



# FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

Hello Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I hope that everyone had a nice holiday and that you have settled back into the routines of the school year again. If you are anything like me at this point, it feels like we never left.

It sure was busy here at Stoney last week, with us celebrating Family Literacy Week. Hopefully you have been following our tweets. There were some wonderful things happening including Book Door Displays, Mad Libs Stories, Book Trivia, Human Library Project Presentations, "Words" Day and much more. It was a great week and lots of fun. Hopefully you were able to spend some time engaged in literacy activities as a family as well. Again, please make sure you are following us on Twitter @stoneycreekcs to see what we have been up to and remember to ask your children about what's happening at school!!

I want to thank all of you for your participation in the Interim Reporting process over the past few days. I know that it looked different depending upon what format your child's teacher chose. Regardless of the format, the important part is that you, as a parent, took part in the process. It is always very valuable for our staff to have your input, as parents are partners with teachers in helping to create the best possible educational experience for your child. This was our second interim reporting period and before you know it, you will be receiving the first formal report – those come out just before spring break.

I would like your help with a couple of things:

- ◆ Please have a conversation with your child about the importance of maintaining appropriate physical distance when 'lining up' for things here at school. We are finding we are needing to remind students of this more often.
- ◆ Parents are reminded that the Staff Parking Lot is just that. It is for staff only. When you are dropping off and/or picking up from the YMCA daycare, we ask that you do not use the staff parking lot. There is plenty of parking along the street as well. There is limited parking for staff and this complicates things. We appreciate your cooperation with this. We also ask that when you are picking up/dropping off at the YMCA daycare, you please use the sidewalks close to the school and not walk through the parking lot as this poses a safety risk to those walking.

We know that you may have questions for us from time to time, in particular with registration coming up next month. We realize that you are not able to come in, so the best way to reach us is to send an email to Ms. Sebez or your child's teacher directly. All staff email addresses are listed on the school website.

Thank you to Ms. Petrovska for spending the past year with us teaching music to our students. We wish her well as she moves on and we look forward to welcoming Ms. Payjack back on February 16th.

*Mr. W Hiltz*  
Principal

**FEB. 15**

**FAMILY DAY  
NO SCHOOL**

**FEB. 17**

**COUNCIL MTG.  
6:30 PM**

**FEB. 24**

**PINK SHIRT  
DAY**

**FEB. 26**

**PRO D DAY  
NO SCHOOL**



## Council Corner ...



**Our Next  
Virtual Council Meeting is  
February 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm** for all  
Parents/guardians & community members.  
***Everyone is welcome to attend!***

For minutes of past meetings and for upcoming meeting dates, please remember to check our website [here](#).

Thank you to all the families who participated in our fundraisers.

Our Purdy's, Indigo, and Spirit Wear fundraisers raised \$1,176.86. These funds help support our community through Christmas Hampers, and our many initiatives at the school, including funds towards virtual Field Trips.

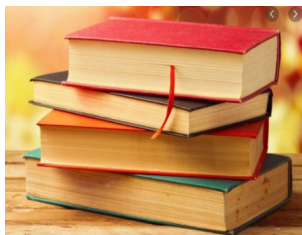


Were you thinking of buying some sweet Easter gifts for friends, family, or yourself?

Stoney Creek Council is once again hosting a Purdy's Chocolate Online Fundraising Campaign. Just in time for Easter!

Click [here](#) for details about the Easter fundraiser—it is open to purchase now and the deadline to order is Monday, March 1st

### **Don't forget, our Chapters/Indigo fundraiser is still ongoing ...**



For each electronic Gift Card you purchase, Stoney Creek will get 15% back. Order online by clicking [here](#) and use code **LWR2CB**. These makes a great gift for adults, kids and teachers! This fundraiser is ongoing, and your electronic gift card will be emailed to you. All orders are placed and paid for online.

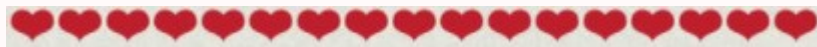


# At Stoney Creek

Over the Christmas holidays we were able to support many families with food hampers. Thank you to the Stoney Creek Community Council and community members for generously donating funds to make this happen. It is so heartwarming to see how much our community takes care of each other.

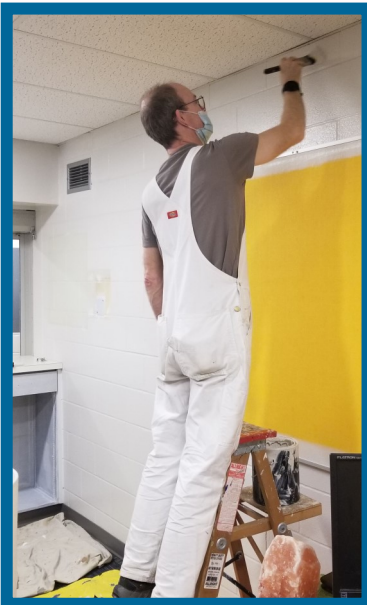
Many thanks to our custodians, Mr. Ram, Mr. Erickson and Ms. Tymoschuk for their continual cleaning that keeps us safe and healthy. We appreciate you!

