

DECEMBER 2020 News

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Principal's Message

send updated information out requiring your attention.

Dear Stoney Creek Families:

Not sure how this is possible, but we have turned the calendar to December already! As we turn our thoughts to the Winter Break, I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone – staff, parents and students – for their diligence and cooperation over the past few months. I know that there has been constantly changing information, lots of requests being made of all of you and sometimes conflicting messages as well. I appreciate how cooperative everyone has been and how willing everyone is to work together with one common goal – safety. The safety for all our staff, students and parents has been our primary focus this fall, and will continue to be in the new year as well. We are working very hard to follow all the Provincial Health Officer's Orders as well as those of the Ministry of Health, Education and CDC and the School District. We appreciate your cooperation when we

I hope everyone enjoyed some of the pictures we posted from our PJ day last week. Given the weather outside that day, and how comfortable everyone was, it felt like we needed a nap most of the day here. Thanks to our leadership students for helping to organize this. There were lots of students and staff dressed in their PJs that day. We are planning another Spirit Day prior to the break as well. Watch for more information on that. Little things like this help boost spirits here and provide a sense of school spirit. Everyone seems to really enjoy these spirit days.

By now I hope you all have seen the information on our Virtual Pancake Breakfast – Pancakes and PJs. We sure hope all of you will join us. More information is included here for you. Since we are unable to host our event in the gym, like we normally do, we have adapted as we still wanted to be able to have an opportunity to 'get together' for pancakes. We sure hope many of you are able to join us on Saturday morning. Everything you need to know is included in the link above. Although it will not be the same as gathering in the gym – because you have to make your own pancakes – we think it will still be a pretty special morning and we are planning a couple of surprises. I have already sent my RSVP. Don't forget to do the same! We look forward to seeing everyone join via Zoom that morning.

Thanks everyone!

Mr. W Hiltz Principal

KEEP INFORMED!



View the monthly newsletter, calendar, upcoming events, minutes and agenda as well as updates from our Community Council on our school's website at:

stoneycreek.burnabyschools.ca

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

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Purdy's Order pick-ups

DEC 5

Virtual Pancake Breakfast

DEC 18
SPIRIT DAY
RED & GREEN
DAY

DEC 19 -JAN 3, 2021 WINTER BREAK



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Notices ...



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.

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.

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 eats, 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.



COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

During COVID-19

If you are looking for community resources, please click <u>here</u> to see a Community Resource Map created by the Burnaby Public Library. You can zoom in and out and choose a variety of categories and sub-categories.

Their <u>guide</u> also offers information about other resource topics such as; Financial Assistance, Food and Meals, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Children and Families, Technology, and Youth and Teens.



Here at Stoney Creek...

On Tuesday, November 10th we had a moving Remembrance Day Assembly (virtual and then an outdoor ceremony) honouring our veterans and all those who serve Canada.

Special thanks to our Remembrance Day Committee for organizing the program for this ceremony. See our Picture Gallery on page 10 to see some of the art projects done by students.



LEADERSHIP at STONEY



Grade 6/7 leadership students have been working on various projects to help keep us feeling connected and to strengthen school spirit, especially during these days! Leadership students are working on monthly SPIRIT Days (such as Pajama Day), have been in charge of reading our daily schoolwide announcements, and participating in discussions around social justice topics and how to make positive impacts in our community. Thank you Grade 6/7 students for demonstrating leadership for our school.

Working with our Family of Schools: Mentorship with Burnaby Mountain

As you may remember, we are a "FAMILY OF SCHOOLS" in this neighbourhood – which means, we welcome opportunities to connect with Lyndhurst, Cameron, and Burnaby Mountain to create a stronger connection between our students. Part of Ms. Briscoe's role as a Community School Coordinator/Teacher is to help facilitate the "Family of Schools", to keep our schools connected and enhance our community connections. Over the past few years we have been lucky to have teens from Burnaby Mountain visit our school (and Cameron Elementary) for regular activities, bridging teens with elementary students through fun sports and class activities, including joint Pink Shirt Day presentations over the past few years at Lougheed Mall with Lyndhurst, Cameron, Stoney, and Burnaby Mountain. This year, we are going to try to keep



connected through "Pen Pals" from Burnaby Mountain – connecting Divisions 4 and 5 to Grade 11s and 12s at Mountain. We also hope to have a few virtual visits as a group through Microsoft Teams. Thanks to Ms. Gingras and Ms. Manning at Burnaby Mountain for helping to connect us with students, and to Mr. Smyth and Ms. Brooks for being so creative with Pen Pal ideas!



