



NOVEMBER 2020 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Community:

We are well into the school year and I hope that your family has been able to settle into the new routines of handwashing, social distancing, mask wearing, etc., that seem to be our new reality. I have to say that students seem to be fairly used to it by now, with some reminders. But in all fairness to them, we as adults need reminders as well. Given the circumstances, I actually think everyone is managing to do quite well. I know that many of our regular events – Terry Fox, Orange Shirt Day, and Halloween have had to look differently this year. We are trying our best – through photos in our newsletter, information on our website, Twitter, etc., to share what is happening since you cannot come see for yourselves.

Some of the things we have been working on as a staff include assessment and reporting. We are changing the number of times we will be reporting to parents this year and the ways in which we report. You can expect to see an increase in the informal reports – written, conferences, blogs, etc., and one less formal report. The rationale is to increase the number of points of progress we are having with parents. A more detailed letter was sent out on the morning of Monday, November 2nd. We have also been working on developing Core Values for Stoney Creek and hope to share these with you before the new year. Staff were also involved in a variety of activities on the Professional Development Day last week.

I cannot believe that we have already turned the calendar to November. We have been planning our Remembrance Day Ceremony and are hoping to be able to include you, virtually of course, in a portion of that. Please watch for more information as the date gets closer. It has been challenging trying to still accomplish school wide events in a virtual way, whilst also trying to find a meaningful way to include parents. Because as we all know, technology is not always our friend!

Finally, I hope that you are all doing well. I know that for some, things are challenging right now. People continue to work from home, and some students are not back at school for a variety of reasons. We continue to see cases increase in the news and we continue to face uncertainty. I want to reassure our families that we are slowly adding things back here at Stoney. We have started a couple of after school programs on a limited basis and we have re-opened Strong Start. We will continue to monitor these programs and hopefully be able to add more programs to our COMMUNITY school because after all, we are the heart of this community and we look forward to the day when we can welcome the community back into the school. Until then, stay safe everyone!

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Hiltz
Principal





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.*



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.

Be Nut-Aware!

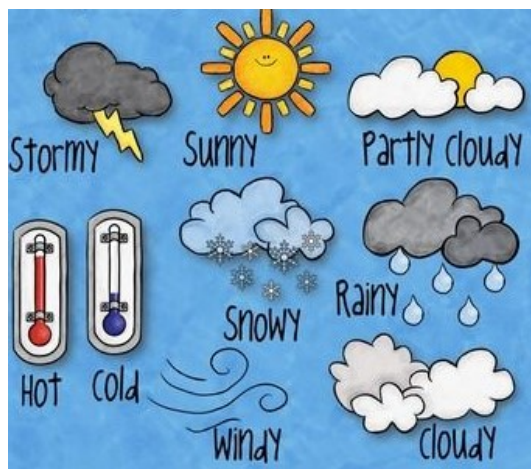
Stoney Creek Community School is a "Nut Aware" school. There are a number of children with life-threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child NOT bring any nut/peanut products to school.



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.