Also, thanks to the school district's Grounds Crew for salting and de-icing our parking lot.



## The Painting Project

Many thanks to the painters from our Maintenance Service Centre who are sprucing up the interior of the school. The painting project is moving along very smoothly and everything is definitely looking brighter! The painters have just finished the first floor and will now be moving upstairs to start painting classrooms on the second floor.



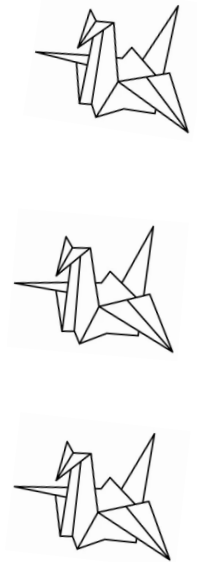
Mr. Caldwell working in the Community Office



Over 9,000 books in the Library— about 75% of them were moved into piles or boxes and Mrs. Good is now putting them back on the shelves!







The idea of a paper crane thunderbird was inspired by Anne Siberell's Whale in the Sky. In this tale, Thunderbird is the protector of the land and all its creatures. Frog warns Raven and Raven warns Thunderbird that Whale is swimming upstream and swallowing the salmon. Thunderbird stretched his great wings wide and flew like the wind. He saw Whale eating the salmon, so he grabbed Whale with his terrible talons and flew high into the sky. Thunderbird dropped Whale onto the tallest mountain. Whale was so frightened that he promised to stay out of the rivers, if he could return to the sea. Thunderbird clapped his great wings and Whale slide down the mountain, back into the sea. Stoney Creek's thunderbird was created by the intermediate students to raise awareness and protect the salmon in our creek.



The Burnaby School District supported Black Shirt Day on January 15 – It was a positive initiative that provided students with an opportunity to use their voice.

Only recently announced by the Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC), Black Shirt Day was new this year. ARC created the day to raise awareness of the challenges faced by Black and racialized Canadians, as well as to help foster solidarity against all forms of racism and hate.

Inspired by the effect of awareness days such as [Pink Shirt Day](#) and [Orange Shirt Day](#), ARC has stated it hopes to get more conversations started about racism and civil rights leading into February, which is Black History Month. The date of January 15 was chosen by ARC as it is also the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.





## Wildlife around Stoney Creek!



The City of Burnaby is home for many species of wildlife including bear, deer, coyote, beaver and squirrels. Viewing wildlife within an urban area can be a wonderful experience, but sometimes a nuisance or a safety concern. The province is responsible for wildlife management and conservation concerns, and provides information to residents to reduce human-animal conflict.

The following information may be useful for some human-wildlife interactions in Burnaby. If you observe dangerous wildlife in an urban area involved in any of the following, please report to a BC Conservation Officer at the 24 hour, Toll Free Call Centre - 1-877-952-7277

- ◆ Accessing garbage or other human supplied food sources
- ◆ Wildlife that cannot be easily scared off
- ◆ Dangerous wildlife is in a public location like a city park or school during daylight hours
- ◆ Cougar or wolf is seen in a urban area

Report coyotes displaying aggressive or threatening behaviour anywhere in British Columbia immediately to: Ministry of Environment's Call Centre: 1-800-663-9453.

More information about co-existing with coyotes can be found at the Stanley Park Ecology Society's website—link below.

<http://stanleyparkecology.ca/conservation/co-existing-with-coyotes/>



A reminder that heely wheely shoes, scooters, skateboards (or anything with wheels) are not to be used on school property during school hours. Not only is it a safety concern, it can cause damage to our school. Thank you for our cooperation.



# Bulletin Board

## Online Registration for next year begins February 1, 2021



In order to assist with physical distancing and limiting the spread of COVID-19, parents will continue to use the online registration system to upload registration documents for students wanting to come to school in September 2021. Parents will be required to provide original documents once schools are fully accessible again. All new students have to register at their local school even if they wish to attend a different school or a district program. Click [here](#) to see details about the registration process.

## Grade 7 to 8 Information

Current Grade 7 Burnaby District students will automatically be registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated attendance area where the student resides. For more information about Grade 7 Student Planning for Fall 2021, please click [here](#).

For information about Virtual Information Sessions and Videos please click [here](#).

## Creekside Youth Centre

A reminder to book in advance for preteen times at Creekside Youth Centre as it's starting to fill up regularly. Please note—Creekside will be closed on Family Day, February 15 for preteens. For more information, please see the City of Burnaby website for Creekside by clicking [here](#).