Reminders

Reminders regarding current Health & Safety protocols

These Health & Safety protocols are keeping our staff, students, and families safe:

- Please ensure that your children are coming to school dressed appropriately for the weather as there will be NO INSIDE DAYS. We need students out for our staggered lunch time in order to allow for cleaning of classrooms mid-way through the day.
- We are requesting that when parents are dropping off/picking up students, they be mindful and respectful of the 2 m social distancing rules and not gathering so close together as is currently happening – especially in the under covered area.
- We would encourage parents to wear masks as much as possible whenever on school property and to please limit your time on the school grounds as was mentioned in previous communications to families.
- Now that our afterschool programs have resumed and will be using our playground spaces, please try and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible to ensure space is available for these programs as well as for students at the YMCA Daycare.
- ♦ Grade 6 and 7 students are reminded to wear their masks in all common areas.

Thank you for your cooperation and working together to keep our community safe.

Dogs on the School Grounds

Please be considerate of all of our students and refrain from bringing your dogs on school grounds, during school hours. We have students who are afraid of dogs as well as students with allergies, and we need to be considerate of that. I would also like to remind you that when you are on the school grounds after hours with your dogs, it is a Municipality of Burnaby bylaw (# 9609) that requires you to pick up after your dog. This is common courtesy as our

students use the playing fields on a daily basis. We appreciate your cooperation in this as it helps prevent messy situations for our students and staff.



Your PURDY'S orders will arrive and be available for pick-up on **December 3rd.** You will be contacted to see if you would like your orders to be sent home

with your children or if you would like to pick-up yourself. THANK YOU!



COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Taryn Briscoe,
Community School Coordinator and
Terri Mackenzie,
Community Office Assistant

Hours in the Community Office vary depending on events and meetings. Please feel free to check the schedule in the Community Office, or phone 604-296-9031, ext. 651011



"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store.

Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more."



Community Council

A Message from your Community Council

(also know as PAC)



Your Stoney Creek Community Council wishes you a peaceful holiday season! It's been a year of a lot of firsts and we appreciate all of your ongoing support. Extra thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts so far this year!

Since parents and caregivers aren't permitted in the school, we have relied greatly on Ms. Briscoe and Ms. Mackenzie in order for our fundraisers to run. We are endlessly grateful for their time and effort.

Even though we won't be able to have all of our usual events this year, we still hope to offer some fun and useful ways to raise money for the many things our council supports each year. Stay tuned for more fun, and let us know if you have any Covid-friendly fundraising ideas!

Thank you and hope to see you soon on Zoom! Our next meeting is January 20th at 6:30.

Angela Bucher, Council Chair and Dana Johnson, Fundraising Committee Chair

Future SCCC Meetings

January 20, 2021

February 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021

(Budget Meeting)



Do you need help with your holiday shopping? Here is an easy and safe option and it helps our school. Stoney Creek Community Council has started a fundraising page for our school on Indigo FUNdraising.



Every time we shop online through our group's fundraising page, Stoney Creek earns cash back! It's that easy. If we work together, we'll meet our \$1,000 goal in no time. Join our fundraiser now by clicking here and using our invite code PJBB3C.



Stoney Creek's Virtual Pancake Breakfast

Virtual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 5th @ 9:00 am



Please join us for **Stoney Creek's Virtual Pancake Breakfast** from the comfort of your home, with your family and friends (online), and in your pajamas! Participate in some fun activities:

- ▼ ZOOM Scavenger Hunt Games for kids (led by Ms. Briscoe)
- Pancake Challenge How creative can you make your pancakes?
 (Hint: search Google for some fun ideas!)

