



Stride Community School

Newsletter

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NOVEMBER 2025

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HEAD TEACHER – Mr. Cockram
COORDINATOR – Ms. Krishna
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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 7

Photo Re-takes

NOVEMBER 10

Remembrance Day Assembly 1045am

NOVEMBER 11

Remembrance Day – No School

NOVEMBER 19

Stride Avenue Community Council
General Meeting (630pm - ONLINE)

NOVEMBER 21

Pro D Day – No School

NOVEMBER 26

Grade 6/7 Immunizations

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE FOR YOUR CHILD

EMAIL (Preferred)

StrideAvenue.info@burnabyschools.ca

PHONE

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

Dear Stride Families

Happy November to you all! The past month was busy at Stride starting with the Terry Fox Run on October 3. We appreciate your donations which helped raise **\$2297.25** for cancer research. The top two classes for fundraising were Div. 3 (Ms. Feretos) and Div. 7 (Ms. Spence) and the class with most t-shirt sales was Div. 12 (Ms. Lefley-Evans/Ms. Colussi). Thank you to everyone for making this year's FINISH IT campaign a success!

It was great to see so many parents/caregivers attend the conferences with teachers on October 22 and 23. These meetings are an opportunity for information sharing to ensure every student has a supportive learning environment at school and at home.

The Halloween Assembly on Friday was an exciting time for everyone to see the costume parade and share in the fun of the Stride staff's line dance performance. We are grateful to the dedicated team of SACC, Class Parent Representatives and parent volunteers who made Stride's first ever Trunk or Treat event a tremendous success!

Please join us for the Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10 at 10:45 in the school gym. There will be no school on November 11th for Remembrance Day. There will also be no school on November 21 for a staff Professional Development Day.

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have been parking away from the school. We appreciate your cooperation and for keeping everyone safe around the school grounds.

Warmly,

Sandhya Krishna
Community School Coordinator

HALLOWEEN

We hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. We had an exciting day of activities at Stride. Our morning started with a Halloween assembly and costume parade. Most staff were dressed in Western Theme and surprised students with a special country line dance during the assembly.

In the afternoon the Divisions 1-5 went to Byrne Creek for a Halloween Carnival organized by the high school students. Stride Avenue Community Council (SACC) organized a Trunk or Treat event. Students in Division 6-14 played games and visited decorated car trunks for treats. Thank you to the SACC for organizing this event.





PHOTO RE-TAKES FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Photographers will be here the morning of November 7th for photo retakes. All students who had a photo taken in October have been sent home a photo proof with a QR code to order photos. If your student missed the first photo session or you would like retakes, they can have their photo done on November 7th.

BIG BROTHERS CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all Stride families for your donations during our recent Big Brothers clothing drive.

We collected a total of 41 bags of clothes and Big Brothers gave us \$2.50/bag. We fundraised \$102 that goes to the general PAC/SACC account for school events.

Thank-you to the following classes who collected the most bags: Ms. Chan (10 bags) and Ms. Lefley-Evans / Ms. Colussi (14 bags). We would also like to thank all the parents who collected bags each morning and loaded the truck on the final day. Thank you!!



PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



We are lucky to live in a relatively moderate climate. However, some days will be wet, and some days will be cold. Our students go outside regardless of the weather and students need to be dressed appropriately for outdoor activities no matter the weather.

When it rains, please ensure your child has: waterproof coat, waterproof pants, boots or waterproof shoes, warm socks and an umbrella.

When the weather is cold, please ensure your child has: a warm coat, warm boots, warm socks, a toque and mittens or gloves.

It is also a good idea to have a second set of clothes at school for your child to change into if they get wet (so we don't have to call home for extra clothes).

STRIDE AVENUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SACC) GENERAL MEETING

Please join us Wednesday, November 19th for the monthly Stride Avenue Community Council General Meeting. The meeting is online. Link will be email to all families. These meetings are a valuable way to learn about our school and events and all parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.