Write a story or poem for this year's

## WORDS WRITING PROJECT

It might be chosen to be printed in the 2020/2021 WORDS Anthology!

**Open to all grades K-12**

## DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?



Submit your written work in English or French by March 5, 2021.

Click here for more information., click [here](#)





## Family Literacy Week

Stoney students and staff had a busy and exciting week celebrating Family Literacy Week during the last week of January. Students were engaged in many literacy activities such as schoolwide book trivia questions, "Guess the Book" Jar – (sentences from a book put into a jar and students had to try to piece the story together), peer book sharing and book recommendations, live guest "books" via Zoom through our Human Library project, Wear "Words" Day, Characters Dress Up Day, Staff Readers' Theatre of "The Day the Crayons Came Home", and classroom door decorating! Take a look at all of our photos on the following pages to see more from Family Literacy Week at the Creek! Winners of the draws and contest are:

### Primary daily book draw:

Zachary N., Gemma L., Alec M., and Jason L.

### Intermediate daily book draw:

Ziv M., Emily R., Andrea C., and Ethan C.

### Book in a jar contest:

Primary - Giovanni B.

Intermediate - Ryan A.



BURNABY-LOUGHEED

## Community Conversation: TransLink Gondola

Join Burnaby-Lougheed MLA Katrina Chen for a Community Conversation on the TransLink Gondola

### Date And Time

Tue, February 2, 2021  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM PST

For further information on the proposed options for the TransLink gondola, please click [here](#).

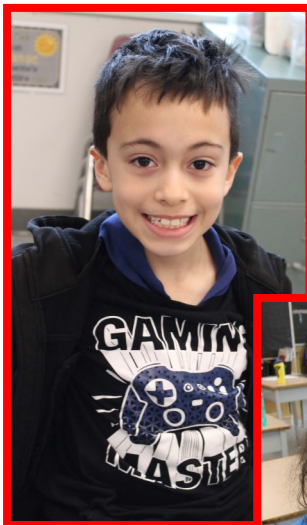
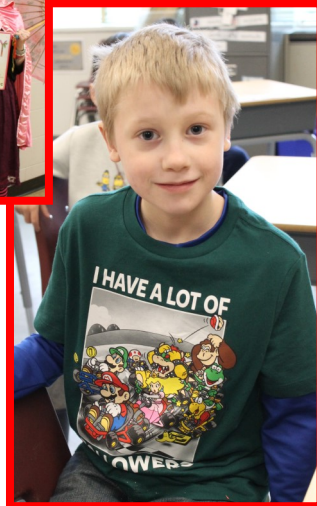
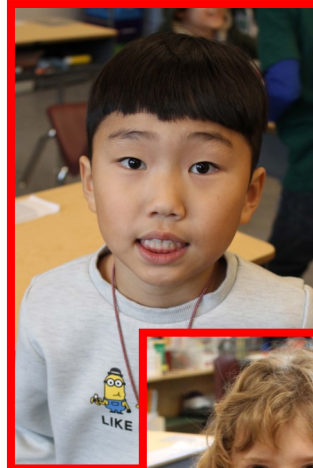
## Pink Shirt Day

Stoney Creek and our Family of Schools (Burnaby Mountain, Cameron, & Lyndhurst) are excited to collaborate with Lougheed Town Centre again to show our support of **Pink Shirt Day 2021**. We will be creating a "Wall of Kindness" to be displayed in the mall during the last week of **February**. This "Wall of Kindness" will showcase students' artwork and messages in the hopes of spreading kindness and encouragement out to our community. If you have a chance to visit the display, feel free to share any photos with us! Twitter: @stoneycreekcs





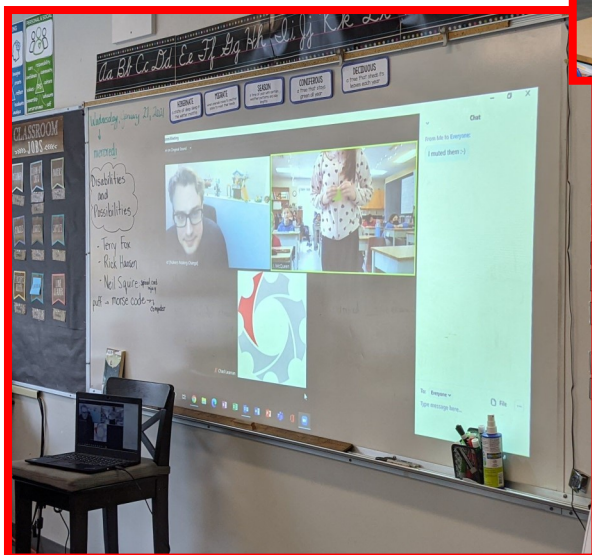
# Family Literacy Week - Wear Words Day and Character Dress-up Day







# Family Literacy Week - Human Library Project







# Family Literacy Week - Classroom Door Decorating

