



OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Principal: Mr. W. Hiltz • Head Teacher: Ms. J. McQueen • Secretary: Ms. T. Sebez
Community Coordinator: Mrs. T. Briscoe • Community Assistant: Ms. T. Mackenzie

Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Community:

I hope all of you have adjusted to the new normal of school this year. I know we are still getting used to the constant changes and are doing our best to keep up to date AND to keep you updated as well. I know it is a lot and we are trying to be as precise in our communication as possible but sometimes do need to send out multiple emails, even in the same day, in order to disseminate all the required information. We appreciate your understanding and patience as I am sure this is going to continue.

Thanks so much to all of you for participating in our Intake Meetings last week and adapting to the new format. The feedback that I heard from staff was that the meetings were productive and they gained valuable information from you. Teachers always value these Intake Meetings and are grateful for your participation. We appreciate it so much.

I hope students enjoyed participating in our modified Terry Fox Run and it was wonderful to have such great weather. I am confident we will be able to reach our fundraising goal, although I made a promise that I may regret if we do! Stay tuned for more on that.

It was wonderful to see so many orange shirts on Wednesday. Please take time to view the links that I posted on the school website to recognize this very important day. Wearing an orange shirt is something simple we can do to show that we care and hopefully facilitate some discussion within your family about what it symbolizes.

September is behind us, despite what the weather has been like lately. On behalf of the entire staff, I wish to thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding as I know this school year started like no other. Knowing that you were supportive when we did not have all the answers, made working through the questions together that much easier. We will continue to work through things together as the year progresses as I know more answers and problem solving will be required.

A request to families, if I may. Although I completely understand how inviting our playgrounds are and that some of you may not be in a hurry to leave in the morning after drop off, it is necessary for you to leave the school grounds as soon as possible. Some of our teachers bring their classes out for PE and they do use this equipment, as well as take advantage of our outdoor classroom. Also, parents and students, who may not be currently at Stoney Creek, for whatever reason, should not be on the school grounds at all, during school hours – 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. We are restricting access to the building AND grounds in order to keep our staff and students, working and learning in the building, safe and to ensure we are complying with mandated Health and Safety Protocols from the District, Province, Provincial Health Officer and CDD. We request and need your cooperation in this manner in order to ensure the safety of all.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family and Stay Safe!

Mr. W Hiltz
Principal



DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins: 8:45/9:00

Recess: 10:20/10:35

Lunch: 12:00/12:30

Classes resume: 1:00

Dismissal: 2:45/3:00





What You Need to Know

TRAFFIC SAFETY, DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS:

Keeping our students safe before and after school is a priority.



- Parents are encouraged to walk their children to and from school to reduce traffic congestion.
- If you do drive to school, please obey all signs at the front of the school.
- Please use the designated parking spots along Beaverbrook Crescent and avoid the front of the school as it impairs the vision of our crossing guards.
- Our crosswalk provides a small drop-off area just past the crosswalk for those parents who need it.
- Please limit drop-off time to accommodate other cars.
- ***The parking lot is for staff only and is NOT to be used for dropping off and picking up students, turning your car around, or for accessing the YMCA Daycare.***
- ***Please refrain from walking through the school parking lot to the playground. We have had some near misses in the past with students dashing between the parked cars.***
- During pick-up and drop-off please be mindful to stay physically distant from other families.
- There is no supervision before and after school, so students should arrive close to their scheduled start times and leave the school grounds shortly after they have been dismissed.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO SCHOOL:

Toys, electronic devices, trading cards or anything of value should be left at home to avoid loss or damage. **Cell phones are not permitted during school hours.** Students who have a phone are asked to keep them turned off and put away during the day. Should you need to contact your child during the school day, we ask that you call our main office at 604-296-9031. Any bikes or scooters brought to school need to be locked up in the under-cover area beside the parking lot. Students are to walk bikes and scooters when on school grounds.