UPCOMING SACC FUNDRAISERS

Watch for information via email and the school website about the following fundraisers this month:

- Poinsettias
- Purdy's Chocolates
- Friday Hot Chocolate and Popcorn sales (\$1.50 each)
- Wednesday's Chip Sales (\$1 each)

Thank you for the continued support of these fundraisers. Money raised goes towards events at school and our future playground.

STRIDE MOVIE NIGHT

Save the Date – Friday, November 28th. The SACC is organizing a pizza and movie night for Stride families. Entrance will be by donation. Information will be sent soon about this event.



FREE HOCKEY TICKETS FOR STRIDE FAMILIES



Simon Fraser University Red Leaf's Hockey is pleased to invite all Stride Elementary students to attend one of upcoming home games. Students can reserve free tickets online using the voucher code "stride" at <https://tickets.sfuhockey.com/>

LIBRARY NEWS

SHELFIE CONTEST.

In celebration of Library Month and World Teachers Day, our staff took part in a "Shelfie" Contest. Teachers and staff took a photo of themselves hidden behind their favorite book and provided a brief description of why this book was their favorite. Students had to guess who was hiding in each photo. The winners of the "Shelfie" Contest were Maryam (Div. 1) and Alicia (Div. 6).



HOME READING

We have been encouraging students and families to read more at home. Students have been recording their time on their home reading records. For Home Reading Round 1, the students in Division 4 (Ms. Varley) and Division 14 (Ms. Orologio) have spent the most time reading, and these 2 classes have won a pizza party. The newest home reading record sheets have gone out and are due **Thursday, December 11.**

Thank you to all that participated in our library contests and congratulations to all our winners!

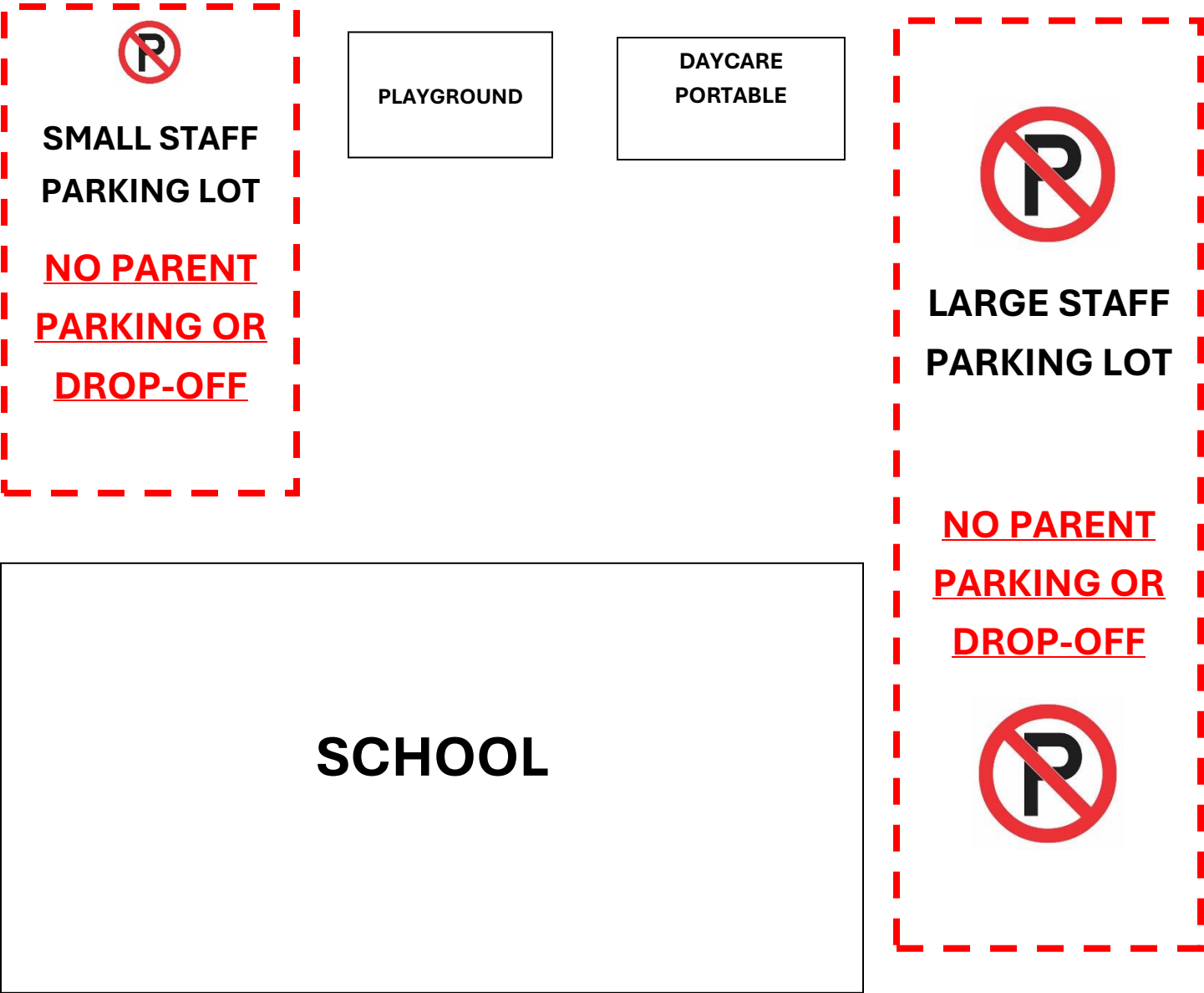
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Stride's Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of **December 1-5!** This is a great opportunity for families to purchase Christmas gifts and raise money for the library at the same time. Please contact Jude Ifesemen at serlony@gmail.com for more information or if you are a parent interested in volunteering at this year's fair.

