



Stride Community School

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER
2025

PRINCIPAL – Mr. Hiltz
HEAD TEACHER – Mr. Cockram
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
COORDINATOR – Ms. Krishna
SECRETARY – Ms. Giovanetti

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 17

Welcome back BBQ (430pm-6pm)

SEPTEMBER 25

Terry Fox Run (130pm)

SEPTEMBER 25

Stride Avenue Community Council
AGM and election (630pm – online)

SEPTEMBER 26

Pro D Day – No School

SEPTEMBER 29

Orange Shirt Day at Stride

SEPTEMBER 30

National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation (No School)

OCTOBER 10

Student Photo Day

OCTOBER 13

Thanksgiving (No School)

OCTOBER 22/23

Parent Teacher Night

OCTOBER 24

Pro D Day – No School

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— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Hello Stride Community School:

Welcome to the 2025 – 2026 school year. I am so happy to be the Principal here and I am looking forward to having a wonderful school year with all of you. I have been in Burnaby since 2011 and worked at Ecole Bradford Elementary, Ecole Seaforth Elementary and Stoney Creek Community School. The past two years I was working as Director of Instruction for the Cariboo – Chilcotin School District in Williams Lake, BC. I am very excited to be back in Burnaby and to be here at Stride.

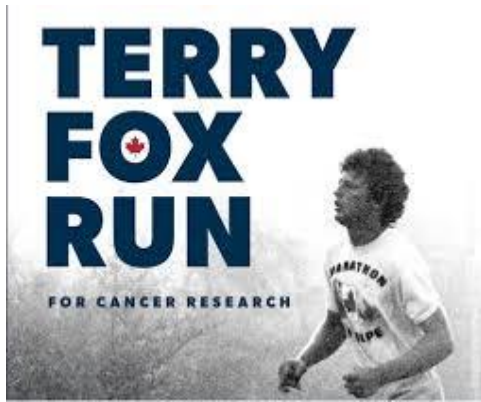
Thank you for your patience these first few days as we get classes settled as it is always a busy time for everyone. You may have noticed that classes are very full this year and that is because we have one less division than we did last year. I trust by now your child(ren) have settled into their new classes and the routines of the new school year. If there are any concerns, please make sure you are bringing them to the attention of your child's teacher.

We have a fun family event coming up that will give you an opportunity to informally meet your child's teacher and enjoy some social time here at the school with friends and the staff. There is more information included later in the newsletter about the Open House and BBQ planned for 17 September 2025. Details on how to purchase food is also included. We hope to see many of you at this event. You will also learn more about our upcoming annual Terry Fox Run and how you can help support this wonderful cause.

Once again, welcome to the 2025 – 2026 school year. I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Hiltz
Principal



TERRY FOX RUN – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 at 130pm

Every fall our school participates in the Terry Fox Run to raise funds for cancer research, honor Terry Fox's legacy of resilience and perseverance, and build community among students, staff and families. Families are welcome to join.

Our fundraising goal this year is \$1800. Families are encouraged to send a toonie to school with your child to be collected in class and donate on-line at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/100309/donate>

TERRY FOX T-SHIRTS – SALE ENDS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



Purchase a Terry Fox T-shirt to wear for the run. Shirts are \$25 for youth sizes and \$30 for adult sizes. All money raised through T-shirt sales will be added to our schools overall fundraising goal of \$1800. T-shirts can be purchased via the schools' cash on-line and will be delivered to students before the run.

WELCOME BACK BBQ AND OPENHOUSE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 430PM-630PM

We're excited to kick off another fantastic school year with an Open House and Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 17th. From **430pm-5pm** - teachers will have the classrooms open for families to have an informal visit

5pm-630pm – BBQ in the gym and basketball courtyard.

This event is the perfect chance to connect with teachers, old friends and to meet new members of our Stride Community. Join us for hot dogs, games and fun activities. Pre-orders for Hot Dog combos (hot dog, chips, drink and dessert item) will be available on-line until Monday, September 15th <https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com/>.



If you would like to volunteer at this event, please register using following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/6iJfBwBD0q>

PHOTO DAY – OCTOBER 10TH

Photo Day for individual student photos is scheduled for Friday, October 10th. If your child is absent, photo retakes will be on Friday, November 7th.

REPORTING A SCHOOL ABSENCE FOR YOUR CHILD

If your child will be absent from school, please **EMAIL** StrideAvenue.info@burnabyschools.ca or **PHONE** 604-296-9032, press 2 and leave a message on the absentee voicemail.



Back to School Reminder for Stride Families

Please remember that the Staff Parking Lots are for **STAFF ONLY**. There is absolutely no parent parking in either of these two lots. There are signs at the entrance to both lots as reminders and we ask that parents pay attention to these and are respectful of the fact that these are staff parking spaces only.

For pick up time at 3.00 pm – we are requesting that parents wait at the very back of the basketball court near the blue construction fencing when they arrive at the school to pick up their child(ren). This area becomes quite congested when we have all our classes dismissing at the end of the day through the main doors. It would help greatly, if parents were to wait near the back of this areas to allow the teachers to get out into the courtyard with their classes, as this is the area that all the classes dismiss in. Students can then find their parent/guardian near the fencing at the back.

The bike rack and the railing as you enter the school, are two areas that students should not be climbing and playing on. This poses a safety hazard, and we do not want to see students injured. Playing here also prevents others from accessing these areas for their intended purposes.

Students using 'wheeled' modes of transportation to come to school – such as bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., need to ensure they ARE NOT riding these while on school grounds. These need to be dismounted and walked while on school grounds to ensure the safety of all others who are walking. Bikes should be locked, and helmets are required when students are using this equipment as well.

