



MARCH - APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Families:

I am sure everyone is looking forward to Spring Break and getting a bit of a break from the routines of school. Let's hope that the weather cooperates during the break so that we can all get outside to do things. It is hard to believe that a year ago now was when we first started hearing about COVID-19. Reflecting on the past year, I am in awe of the many things that we have accomplished as a school community and I am truly grateful for the cooperation from staff, parents and students, that has helped us achieve so much. From being closed to instruction for two months last year, working on-line, returning in June to a hybrid model and then in September to how things have worked this school year, we really have accomplished a great deal.

I hope you all take some time as a family over the break and enjoy whatever activities you can find to do together, locally, of course. We are fortunate to have access to so many local parks and wonderful outdoor spaces to explore.

Enjoy the break, take time to rest and rejuvenate if you are able. Happy St. Patrick's Day and we will see all of you after the break!

Mr. W Hiltz
Principal

Staffing Changes

Welcome to these new staff members who joined us this past week:

Ms. Helps is here from now until the end of the year and she is filling in for Mr. Leach as part of our LSS team working with Ms. Martone.

Mr. Wilkinson is joining our EA team and will be working in a couple of primary classes for the remainder of the year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



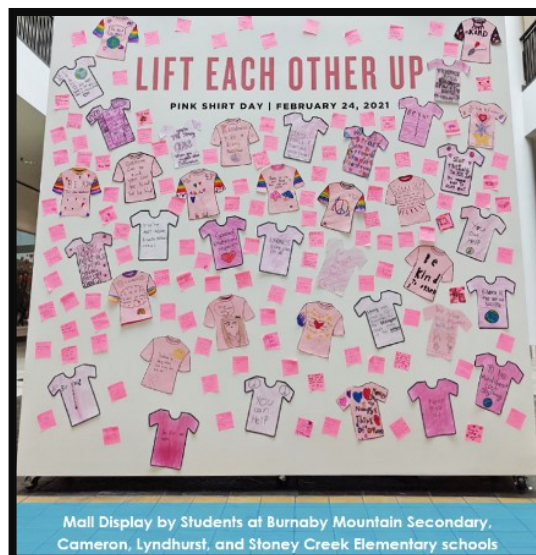


Pink Shirt Day

Stoney Creek celebrated Pink Shirt Day throughout a variety of ways this year. Students designed kindness messages on paper pink t-shirts, which hung in our school windows, created a huge pink post-it note heart in our hallway, and of course many of us wore pink on February 24th.



You may have also seen on our Twitter and Instagram pages that Stoney Creek, in collaboration with Cameron Elementary, Lyndhurst Elementary, and Burnaby Mountain Secondary, helped to create a wonderful 8 x 8 feet Pink Shirt Day display at Lougheed Town Centre during the last week of February. We were very thankful and grateful for the opportunity that Lougheed Town Centre provided to help our Family of Schools share our messages of kindness and positivity to our community. We also hope that our community remembers to participate in acts of kindness not just on Pink Shirt Day, but every day!



Mall Display by Students at Burnaby Mountain Secondary, Cameron, Lyndhurst, and Stoney Creek Elementary schools



Good News



Across the globe, COVID-19 has been attributed to increasing screen time for children and decreasing their sleep quality. Here in Burnaby, we have several initiatives underway to help students and their families learn how to support good sleep habits, which has become especially important during the pandemic.

Stoney Creek is one of four schools in the district who are exploring the relationship between screens and other decisions we make as individuals that can impact our sleep. The Quest for Rest program is designed to create discussion and activities both at school and at home—all with a view to establishing important strategies for healthy sleep habits. Kindergarten to Grade 3 students at Stoney Creek will be learning more about this. Click [here](#) to see more information on the School District's website.

In February classes participated in an in-school virtual COLA (Celebration of Learning Assembly), celebrating the themes of **Black History Month**, **The Burnaby Children's Charter/Children's Rights**, and **Pink Shirt Day**. At the end of our COLA, we created a short video to the song "Be A Light" by Thomas Rhett. The lyrics of "Be A Light" remind us to be a light for ourselves and for others, to be supportive, and to encourage one another. We have posted the video for you to enjoy on our school website [here](#). The video will be up for a few weeks, so we hope that you get a chance to view it.





Our Next Virtual Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30 pm

For all parents/guardians & community members.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Information about the meeting will be sent out before the meeting.



Thank
You

Wednesday, March 10th was Stoney Creek's Staff Appreciation Day. Staff were able to watch a video greeting from Stoney Creek families and it was very touching—thank you very much!

As well, all staff members were presented with a gift card for Lougheed Town Centre and a thoughtful personal note. Thank you to all parents for making us feel appreciated!



The Library Corner with Mrs. Good

Virtual Book Fair

Mrs. Good is arranging a Virtual Book Fair to be held at the end of April or early May. Please watch for more information from Mrs. Good. This event helps support our library and literacy programming through new books and author visits.