PARKING LOT REMINDER - NO PARKING OR STUDENT DROP OFF

We have sent several reminders to parents about not parking or dropping off students in the staff parking lots, but we are still seeing many parents ignore this request. Parking lots are very busy and dangerous in the morning and after school. For the safety of all students **PLEASE** do not enter the parking lot during these times. **PLEASE** park or drop off your students on the road OR walk to school. We have signs posted at the entrance to the parking lots and we now have staff on the road to enforce this rule. At school we have rules that we expect the students to follow. Rules are important as they help keep people safe. We are asking with respect for parents to please follow our rules about parking.

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PARKING AND DROP OFF ALLOWED**



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

Immunizations – HPV and more: Information and Q&A with a Medical Health Officer

Wed, Nov 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Fraser Health Public Health for an online information session on immunizations. This virtual information session is for adult supporters of students in grades 6 to 12.

Everyone who supports a child wants to keep them safe, but with so much information out there, it can be hard to separate fact from fiction. The purpose of these sessions is to share information on immunizations, cancer prevention through HPV vaccine, and school immunization clinics, and to answer questions you may have about immunization.

Who Should Attend: Any adult supporting a student in grades 6 to 12 at a school within Fraser Health.

Featured Speaker: Dr. Maulik Baxi, Medical Health Officer, Population and Public Health, Fraser Health

What You'll Learn:

- How immunizations work
- HPV vaccine's role in cancer prevention
- What to expect on school immunization day
- Tips for families new to B.C.
- Answers to your questions about vaccines from a medical health officer and public health nurse

[Register](#) here for this event.

To learn more about immunizations for school-age children

Visit: fraserhealth.ca/youthimmunizations

For information on HPV vaccine

visit fraserhealth.ca/hpv



BURNABY Christmas Bureau



METROPOLIS AT METROTOWN

Upper level, next to Winners

REGISTRATION

November 1 - 29, 2025

Tuesday - Saturday: 10AM - 5PM

Closed 12 PM - 1 PM for lunch

Closed:

Nov 11, 2025

Nov 19, 2025 - closed at 12 PM

For more info: call 604.431.0400

REQUIREMENTS

Proof of Address (Burnaby)

- ie. bill from Fortis, Hydro, internet or phone provider or rental/tenancy agreement or bank statements dated within 90 days

Identification for Each Child

- ie. birth certificate, passport

Proof of Income

- Each parent/guardian show 2024 Proof of Income/Release of Information

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the unceded, shared, current, and traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), and kʷikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem) Nations.

