane](#) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver. November 27-December 28. (LOCATION - downtown Vancouver near Burrard Skytrain Station).

## What to Expect with Weather-Related School Closures in the District

### How are decisions made?

All schools will remain OPEN unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances – such as a power outage – that make it impossible to open for instruction.



### When will I know?

We do our best to communicate school or District-wide CLOSURES by 6:30am.

Please note, no announcement will be made that schools are open except under extreme circumstances.

### How will I know?

The information about closures will typically be posted on both the District website and X/Twitter account. However, please keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, such as a power outage. Generally, only closures or delays are announced. Another way to learn about school closures is through local news stations (online, radio, and TV).



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### What about student safety and family choice?

Student safety is a responsibility we share with families. Please walk your child to the door of the school if you are unsure whether or not the school is open. If for any reason you feel that your student cannot travel safely then please, as you normally would, notify the school that your child will be absent.

### What if schools are open and the weather gets worse throughout the day?

If weather conditions deteriorate throughout the day and create a concern for the safety of students returning home, a decision may be made to dismiss students early. This will be communicated to parents in the best way possible through the school's normal communications channels.

### How will adult education students be informed?

If weather conditions result in a decision to cancel evening classes, notice will be posted on the [Burnaby Community and Continuing Education Website](http://www.burnabyccce.ca) (www.burnabyccce.ca) by mid-day.

### Where can I learn more?

Additional information can be found in our [Administrative Procedures](#)

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