STUDENT INFORMATION:

In order to ensure student safety please make sure the school has all relevant information up to date. This includes any medical and safety concerns as well as phone numbers and emergency contact information. Please [here](#) to see information about our new Online Forms. Please make your best effort to complete ASAP.



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PARENT COMMUNICATION:

Having an open line of communication between home and school is crucial for student success. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher on a regular basis and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. We send our notices and newsletters home via e-mail in order to reduce paper consumption. Please remember to update the school if any of your personal information (email, phone number, etc.) changes throughout the school year.



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:

Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program. If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call the school office before 8:45 a.m. to report his/her absence or tardiness on our Absentee Line.

Please call **604-296-9031** and choose **Option 2** to leave a message with the following information:

1. Child's name (first and last)
2. Teacher name or Division
3. Dates of absence or, if late, estimated time of arrival

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Regular hours for our school office are 8:45 am to 3:15 pm. Voicemail comes on automatically if we are unable to answer. If Ms. Sebez is away from her desk, or on the other line, please leave a message and she will respond as quickly as possible.



What is a Community School?

Welcome back to Stoney Creek, and welcome to all the NEW families who have joined our wonderful community school! We are confident that you will enjoy your time here. We often get asked, “**What is a Community School?**” In short, we describe a community school as a regular public school which offers:

[Extended services](#)  [Extended hours](#)  [Extended relationships](#)

Community schools provide a way for community residents, with or without children, to participate in the activities of their neighborhood school. The variety of programs and services we offer helps to meet the specific educational, recreational and social needs of the area we serve.

Burnaby's Community Schools have a strong partnership with the City of Burnaby and many other community partners to offer programs for children and families. These include (but are not limited to) Creekside Youth Centre, Burnaby Parks and Recreation, Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, YMCA, Scouts, Guides, Cameray, Burnaby Family Life, Strong Start, and NEBCA (which organizes Fun Rec and the Community Garden). Furthermore, for many of our community events, you will see that they are made possible through partnerships with community organizations such as the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Association, Lougheed Mall, NRBIA (North Road Business Improvement Association), Tzu Chi Foundation, Stoney Creek Environment Committee, Burnaby Neighbourhood House and more!

Through all this, Stoney Creek becomes more than just a school. Stoney Creek is a neighbourhood hub, a meeting place* for our community, from infants to seniors; a place where we all work together to create and enhance learning opportunities and make our community stronger. **We believe it takes a whole community to raise a healthy child. Healthy children and healthy families in turn build healthy communities!**

Community Schools in Burnaby are also unique in that each community school has a Community School Coordinator who develops and coordinates community programs and services for all age groups in a given community school area. Community School Coordinators are also certified teachers, which helps when connecting many of our out-of-school time programs to the curriculum, extending learning beyond the school day. These programs support educational, recreational, cultural, health and social development.

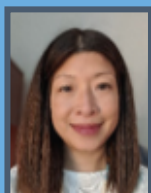
If you would like more information about services and programs in our school and/or community, or if you have ideas about what you would like to see in our community, please feel free to connect with Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator, out on the playground, by email at Taryn.Briscoe@burnabyschools.ca or phone the Community Office at (604) 296-9031 Ext. 651011. We can help connect you with programs and services such as:

- OST (out-of-school time) programs (before and after school, evening and summer)
- Family support services (i.e. Christmas Bureau, Kidsport, Rec Credit Program)
- Food Hubs & Food Banks
- Youth programs
- Early learning programs
- Community programs and events
- Adult education and more!

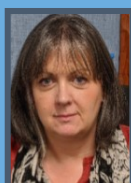
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS are the neighbourhood hub where children, youth, families, residents, staff, agencies, and local businesses work together to build a strong and caring community. Hope to chat with you soon!



***Please note that due to COVID-19, some of our community programs hosted in our school are on hold.** We will keep you updated as to when some of those programs (such as after school programs and evening events) will start up.



