



# Stride Community School Newsletter

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## FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Stride Families:

I find it somewhat amazing that I am writing this with only two weeks left before Spring Break. Where has the time gone! I am sure you are all happy to see the weather starting to improve and the days getting longer. Daylight savings time is just around the corner and then we will be enjoying even longer days which will be very nice.

Our Pink Shirt Assembly this past week was a wonderful celebration of kindness that showcased our talented primary students, led by Ms. Bulanowski. It was nice to see so many students and staff wearing pink to celebrate the day. Thank you to the many families who were able to join for the assembly as well. We shared pictures from this event on our X (Twitter) page. Please consider following us if you do not already do so as we are trying to post more regularly. [@strideSD41](https://twitter.com/strideSD41)

As you have probably noticed, construction on our new building is progressing nicely. The outside is nearing completion, sidewalks have been poured around much of the exterior, flooring should have arrived onsite, drywall and painting is nearing completion inside, and millwork in classrooms continues to be installed. Things are looking very nice there. The anticipated completion date is the end of May. We will have more details on what that means for a "move in" date, later. There are many factors involved in coordinating that so we will keep you as updated as possible.

We have selected a date for a 'Stride Reunion' to give former staff and students an opportunity to say 'goodbye' to our current building. Please note that this event is for **former staff and students only** and we will be doing something separate for our current Stride Community at a later date. The Stride Reunion is planned for April 30, 2026. More details will follow as we finalize things. This will be **an RSVP event** so if you were a former Stride Student and plan to attend you will need to let us know so that we can plan for accurate numbers of attendees.

Our second Student Learning Update will be available for parents just prior to Spring Break. A message will be emailed to parents letting them know when they can view the second Learning Update online. Please take the time to do so and discuss with your child. As always, if you have questions and/or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher. There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and/or view their learning at the Student Led Conferences on April 16, 2026. More details to follow.

Hoping that everyone enjoys the next couple of weeks and that if you are lucky enough to be travelling for Spring Break, you do so safely. If you are remaining here, let's hope for nice sunny, springtime weather.

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Hiltz

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH 6

Pizza Fun Lunch (sales close March 3)

### MARCH 16-27

Spring Break - **No School**

### MARCH 30

Students Return to School

### MARCH 30 – APRIL 10

SACC Clothing Drive

### APRIL 3

Good Friday - **No School**

### APRIL 6

Easter Monday - **No School**

### APRIL 16

Student Led Conferences / Parent Teacher Conferences

### APRIL 27

Pro D Day – **No School**

### APRIL 30

Stride Reunion for **former** students and staff

## TO REPORT AN ABSENCE FOR YOUR CHILD

### EMAIL (PREFERRED)

[StrideAvenue.info@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:StrideAvenue.info@burnabyschools.ca)

### PHONE

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

## BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT – SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Registration is on now for new Spring Break Camps put on by the Burnaby School District for children in Grades 4 to 8. Camps will last one week, with the option available to book both weeks, if desired (March 16 - 20 and March 23 - 27). The courses will allow students to try a new skill and have fun. Learn more and see the camp offerings [here](#).



## PICKLEBALL: MARCH 10-12

From Tuesday, March 10 to Thursday, March 12, students in **Divisions 1–6** will have the opportunity to learn the exciting and fast-growing sport of Pickleball.

Students will receive specialized instruction from two trained Pickleball coaches who will focus on teamwork, fundamental movement skills, and overall fitness. Every student is encouraged to participate, regardless of their ability or prior experience.

A small fee of \$5 per student is requested and can be paid through **School Cash Online**.

Students in Divisions 7–14 will continue with their regular Physical Education classes during this week, as they participated in specialized handball lessons with the same company in January.

If you have any questions, please contact the program coordinator, Sandy Krishna, at 604-838-6280 or by email at [sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca).

## STORIES ABOUT STRIDE SHARED BY BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Burnaby School District often shares stories and photos about events that have been happening in our schools.

During Literacy Week the Burnaby School District Shared a post called ***Bringing Stories to Life During Literacy Week*** and Stride was featured. You can see the website post [here](#) and their X (Twitter) post [here](#).