FREE to join! Please **RSVP** <u>here</u> so we know how many to expect online and to enter a raffle draw for participation prizes! We'll send you the ZOOM link before the date.

Remember to send us photos or post photos of your pancake breakfast to:

Email: Taryn.Briscoe@burnabyschools.ca

olimstagram: @stoneycreekcommunityschool

Twitter: @stoneycreekcs

Don't forget to tag #stoneypancakebreakfast2020 in your post.

"SEE" you there!





We are also accepting donations towards our Christmas Food Hampers (please only donate if you are in a position to do so) through School Cash Online - please click "Make a Donation", select our school, and then type in "Christmas Hampers" in the message box. Donations \$20 and over will be issued a tax receipt.



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Current Events



Every year, Stoney Creek Community School assembles a small number of Christmas hampers (non-perishable food items and gift cards) for families in our community who may need a little extra support over the holidays. This program is supported through the Stoney Creek Community Council, Stoney Creek Community School, and community donations. If you would like to help donate towards our Christmas Hampers, please click here for details about how to donate. (Donations over \$20 will be eligible for a tax receipt.)

Also, if you are in need of extra support this year, and/or know a family at our school who may benefit from a hamper, please contact Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator in the Community Office before December 4, 2020. Together we can help make everybody's holiday season a little bit brighter! (Information will be kept confidential)

Creekside Youth Centre

Over the Winter Break,
Creekside will open for preteens
on Mondays and Wednesdays
from 3-5 pm. Pre-registering is
required and can be done by
phoning the main line
(604-297-7607)
and booking your spot 24 hours
in advance. The computer/video
game times normally held on
Tuesdays and Thursdays, will
resume in the new year.





2020 BURNABY CHRISTMAS BUREAU REGISTRATION ** Deadline extended to December 20, 2020 **



The Burnaby Christmas Bureau offers qualified applicants new toys for children (birth—16 years). This includes working families with low income and families receiving Income Assistance.

REGISTRATION LOCATION

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

REGISTRATION TIMES

Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm & Saturday-10am-3 pm

ELIGIBILITY:

- Burnaby families with low incomes and children 16 years and younger
- Low income Seniors
- Income Assistance or families with low-income

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 TO BRING WITH YOU:

- Proof of income will be required: Working Families must provide a C-Print for EACH Adult. To obtain one,
 please call: 1-800-959-8281. Press * to speak to an Operator or access online at: MyCRA>My Account>Proof of Income>Option CPrint
- If you are on Income Assistance, a Release of Information from your Ministry Office will replace the C-Print
- •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.



Burnaby Family Life Winter Online Programs



WINTER 2021 -- ONLINE PROGRAMS

Our popular programs are constantly adapted to meet changing safety requirements set by the Provincial Health Officer during the pandemic. **All programs are FREE unless otherwise indicated.** We are grateful to the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development for its support.

PARENTING PROGRAMS

FAMILY PROGRAMS (0-6 YRS)

MON

CIRCLE TIME

ONGOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 10-11:30 a.m.

SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING (STEP)

JAN 12 - FEB 23, 6-8 p.m.

NOBODY'S PERFECT

JAN 19 - MAR 9, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

MOTHER GOOSE

JAN 5 - MAR 9, 10-11 a.m.

LEARNING TOGETHER THROUGH PLAY

ONGOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3) 3:30-4:30 p.m.

CALM AND CONFIDENT PARENTING

JAN 13 - MAR 3, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

FATHERHOOD, A JOURNEY

JAN 13 - MAR 3, 6-8 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR LGBTQ2SIA+ PARENTS

JAN 13 - MAR 3, 7-9 p.m.

LTTP: PLAYFUL LEARNING FOR FAMILIES

ON-GOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 9:30-10:30 a.m.

LTTP: HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTHY MINDS

ON-GOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 10-11:30 a.m.

PARENTING FOR IMMIGRANTS

JAN 21 - MAR 11, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

ANGER MANAGEMENT FOR MEN (\$65)

JAN 21 - MAR 11, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

MOTHER GOOSE

JAN 7 - MAR 11, 10-11 a.m.