Taryn Briscoe,
Community School Coordinator



Terri Mackenzie
Community Office Assistant





What is a Community Council?



The **Stoney Creek Community Council (SCCC)** is called a “**Community Council**” rather than a “Parent Advisory Council (PAC)” because Stoney Creek is a community school. One of the many important aspects of community schools is that Stoney Creek parents AND local residents/community members are welcome to attend the meetings to identify needs and initiate programs and services available through the school to support the school and local community. In addition, there is a broad scope for volunteer activity in a community school, with staff and residents working in an environment of cooperation to make the school a productive and comfortable place to share in.

As parents/guardians of Stoney Creek students, you are automatically a “member” of the Community Council and are always welcome to attend (virtually for now) any of the monthly meetings to find out more school and community programs and activities, to hear updates from Mr. Hiltz and Ms. Briscoe, and to meet other parents. We will send out an email reminder with the ZOOM link prior to each meeting.

Stoney Creek Community Council Members for 2020/21

Our Stoney Creek Community Council (aka PAC) held their Annual General Meeting on September 16th through Zoom. Congratulations to the following who are our Executive Council Members:

Chairperson – Angela Bucher

Vice Chairperson – Ingrid Starling

Secretary – Jessica Kelly

Treasurer – Corey Owens

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Rep – Kristin Schnider

Upcoming SCCC Meetings

October 21, 2020

November 18, 2020

January 20, 2021

February 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021 (Budget Meeting)



Our next Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 21 @ 6:30 pm

For all parents, guardians & community members
All welcome to attend!

Join us virtually to meet new friends and find out what's happening at Stoney Creek!

Information about the Zoom Meetings will be provided
via email shortly before each meeting.

It's about making a difference!





Important Dates ...

September 2020 10 School Opens 25 PRO D Day	October 2020 12 Thanksgiving 23 PRO D day	November 2020 11 Remembrance Day 27 PRO D Day	December 2020 Dec 21 – Jan 1 Winter Break	January 2021 4 School Re-opens
February 2021 15 Family Day 26 PRO D Day	March 2021 March 15-26 Spring Break 29 School Re-Opens	April 2021 2 Good Friday 5 Easter Monday 26 PRO D Day	May 2021 24 Victoria Day	June 2021 7 PRO D Day 29 Last day of classes



Individual Student Photo Day

Friday, October 2nd!

Parents, please note that we will be going ahead with our Student Photo Day planned for Friday, October 2nd. This is for INDIVIDUAL student photos only. We have been in contact with our photographer and they will be following all necessary Health and Safety protocols as well as wearing necessary PPE. They will not be giving students individual name cards to pass back to the photographer, as has been done in the past. Students will also not be seated for photos and will be standing instead. Should you choose to not have your child take part in school photos this year, please send a note along to your child's teacher so they are aware. Please [click](#) here to see information posted on our website. **Note: Students should refrain from wearing green due to the "green screen" used as the photo backdrop.**

Reminder No School!

Monday, October 12 -

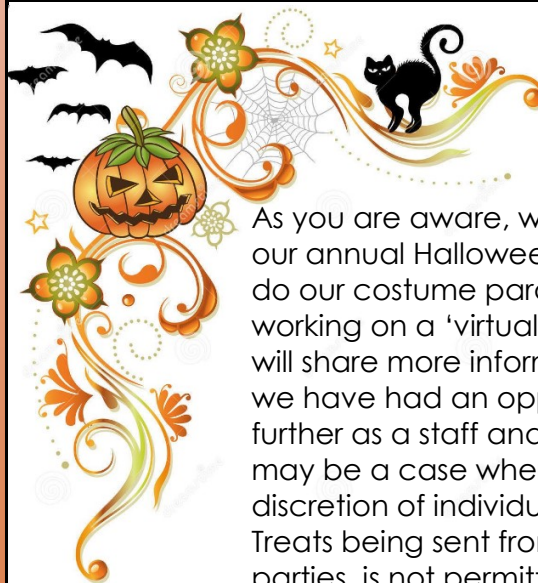
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, October 23 -

Pro D Day

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND ON THESE DAYS.