As part of our library activities, Divisions 8 to 14 were excited to participate in a virtual author/illustrator presentation last Friday morning, which featured Ruth Ohi, Lana Button, Eric Walters and Sigmund Brouwer. They are all Canadian authors, with Ruth being the author/illustrator among the group, and they shared their inspirations for writing and story ideas, as well as their process. They even gave our budding writers at Stoney Creek some tips for their own writing!



Thank you to the Stoney Creek Community Council for funding this virtual presentation. You can find out more about the presentation here: <https://terrificstoryfic.com/>.



Shout out to Stoney Creek...

We are proud to say that we have been featured on the School District's website for a number of learning initiatives here at Stoney Creek. Click [here](#) to see what happened in schools for Black History Month.

As well, sometimes Stoney Creek is mentioned at Burnaby School District Board meetings. Below is a picture and portion of the script that was read at a recent meeting.



I READ CANADIAN DAY IN BURNABY SCHOOLS

Students, such as these seen here at [Stoney Creek Community School](#) and [South Slope Elementary](#) explored some of our country's rich literature on I Read Canadian Day. Now in its second year and held on February 17, the day encourages people to read books by Canadian authors.

Strong Start REMINDER!

The Strong Start Centre will be closed from March 11—29.
They will re-open on Tuesday, March 30





In Our Community



The Burnaby School District is seeking applications for the casual, on-call position of **Student Supervisor**. Successful applicants will have a Grade 12 education and demonstrated ability and experience in working with children. The ability to work throughout the District and be available for shifts every day school is in session is a definite asset. Please submit a resume and cover letter to:

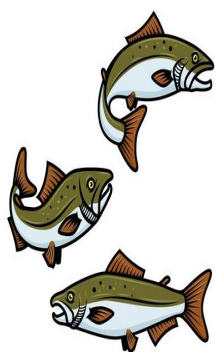
Grae Emerson, HR Advisor
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Burnaby School District
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Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

What is Irish and left out on the lawn all summer?
Paddy O'Furniture!

Salmon in our Backyard



We always feel grateful at Stoney Creek Community School that we have such an amazing ecosystem to learn from right in our backyard. Fernando Lesso, photographer, has just premiered his documentary "Urban Salmon", which features local streams and creeks, including Stoney Creek. We invite you to watch this documentary together to learn more about salmon in our backyards, and how we can work together to keep our creek clean and safe so that salmon can thrive.

Click [here](#) to watch the video





In Our Community

Not long after we are back from Spring Break,
it will be time for our Easter Long Weekend.

School will be closed on
Good Friday, April 2nd and Easter Monday, April 5th

Thank you to all the families who supported
our Purdy's fundraiser.



Dental Clinics

And, just in case all
that Easter candy has
you thinking about
dental care for your

children and you don't have access to dental
care, the following Health Units (New
Westminster, Burnaby and the Tri-Cities) are
offering Fluoride Varnish clinics for children
under 3 years of age (**started on February 1st**)
Click [here](#) for the hours and times for each of
the units.

Call the Central Booking number at 604-476-
7087. For families with older children, please
call 604-918-7606 in Burnaby or 604-777-6797
in New West for assistance.

Fun Rec Summer Camp

Fun Rec Summer Camp at Stoney Creek hopes to
be back this summer. They are currently planning
what the summer camp will look like. Once they
have finalized the details it will advertise it to our
community. If you are interested in being on an
email notification list to find out the information
directly as soon as it comes out, please click [here](#).





Outdoor Education

Place Based Learning at Stoney Creek

During the past 6 months, the Grade 6 and 7 students have participated in Outdoor Education classes with Ms. Taylor-Gibbs. Learners created small nature journals to capture some of their experiences such as observing hair ice on mornings that provide the necessary conditions for this amazing phenomenon. They even wrote their names on the front cover with Earth elements such as soil, berries, or flowers. These students were challenged with inclement weather and they survived. It has been a new experience for many of them. Here are some quotes that relay they connection they have developed with this place we call Stoney Creek:

- “It’s important that we educate everyone about our wonderful ecosystem so we can protect it for future generations.” *Fenix*
- “Even though I don’t go to the Grotto frequently, I still want the Grotto to be kept safe so others can have fun there.” *Joseph*
- “The Grotto is a wonderful place and I don’t want it to be destroyed by unnecessary rough play, littering and building.” *Miguel*
- “The ecosystem is really important in our school and it’s slowly dying. It would be a shame if we didn’t do anything about it.” *Nathan*
- “I like to go outside every once in a while and enjoy fresh air. I also enjoy discussing the things we can do to improve our economy and make our school a better and healthier place.” *Nina*

We have witnessed the salmon spawning in the local creek, heard Indigenous leaders tell stories and students have learned how to make personalized acknowledgements of the territory. Please visit the school blog [here](#) to see more photos and learn more about this program at Stoney Creek.