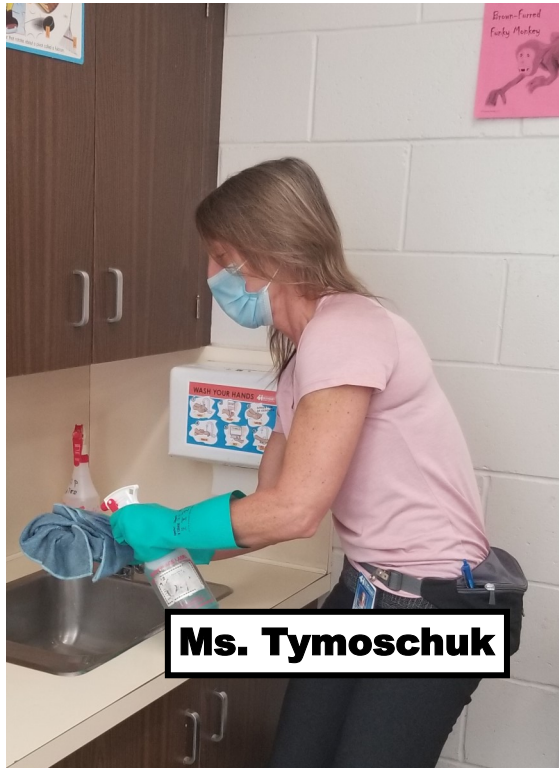
Dressing for the weather



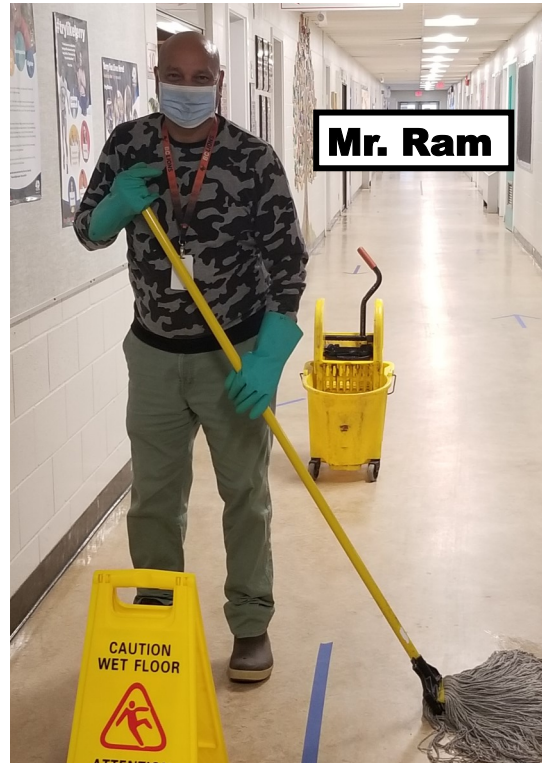
Just a reminder that students will be going outside at recess and lunch time this year, regardless of the weather. As you are aware, we have half the classes outside at a time while the other half eat, and then it switches. This allows for our custodians to clean the classrooms in between. In order to 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.



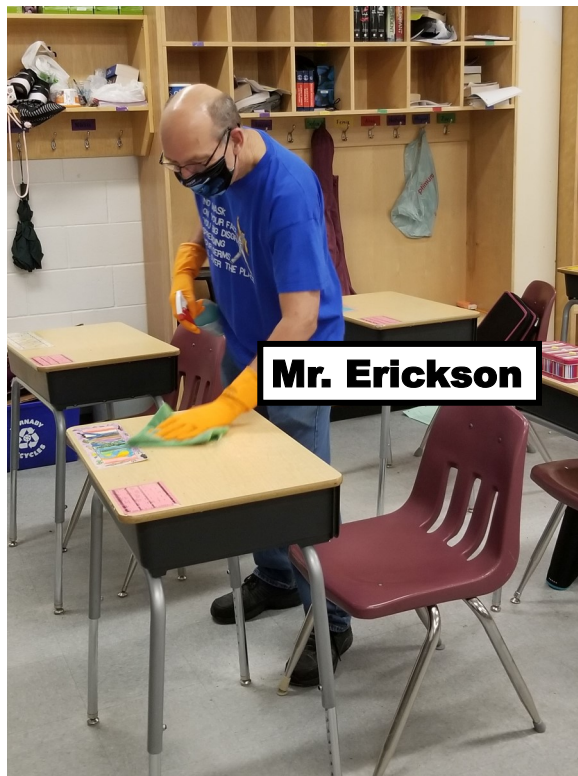
Thank you!



Ms. Tymoschuk



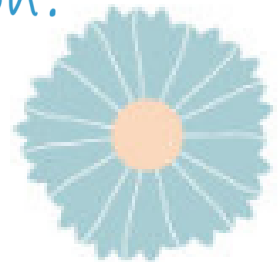
Mr. Ram



Mr. Erickson

**Our custodial staff keeping
our school clean
and safe for everyone!**

thank you!





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.

After School Programs

We are excited to share that we are offering limited After School Programs at Stoney Creek. We know how much our students enjoy participating in After School Programs as an extension of their learning and recreation activities.

Please note that these programs will not be open for all students to register. To keep learning cohorts in place and the numbers small, we have selected two classes who are able to register for the Fall program. During the Winter session (beginning in January) we hope to offer two different programs with two selected classes each, and then the same for the Spring session (two programs offered to two selected classes each).

The program that we have offered in the Fall is an Afterschool Program with Burnaby Parks & Rec called "Outdoor Fun & Games" and the classes have been notified. This program will take place mostly outdoors (Stoney playground, field, and forest) with an indoor portion available, dependent on weather.

We have also offered the Homework Club on Wednesdays with JJ Edwards from Cameray Child & Family Services for Divisions 1 & 2.

Thank you for your understanding and patience while we navigate this new process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Taryn Briscoe at the school.