Please mark your calendars!



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

As you are aware, we will not be having our annual Halloween Assembly where we do our costume parade this year. We are working on a 'virtual' option instead and will share more information with you once we have had an opportunity to discuss further as a staff and work out the details. It may be a case where costumes are at the discretion of individual classroom teachers. Treats being sent from home, for classroom parties, is not permitted.



Reminders

Student Illnesses

Please click [here](#) for the latest Daily Health Check for Students SWP COVID-19.

In addition to COVID-19, of course we still have to be aware of our usual seasonal illnesses such as colds and the flu. Staying healthy throughout the school year is not always easy. To avoid illness, the Fraser Health Authority recommends that children wash their hands regularly, use a tissue when they sneeze, eat healthily, exercise, and get a good night's sleep. If your child does get sick, *please do not send them to school and limit their contact with others to avoid infecting them.*



Did you know...

The Main Office and the Community Office swapped spaces? The main office is now located immediately to the right when you enter the doors off the staff parking lot. The Community Office is now down at the other end of the hall. Once we've done a tiny bit of fixing up, we'll take some pictures to show you our new homes!

Be Nut-Aware!

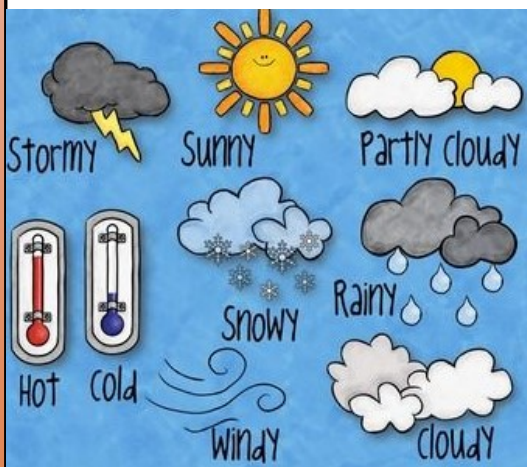
Stoney Creek Community School is a "Nut Aware" school. There are a number of children with life-threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child NOT bring any nut/peanut products to school.



Nut-safe snack ideas include: yogurt, fruit, cheese and crackers, nut-free granola bars, pasta, veggies and dip, boiled eggs and cottage cheese.

Thank you for keeping Stoney Creek Community School a safe place for everyone.

Dressing for the weather



Just a reminder that students will be going outside at recess and lunch time this year, regardless of the weather. As you are aware, we have half the classes outside at a time while the other half eat, and then it switches. This allows for our custodians to clean the classrooms in between. In order to allow for adequate cleaning, we require half of the classrooms to be empty for each of these periods. Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather as they will be going outside for their designated times. We would also suggest a change of clothes be left at school for what we know will be those wet days ahead of us.



Current Events

The Terry Fox Run - September 29, 2020



Stoney Creek held our annual Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, September 29th. Although we couldn't host our pre-run schoolwide assembly like we've done in the past, each classroom honoured Terry Fox through discussions, online videos, and other learning activities. We will continue to collect donations through the week of Sep 28 – Oct 2nd through our online page at www.terryfox.ca/StoneyCreekCommunitySchool and if we raise \$500, Mr. Hiltz and Ms. McQueen will dye their hair a crazy colour! Thank you for your continued support in honouring Terry Fox's legacy for cancer research.