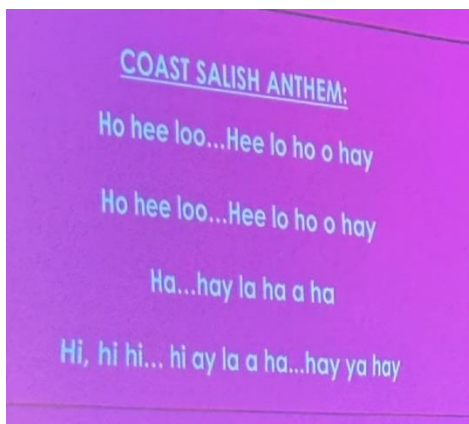
The Burnaby Board of Education also featured Stride in February's ***Inside Burnaby Schools***. You can see the video [here](#).

## PINK SHIRT DAY AT STRIDE

Pink Shirt Day is an annual, worldwide initiative held on the last Wednesday of February to stand against bullying by promoting kindness, inclusion, and safety in schools and workplaces. It began in 2007 in Nova Scotia, Canada, when two students organized a protest to support a peer bullied for wearing pink.

At Stride we held a Pink Day Shirt assembly on Thursday, February 26 and encouraged students to wear Pink.

A photo of students at our assembly was shared on the Burnaby School Districts website. [See the post here](#).





### **STRIDE REUNION**

Did you attend Stride Avenue Community School as a child? A special reunion is being planned for former students (alumni) and staff!

The event will take place April 30, 2026, and registration will be available through Eventbrite.

If you would like more information, please contact the Coordinator Sandy at [sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca).

Please note: This reunion is for **former students and staff only**. Current students will have a separate celebration before moving to the new school.



### **SPRING OST PROGRAMS**

Our afterschool (OST) programs are typically offered to all students in Grades 1–7. When planning this school year's out-of-school programs, we were uncertain about the timeline for moving into the new school. As a result, we organized fewer programs for the spring session and will only be offering them to students in Grades 4–7.

If you have a younger student who is interested in afterschool programs, they will have the opportunity to participate again in the fall.

Additional afterschool programs are available within the community. For more information, please check the following links: [City of Burnaby - Parks and Rec](#) or [Edmonds Youth Education Center](#)



### **LOST AND FOUND REMINDER**

Our Lost and Found bin is overflowing once again with jackets, hats, water bottles, and other clothing items. Please take a moment, before Spring Break, to check if any of these items belong to your family.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after the break.

Thank you for your help in clearing out the Lost and Found!

# STRIDE AVENUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SACC) NEWS

## PIZZA FUN LUNCH – MARCH 6

Our next Pizza Fun Lunch will take place on Friday, March 6! The last day to order is **Tuesday, March 3 at 11:59 PM** through [School Cash Online](#) . This lunch is organized by the Stride Avenue Community Council and is not part of the regular school lunch program.

Each order includes **one XL slice for \$5**, packaged in an individual box and will be delivered to your child's classroom at lunch. Funds raised will go towards programs and events at school.



### **Available options:**

- Pepperoni
- Ham & Pineapple
- Vegetarian
- Cheese

## BIG BROTHERS CLOTHING DRIVE: MARCH 30-APRIL 10



The SACC is hosting a Clothing Drive **March 30-April 10** in support of Big Brothers. Organize your closets at home this Spring Break and donate a bag of gently used clothes to the school.

Big Brothers resells the clothing items at their thrift stores to help fund mentoring programs for children and youth in our community.

The SACC receives money for each bag of clothing that we collect. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with collecting the donations from 8:45am-9:00am and 2:45pm-3:00pm. Please sign up in the Community Room if you would like to help. Thank you for helping us make an impact.

## COMING SOON: BRUNO MARS CONCERT TICKET RAFFLE!



The SACC is excited to announce an online raffle to help raise funds for the new Stride playground! One lucky winner will receive a **pair of tickets** to see **Bruno Mars** live at BC Place this October. Tickets are 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$25. The draw date for this exciting prize is June 22, 2026.

Tickets will go on-sale March 10, 2026. When the online raffle is open, please share the link with your friends, family and on social media.