Thank you so much,
we appreciate your attention to these to help ensure everyone's safety!

STRIDE AVENUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SACC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH – 630PM ONLINE

What is the Stride Avenue Community Council (SACC)?

The Stride Avenue Community Council (SACC) is an organization of parents, guardians and community members that represent the school. All parents or guardians of children enrolled in the school are automatically members of the SACC and are invited to attend the monthly SACC meeting. The SACC is led by an elected Executive Council (chair, treasurer, secretary, etc). This executive committee helps organize meetings, fundraisers, events and lead initiatives at the school.

Purpose of the Stride Avenue Community Council (SACC):

- Represent parents' views to the school administration and staff.
- Support student success by working with the school on events, programs, and improvements.
- Fundraise for school resources, extracurricular activities, and special projects.
- Facilitate communication between parents, teachers, administration, and the school board.
- Organize school events, cultural celebrations, and parent workshops.

Monthly SACC Meeting

All parents, guardians and community members are invited to monthly online SACC meetings. The principal and head teacher also join and share important updates and information about the school. These meetings are a great way to be involved in the school, ask questions and to learn more about our school and community. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The SACC Annual General Meeting is **Thursday, September 25th On-line**. A formal agenda and the link to the meeting will be emailed to all family members.

At this meeting the election for the 2025/2026 Executive Committee will be held. We are also seeking a volunteer from Divisions 1-14 to be the Class Parent Representative.

If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee or volunteering as a Class Parent Representative, please use the following link to add your name to the list of nominees for the meeting.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8YZsritDUg>

Nominations will also be taken during the meeting. The next page of the newsletter gives a description of all the SACC executive positions and descriptions.

Stride Avenue Community Council (SACC)

Executive Positions and Responsibilities

Position	Responsibilities / Time Commitment
CHAIRPERSON (President)	- directs and coordinates the work of the SACC - keeps in touch with and supports each committee chairperson - chairs the SACC meetings, facilitates discussions and decision making - main Community Council contact for the Principal and school - supports Treasurer with annual budget for gaming and general accounts - attends District Advisory Committee (DCSACC/DAC) meeting (3x/school year) - attend PAC 101 (evening workshop in September); having a car is an asset
PAST-CHAIR	- mentors new SACC Chairperson/President on procedures in their role - resource person to SACC and advising on the organization of past activities
SECRETARY	- records minutes of monthly executive council meeting and general meeting, forwards to Community School Coordinator to distribute - helps prepare other communication documents and flyers as required
TREASURER	- maintains financial records/budgets for the SACC/banking transactions - prepares annual budget for gaming and general accounts - prepares monthly financial updates to be presented at the General Meeting - assists in the application of the annual gaming grant and summary reporting - attend PAC Treasurer 101 (evening workshop in October)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR	- works with staff, parents and community members to develop educational activities for families (guest speakers, presentations, activities)
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR(S)	- works with SACC and school staff to create fundraising plan for the year - ensures fundraising goals are on the annual budget - organizes and runs fundraisers throughout the year - after each fundraiser completes a statement of revenue and expenditures and reports profit to treasurer for the budget update. Having a car is an asset
SPECIAL EVENTS CO-CHAIR(S)	- works with the Community School Coordinator to organize special events for students and families at Stride (movie nights, welcome back event, community social events, end of year event etc.)
MEMBER (S) AT LARGE	- support with various fundraising and school community activities or events
Class Parent Representative (CPR)	-Attend monthly SACC meetings about 6x per year (on-line in the evenings) -Gather information, suggestions from classroom teacher and parents to be discussed at the monthly Council Meeting -Decide with the classroom teacher, the best way to share SACC updates with parents and act as point of contact between parents and Community Council -Be available by phone and/or email for Community Council or Community School coordinator to contact you with updates -Volunteer to help with Community Council fundraisers & events, as needed

- **Executive Committee members** attend 2 meetings per month (Executive Committee and General Community Council Meeting) and will help organize and assist with fundraisers or special events throughout the year (as needed)
- Time commitment for each executive position is 3-6 hours per month

For more information about any of these positions, please contact the

Community School Coordinator - Sandhya Krishna by phone: 604-838-6280 *(updated Sept.2025)*

or e-mail: sandhya.krishna@burnabyschools.ca

Community Events and Information



Bases Thrift Store has moved and is now located in at 1001 Columbia Street (Columbia Square) in New Westminster. The new store is easily accessible by SkyTrain (1 block west of the New Westminster SkyTrain). They are accepting donations of adult clothing and household goods. Bases is also seeking volunteers to help in the store. All proceeds from Bases Thrift Store supports afterschool programs at Burnaby and New Westminster schools.

<https://www.basesburnaby.ca/>

The Burnaby Public Library is more than a place to borrow books. The library offers many events and activities such as movie nights, kid's classes, author talks, financial seminars and English Conversation Circles. The library website also has a database of information and community resources for our area. Check their important website often for new events and information <https://bpl.bc.ca/>



Burnaby Parks and Rec – Preschool at Stride.



Play activities help children develop physical, intellectual, social and emotional skills. This fun learning environment includes a variety of recreational and educational play using art, music, science, play stations, group activities and routines. Children must be able to use the toilet independently. Program runs at Stride Avenue Community School in the portable.

Mondays, 930am-1130am, starting October 6th

(9 sessions – no class October 13th) \$138.60.

Activity Number: 77044

Wednesdays, 930am -1130am, starting October 8th

(10 sessions) \$154.00.

Activity Number: 77041

Register at www.burnaby.ca/webreg or in-person at any Burnaby Rec Center