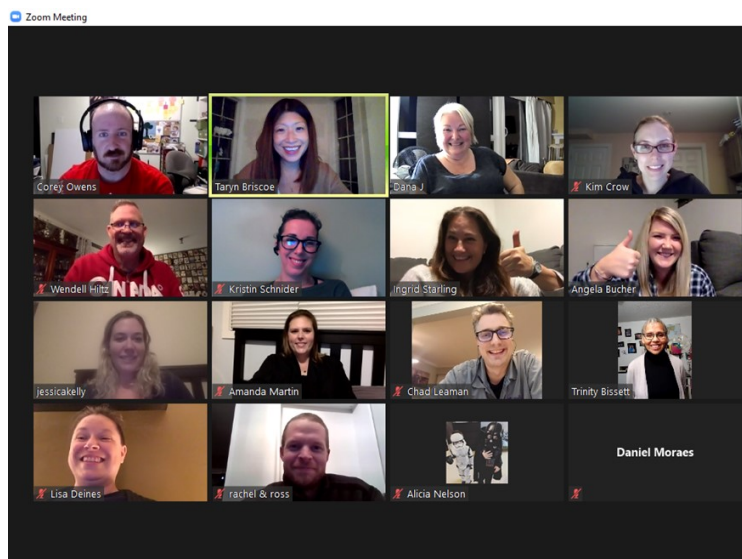


Community Council Info

The Stoney Creek Community Council (PAC) hosted their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 21st via Zoom. Thank you to everybody who joined in!

Please note that ALL are welcome to join the Council's monthly meetings to hear about school updates, community updates, Council initiatives and more! You don't have to be a "member" of the Council to join – in fact, as parents/guardians of Stoney Creek students you are automatically a member of the Council!

For minutes of past meetings and for upcoming meeting dates, please remember to check our website [HERE](#). Hope to "see" you at the next meeting on November 18th @ 6:30 pm.



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

Co-Treasurers – Corey Owens & Lisa Deines

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Rep – Kristin Schnider

DAC Rep (District Community Schools Advisory & Coordinating Committee) - Kim Crow

Upcoming SCCC Meetings

January 20, 2021

February 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021
(Budget Meeting)



Our next Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18 @ 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.

Council Fundraising



Council is fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas! If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click [here](#). If you have ordered before, click the Sign-in button in the top right corner. If not, click Register and proceed to input

your information and create a password. After you've signed in you can click along the top menu and choose Order Online to purchase delicious chocolates. Please feel free to share this link with any friends, families or colleagues who may wish to help support our fundraising. Deadline for ordering will be November 24, 2020. Thank you very much.



Stoney Creek Spirit Wear Fundraiser is now available for a limited time!

Get your Stoney Creek t-shirt, hoody, shorts and more.

Visit our online store at <https://stoneycreekelem2020.itemorder.com/> to view colours, styles, and size charts. Kids and adult sizes are available.

HURRY – the store will only be open until November 10th. Orders will be delivered to students in 3-4 weeks after the orders close.

Our spirit wear sale is a fundraiser for Stoney Creek Community School and all proceeds will be put towards school-based activities and learning, including Pink Shirt Day and Orange Shirt Day activities and resources.

**Thank you
for your
support!**





In our Community

2020 Burnaby Christmas Bureau Registration November 2nd – December 4th



LOCATION:

Brentwood Town Centre, Old Sears Store, CRU100 - 4567 Lougheed Hwy (off Willingdon Avenue)
Main mall level, across from the children's play area.

WHEN:

November 2nd—December 4th

Monday - Friday: 10am - 4pm *and* Saturday: 10am - 3pm

All Christmas Bureau applicants **must** live in Burnaby.

Qualifying families will receive new toys for their children (birth-16 years).

This includes working families with low income and families receiving Income Assistance (Welfare)

Proof of Income will be required:

Working Families **must** provide a **CPrint** for **EACH** adult,
to obtain one please call: 1.800.959.8281: Press* to speak to an CRA agent or
access online at: MyCRA > My Account > Proof of Income > Option CPrint

If you are on Income Assistance (Welfare), you need to request a
“Release of Information” from your Ministry Office. This will replace the CPrint.

You will also require:

Identification for each child (care card, birth certificate, passport, PR card)

Proof of current address

*Covid-19 Safety Protocols are in place during Christmas registration and toy pickup:

The Christmas Bureau staff will be enforcing the BC Ministry of Health guidelines for maintaining physical distancing. All visitors will be required to wear a mask, sanitize their hands, have a temperature check, and complete a questionnaire prior to entering the site. We will provide a face mask to those who do not have their own.



Please note, for safety reasons:

- * **Only one family member** may attend for registration and toy pickup.
- * **No children** will be permitted on site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call **(604) 292-3902**.



What's happening ...

The salmon are returning!