Thank you for supporting the Stride Playground project and helping us create a fun, safe, and inclusive space for all children! 🚀

## **FINAL POPCORN AND HOT CHOCOLATE**



Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:45pm-3:30pm in the Gallery. Please join us for the last Popcorn and Hot Chocolate sale for the month of March. Popcorn and hot chocolate are \$1.50 each. There will be no popcorn or hot chocolate for sale on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school before spring break!

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

On Thursday, February 26, many students and their families joined members of the Stride Avenue Community Council (SACC) and dedicated volunteers to enjoy The Bad Guys movie.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together while raising funds for a new playground. Families enjoyed pizza and had the chance to spin a wheel to win some exciting prizes.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support this special event, and a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who helped make it such a fun and successful evening! We raised \$609 that will go towards the playground at the new Stride school.



## EDUCATORS NIGHT – VANCOUVER GOLDENEYES HOCKEY



The Vancouver Goldeneyes are hosting an **Educators Night** on Saturday, March 14 at 12:00 PM — and you're invited!

This special game celebrates educators and school communities and is a great, family-friendly activity during Spring Break.

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Educatorsnight35>

Whether you're a hockey fan or simply looking for something fun to do over the break, this is a wonderful opportunity to support women's sports and enjoy an exciting afternoon together.

A promotional poster for the South Burnaby Mighty Runners Run Club. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. At the top, a blue shield-shaped banner contains the text "SOUTH BURNABY" in white. Below this is a white shield with a green border, featuring silhouettes of a male and female runner in green. Underneath the shield is a blue banner with "MIGHTY RUNNERS" in yellow and "RUN CLUB" in white below it. To the left of the shield is a yellow starburst with "FOR KIDS 5 TO 12" in black. To the right is a green starburst with "FREE TO JOIN!" in white. Below the shield, the text "★ JOIN THE ★" is in blue, followed by "MIGHTY RUNNERS" in large yellow letters on a blue banner, and "KIDS RUN CLUB!" in blue. Below that, it says "A FREE, BURNABY-BASED RUNNING GROUP FOR KIDS FOCUSED ON BUILDING CONFIDENCE, HEALTHY MOVEMENT AND HAVING FUN." in blue. At the bottom left, there is a list of events: "• CHOCOLATE RUN 5K - MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>", "• VANCOUVER SUN RUN KIDS RACE 2.5K- APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>", and "• BMO KIDS RUN 2.5K- MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>". Below the list is the text "Keep up to date on Facebook @TheMightyRunnersRunClub" in blue. At the bottom right is a QR code. Below the QR code is the text "FOR MORE INFO" in blue.

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Keep up to date on Facebook  
[@TheMightyRunnersRunClub](https://www.facebook.com/TheMightyRunnersRunClub)



FOR MORE INFO



# SPRING BREAK CAMP

Exciting activities for Grade 5-9 students!

Arts & Crafts  
Workshops  
Social activities + games  
Character development

 March 23-27, 2026

 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

 Edmonds Community School

**REGISTER NOW:**

**Fee  
\$10**

 [www.edmondseyouth.ca/spring](http://www.edmondseyouth.ca/spring)

 **Hosted by Edmonds Youth  
Education Centre**





# Too Much Stuff?... Donate it

## Who We Are

BASES is a non-profit organization that funds programs and activities for at-risk youth and families in the public schools of Burnaby and New Westminister. We do this through the proceeds of our BASES Family Thrift Store.



## What We Take

- Women and Men's Clothing, Shoes & Jewelry
- Kitchen Items:
  - Plates, cups, bowls, utensils, cooking and baking items
- Household Items:
  - Art work and Pictures
  - Figurines, decorative display items
- Music & Video's
  - CD's, DVD's, Vinyl Records
- Books
- Electronics
  - Small appliances (in good working order)
  - radios, small stereos, alarm clocks

### Store Location

1001 Columbia Street  
New Westminister, BC  
Call 604-540-0110

Store Hours: 10 am - 5 pm  
Donation Hours: 10 am - 4:30 pm

[www.basesburnaby.ca](http://www.basesburnaby.ca)