Walk and Wheel to School Week: October 5 - 9, 2020

We would like to invite you to participate in Walk and Wheel to School this week. Our school will be one of over 150 schools across the province taking part in this annual event to promote the many benefits of walking and wheeling to school. With over 60,000 students, parents, teachers, and community leaders expected to participate, it is a great way to take steps towards a more walkable world. Celebrate the many benefits of walking or wheeling to school with us, such as:

- Celebrating the many health benefits of walking and encouraging daily physical activity
- Enhancing the connection between students, parents, schools, and communities in a fun and interactive way
- Promoting opportunities to practice safe walking and biking skills and identifying safe routes to school
- Reducing school traffic congestion and vehicle emissions through active transportation



During the week we will be on the lookout for students who walk or wheel to school. Even if you drive to school, you can park a block or so away and walk the rest of the way to school!



Orange Shirt Day



Orange Shirt Day was September 30th this year, and annually provides communities with the opportunity to discuss residential schools and to join together in the spirit of reconciliation.

We commemorated the day on September 30th at Stoney Creek through stories, art projects and thoughtful discussions. Students were invited to wear their own orange shirt to honour this important day.

This day grew out of the experiences of Phyllis Webstad, who full of excitement for her first day of school at age 6, had her new orange shirt taken from her upon her arrival at residential school. For more information about Orange Shirt Day and Phyllis' story, please visit <http://www.angeshirtday.org/> Don't forget to view our photos in our newsletter gallery or visit our Stoney Creek twitter page!



In Our Community...

Burnaby Parks & Recreation Credit Program

The Burnaby Parks and Recreation Credit Program for income assistance or low-income families provides a credit amount (in dollar value) per person in your family to use towards City of Burnaby recreational facilities and programs. This amount is also transferrable within your family. For example, if you will not be using your total individual amount, you can use it towards a program for your child or another member of your family, and vice versa. For more information on what you need to register, please contact Taryn at the Community Office or call Cameron Rec Centre at 604-297-4456.

Qualifying gross income for low income - for more detailed information, please click [here](#)

Individual	\$5,000 - \$25,338	Family of 5	\$5,000 - \$53,402
Family of 2	\$5,000 - \$31,544	Family of 6	\$5,000 - \$60,228
Family of 3	\$5,000 - \$38,780	Family of 7+	\$5,000 - \$67,055
Family of 4	\$5,000 - \$47,084		

When our after-school programs are up and running your recreation credit can also be used towards our after-school programs at Stoney.

Fire Prevention Week 2020 is October 4 to 10

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™". Did you know one of the leading causes of home fires in British Columbia is carelessness while cooking?

Check out www.FPW.org and www.gov.bc.ca/FirePreventionWeek for some great information to help you, your family and loved ones learn together about fire safety, particularly while in the kitchen!

Here are some tips to get started:

- Always stay in the kitchen while using the oven or microwave, and never leave anything hot unattended.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop. Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool. Never put water on a grease fire – this will only spread the flames!
- If the fire is too large, remain calm, leave the home immediately and call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.

Fire Prevention Week is also a great time to discuss fire and burn prevention with your friends and family. Take the opportunity to test your smoke alarms and replace them if they aren't working or have expired. You can practise your home escape plan or create one if you haven't yet.

Be sure to check out the Fire Prevention Week contest at www.gov.bc.ca/FirePreventionWeek for the opportunity for students in B.C. to win some fantastic prizes. This year, the contest is open to all grades!





In Our Community...



Creekside Youth Centre

ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED

Limited spots available.

Physical distancing will be enforced.

All activities are outside (weather permitting).

Preteen Activity Time

For Grades 5-7

Mondays & Wednesdays 3-5pm

Computer/Switch Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-5pm

Creekside Youth Centre
604-294-7607 | burnaby.ca/youth





In Our Community...

Funded by:  Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
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SWIS
Settlement Workers in Schools

Welcome you
To Burnaby School District

Newcomer Orientation

Please Join Us [ON-LINE](#)

Thursday Oct 8th, 2020

9:00AM-12:00PM

Registration starts @8:45

You can attend the whole Orientation or
only the segments of your interest.

There will be Q&A time.