CREATIVE LEARNING FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

ON-GOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 10-11:30 a.m.

FUN & GAMES

ON-GOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 2:30-3:30 p.m.

LTTP FOR KOREAN SPEAKING FAMILIES

ON-GOING (break DEC 20-JAN 3), 12:30-1 p.m.

NOBODY'S PERFECT

JAN 15 - MAR 5, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

JAN 8 - MAR 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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BABY & ME SECOND STAGE

ON-GOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 10 a.m. - NOON

BRINGING OUTDOORS INDOORS

ON-GOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 2:30-3:30 p.m.

SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING (STEP)

JAN 23 - MAR 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.



CREATIVE PLAY FOR FAMILIES

ON-GOING (break DEC 20 - JAN 3), 10-11:30 a.m.

Information and pre-registration (required for all programs):







Community Resources

Are you alone? Do you know someone who is alone?

BURNABY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COVID-19 TESTING AND INFORMATION FOR BURNABY?

CALL: 604-527-4856
Burnaby Primary Care Network

HELP WITH FREE FOOD, GROCERY SHOPPING OR PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY?

CALL: 604-431-0400 Burnaby Neighborhood House

HELP TO DEAL WITH YOUR WORRIES OR CONCERNS (MENTAL HEALTH)?

CALL: 604-951-8855
Fraser Health Crisis Line

HELP WITH YOUR RENT PAYMENT?

CALL: 604-526-2522 Burnaby Rent Bank

CONCERNS ABOUT BEING EVICTED?

CALL: 604-255-0546
Tenants Resource and Advisory
Centre (TRAC)

HELP TO FIND EMERGENCY SHELTER?

CALL: 2-1-1

HELP WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUGS?

CALL: 604-660-9382
Alcohol and Drug Information and Referral Service

HELP BECAUSE YOU ARE BEING ABUSED OR IN CRISIS?

SENIORS ABUSE AND INFORMATION

CALL: 604-437-1940

VICTIMS OF CRIME

CALL: 1-800-563-0808

BATTERED WOMEN'S CRISIS LINE

CALL: 604-687-1867

HELPLINE FOR CHILDREN

CALL: 604-310-1234

WAVAW RAPE CRISIS LINE

CALL: 604-255-6344

 CULTURALLY AWARE CRISIS SUPPORT LINE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

CALL: 1-800-588-8717

CONCERNS ABOUT SUICIDE?

CALL: 1-800-784-2433

HAVE YOU FACED OR WITNESSED DISCRIMINATION OR RACISM?

• IF YOU ARE THREATENED OR HURT -

CALL: 9-1-1

LGBTQIA2S+ RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS?

CALL: 604-684-6869 Prideline

CALL: 1-877-330-6366

Trans Lifeline's Peer Support Hotline

HELP TO FIND A DOCTOR?

CALL: 604-430-9271
Burnaby Division of Family Practice

HEALTH INFORMATION – TALK TO A NURSE, PHARMACIST, DIETICIAN?

CALL: 8-1-1

HELP WITH HOME HEALTH SERVICES?

CALL: 1-855-412-2121
Fraser Health Home Health Service

HELP WITH DEMENTIA?

Alzheimers Society

= ENGLISH:

CALL: 1-800-936-6033

- CANTONESE AND MANDARIN:

CALL: 1-833-674-5007

- PUNJABI:

CALL: 1-833-674-5003

HELP WITH TRANSLATION OR TO GET INFORMATION IN YOUR LANGUAGE?

CALL: 2-1-1 and say the name of your language

HELP TO FIND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES?

CALL: 2-1-1

HELP WITH GETTING OR USING A COMPUTER AND THE INTERNET?

CALL: 604-436-5400
Burnaby Public Library

FOR INTERNET WEB LINKS TO THIS INFORMATION, GO TO www.burnabycoronavirus.com/are-you-alone













The Stoney Gallery









Division 5







Stoney Creek Spirit Day - November 27





Drop Everything and Read - October 26th