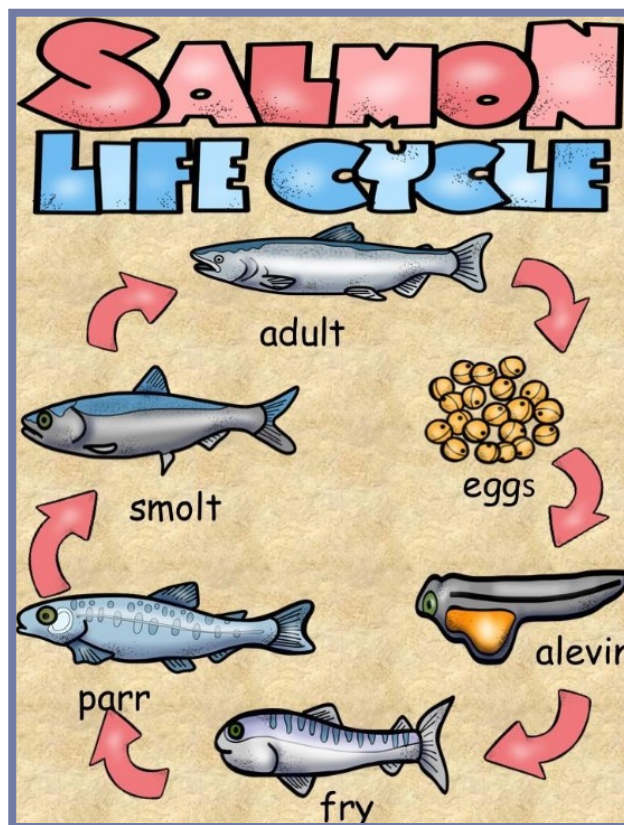
If you take a walk along the creek you will notice many Chum salmon returning to spawn. A big thanks to the Stoney Creek Environment Committee, our valuable streamkeepers who do daily water quality checks, monitor the salmon run, and remove invasive plants along the path.

Please remember that the creek and area alongside the creek is sensitive habitat. **Please try to limit dogs and children from wading into the creek, as precious salmon eggs are being laid right now.**

If you are interested in learning more about Stoney Creek Environment Committee please visit their website at <http://scec.ca>

To report a spill or water quality concern, call Burnaby Environmental Services 604-294-7200 and the Provincial Emergency Program: 1-800-663-3456.

Click [here](#) to go directly to the Committee's Watch and Report webpage.



A great list ...

If you are looking for information/resources for family events, Arts, Culture, Discovery, Sports and Activities in Burnaby, you may want to check out this list on the Burnaby School District website - [click here](#)

Adult ELL Conversation Circle Peer Support Group—Thursdays, 9:15 – 10:15 am

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

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.



Important Information ...

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

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



There is no drop-in StrongStart. **All families (new and returning) must register online for the 2020-21 year.** Registration is now open.

To see Ms. Marianna's blog, please click [here](#).

Reminder No School!

Wednesday, November 11 -

Remembrance Day

Friday, November 27 -

Pro D Day

**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
ON THESE DAYS.**

**Please mark your
calendars!**

Did you? Know?

Stoney Creek Elementary School opened in 1974 and it was only from Kindergarten to Grade 2. In 1976 there was an expansion to the building and it increased to Grade 5. We became a Community School in 1978 and we were extended to Grade 6 in 1986 and Grade 7 in 1987.

In Our Community...

Burnaby Transportation Plan Update

This is a follow-up to our letters from the summer of 2020 letting you know that we have begun consultation on Phase 2 of the Burnaby Transportation Plan update.

We are nearing the end of our extended consultation due to Covid-19. We are interested in your feedback on our draft Targets, Big Moves, Policies and Networks and would like to know the best way to engage with you during these times of social distancing. **You may provide input and comments by:**

- Completing the [online survey](#)
- Responding by email to transportation@burnaby.ca
- Writing to us at: Re: Transportation Plan
 Planning and Building Department
 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2
- Speaking with us via a phone 604-294-7268
- Engaging with us in a virtual meeting (WebEx, Zoom, etc.)

We are hoping to be as flexible as possible and will continue to reach out through the process. In addition, there will be future round of public consultation for Phase 3: Developing the Plan.

To find out more about our Phase 2 proposals, please follow the [link](#) our website, information sheets, discussion guide, Council report and access to our on-line survey.

In addition, you can check out several short videos on the Transportation Plan here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAHeijCBmbqxs_ro6sn563DrQ8coIny1o

We look forward to hearing from you – both how best to engage with you under the current conditions, and any input you have on the draft proposals.

Regards,

**BURNABY TRANSPORTATION
PLAN UPDATE TEAM**





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





The Stoney Gallery

Div. 3 - Monochromatic Spooky Houses



Div. 10 Fractal Leaf Art





The Stoney Gallery



Our Leadership Students



Stoney Creek's very own Pumpkin Patch on October 26th.

Thank you to our Community Council for supporting this fun day, Ms. Johnsen and her husband for picking up all the pumpkins from the pumpkin patch and our leadership students from Div. 2 for helping "plant" the pumpkins!

Division 9





The Stoney Gallery



Division 13



Division 7