Program

9 am to 10 am – Sean Gaster,
School Principal,
Edmonds Community School:
Safety protocols & schooling [at elementary school](#)

10 am to 11 am – Colin Chow,
Counsellor, Burnaby South Secondary:
Safety protocols & schooling [at high school](#)

11 am to 12 pm – Terry Gomez,
District's Health and Safety Manager
Overview of District policies and protocols on safe
schooling: what families need to know

Inquiries:

Contact District Welcome Centre
604-296-6936, ext. 639953
Or your school's settlement worker

Log into

ZOOM Meeting : 617 7297 6728

Or click [here](#)

For information on SD41 SWIS Program,
please visit our website -
<http://swis.burnabyschools.ca>



Community Programs

Stoney Creek Breakfast Program

Currently our Stoney Creek Breakfast Program is on hold, due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions. However, if your child(ren) are in need of a little extra food support at the start of the school day, please contact Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator at 604-296-9031 ex 651013 or by email at taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca.

Burnaby School District

StrongStart

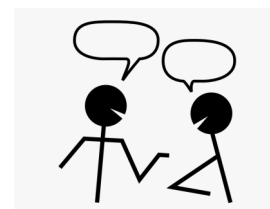
Please click [here](#) to see information about our StrongStart Program during Covid19.

Adult ELL Conversation Circle Peer Support Group

Practice speaking English with other adult English Learners. Open to all levels of English. This is FREE and no registration required.

When: Thursdays, **9:15 – 10:15 am**

Please email Taryn Briscoe at taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca if you would like to join in. Click [here](#) to see the poster with full details.



LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE?

LET THE YMCA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL HELP!

We provide families with child care information & referrals to local facilities. From explaining your options to assisting with child care subsidy processes, we're here to help!



Contact us at:

Metrotown Community Resource Centre
4460 Beresford St, Burnaby, BC.,
or call 604 294-1109 or click [here](#)



Community Programs

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

In need of a little extra food support? The Burnaby Neighbourhood House is offering a Food Hub for families with low-incomes.

This includes:

- Coordination of food security issues for Burnaby residents who are experiencing food insecurity.
- Supporting individuals and families who have loss of employment and/or are low income with food hampers and grocery gift cards
- Supporting low income seniors with prepared meals and food hampers
- Grocery shopping and free delivery for Burnaby residents who are unable to get out
- Coordinating response in Burnaby for Food Sourcing, storage facilities, transportation and volunteer management relating to Food security issues

All food pick-ups at the Burnaby North Food Hub will be by appointment only. Burnaby residents please contact us for more information on available food resources.

North House - for North Burnaby Residents - 604-294-5444 - northfoodhub@burnabynh.ca

Food pick-up appointments will be on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Do you need a new winter coat for your child(ren)?

Now that Fall is here, the colder weather is approaching, and the students are extending their outdoor learning opportunities, we want to make sure that all students have the appropriate attire to stay warm and dry.

The Rotary Club of Burnaby Metrotown is running its annual COATS FOR KIDS program for children of low-income families who may need a new winter jacket. If your children are needing new coats this year, please contact Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator at Taryn.Briscoe@burnabyschools.ca to register for a new coat. We will need to have your current child's sizing.

In past years Stoney Creek Community School also collected new/gently used coats to donate to this program. Unfortunately we are unable to be a collection site this year, but if you are able to, the Burnaby Rotary is accepting financial donations for this program; \$20 will buy a new jacket for a child. To donate, please contact Ernie Kashima, Rotary volunteer at 604-760-9168 or by email at

Ernie.Kashima@burnabyschools.ca

District 5040 **Rotary**
Club of Burnaby Metrotown





For parents

INFORMATION CHILDREN



information
children

The Canadian Society for Information Children is a registered charity and non-profit agency that strives to empower and strengthen families by providing information, guidance and support to parents, caregivers and professionals seeking assistance with parent and family-life challenges. To this end, Information Children facilitates workshop series on various topics as well as parent support groups and operates a helpline, provides e-support, individual parent coaching and distributes pamphlets on child development and parenting topics. All our services are available at NO CHARGE for parents. Click [here](#) to see the full poster

Parenting in the Middle Years (using Zoom)

6 Tuesdays, starting Tuesday, October 6th

1-2:30 pm



'Parenting in the Middle Years' is a supportive and educational series for parents of children ages 6 to 12 years.

Topics covered include: understanding middle childhood development, encouraging social-emotional competency, responding to school and family life challenges – bullying, covid concerns, anxiety, fostering positive peer relationships, understanding temperament, and strategies for effective positive discipline and guidance in the middle years will be covered. Parenting styles and coping with the stresses and strains of parenting during a pandemic will also be included.

The goal of this series is to provide parents with a forum to learn, to share and to discuss information and strategies to enrich their parenting experience and foster the parent-child relationship.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. SPACE LIMITED.

Contact by phone: 778 -782-3548 or email to: info@informationchildren.com



The Stoney Gallery



Sidewalk art from Div. 6



Directed drawings of
Mo Willems' Pigeon
by Div. 13



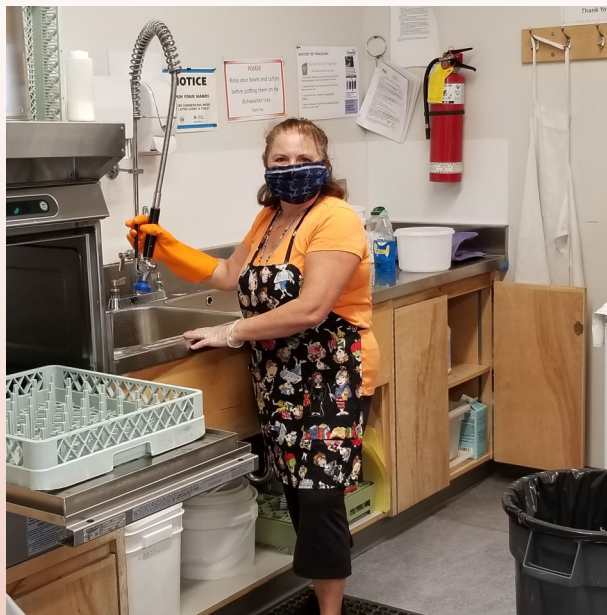
Div. 14 did artwork based on the *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* book and learned to identify the letters in their names and count how many letters



Div. 14 discovered a big hole in the woods



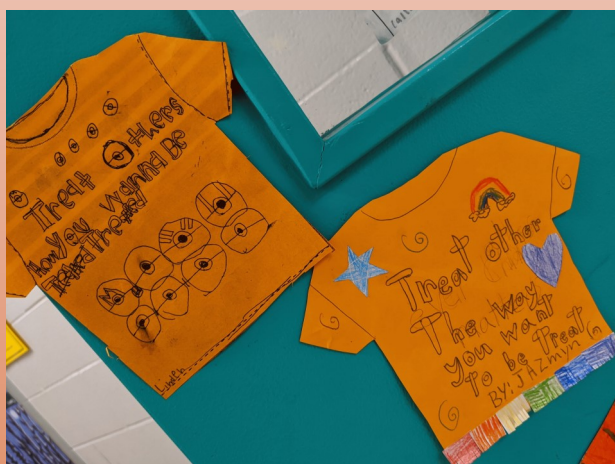
The Stoney Gallery



Mrs. Delli Santi cleaning up after the Hot Lunch Program



Growing our "Community Garden of Hope" in honour of Orange Shirt Day



Orange Shirt Day messages from Div. 4



Orange Shirt Day messages from Div. 5



The Stoney Gallery



Ms. Good & Ms. McQueen's students engaged in Orange Shirt Day learning and activities using the beautiful setting of the outdoor classroom



**Cottonwood Leaf Rubbings
By Div. 6**



Div. 11 learned about Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope



**Campers in Div. 7
Are Bright Lights!**