



MAY 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

Dear Stoney Creek Families:

Well I really hope that you have been enjoying this lovely weather we have been having. Hard to believe that we are through the month of April already. Fortunately, we have had several nice days that have allowed us to get outside, which is one of the few things we are still allowed to do. I am sure you are all aware that there were new restrictions being implemented with regards to travel right through the long weekend.

A reminder to parents and guardians to please complete your child's [Health Check](#) each morning before they come to school. We have been pleased with how the new regulations regarding masks at school have been going. But we do have a request of parents with students in grades 4 – 7. Could you please check with your child and remind them PRIOR to leaving in the morning, that they have a mask with them. We do have a supply of disposable ones here and are happy to give them out on the odd occasion should a child forget. However, it seems to be the same children without masks that we are seeing in the office. We would encourage them to get in the habit of making masks a part of their morning 'preparing for school' routine and to ensure they have one prior to leaving the house. We are also pleased to see so many younger students wearing masks on a regular basis as well. Thanks to all the parents who do too!

- ◇ Our painting project is now complete, except for a few minor deficiencies. We are currently compiling a list and will report it to maintenance for action shortly.
- ◇ We had the large cedar shrubs at the front of the school removed as many of them were in poor condition and we were concerned about breaking limbs breaking, garbage collecting around them, etc. The front looks much cleaner and neater now.
- ◇ I am happy to share that we will be having some playground modifications done this summer which should help to eliminate the water that accumulates on the wood chip area of the playground. There is a drawing and explanation showing the proposed work on page 2.

We had our virtual School Visit on 13 April 2021. It included a visiting team led by a District Principal (Mr. D. Greve) and two principals from other elementary schools (Mr. K Chow and Ms. L Hartman) as well as our school team (Mr. Hiltz, Ms. Briscoe, Ms. McQueen, Mrs. Martone and Mrs. Crow from Council). During the visit we highlighted what has been happening this past year and discussed our literacy goal in particular. Ms. Briscoe shared a video during the visit that highlighted some of the events from this past year. Normally when we have a school visit, the team is here in the school and we are able to show them all the things that have taken place. The video did a great job of capturing that for us. We also shared it with Council at the last meeting and staff on our Pro D day this week.

Thank you to all of the staff, students, and community for all the work you have done to keep our school community learning and growing together during this time.

Mr. W Hiltz,
Principal



Playground Improvements

Playground improvements (see photo below) - Maintenance will be working to address the drainage issues on the playground and make improvements to some of the surrounding grass areas as well. Below is a summary of the work that is planned:

- ◇ Take care of some of the low points by placing more gravel around the playground (gravel has already been added to the undercover area).
- ◇ Apply some grass seed to the areas worn down.
- ◇ Plan shows a gravel path intersecting the playground. This will allow drainage to be installed.
- ◇ Path/drainage is expected to be done in the summer time.

I think everyone realized that there has been an issue with standing water for some time now. Maintenance feels that this plan should help to address this issue both on the soft fall defined playground areas as well as the grass areas surrounding the enclosed play areas.



NOTES:

1. ADD FRENCH DRAINS AS NECESSARY



Our school ...

ARE YOU MOVING???



We are well into planning for September. It is very helpful for us to know about families who do not plan to attend Stoney Creek Community School in September. If you are definitely moving this summer, please let us know by emailing tatjana.sebez@burnabyschools.ca with the following Information:

- Your child's name, grade, and current teacher name
- The name of the new school or school district

Thank you for your assistance.



The next meeting of the Stoney Creek Community Council (PAC) via Zoom is on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30 pm All are welcome to attend!



Our next Statutory Holiday is Victoria Day on Monday, May 24th - there will be no instruction for students on that day.

Our last Pro D Day this year is Monday, June 7, 2021

September 2021

7 School Opens
24 PRO D Day

October 2021

11 Thanksgiving
22 Pro D Day

November 2021

11 Remembrance Day
26 Pro D Day

December 2021

Winter Break
Dec 20 – Dec 31

January 2022

4 School Re-opens

February 2022

21 Family Day
25 Pro D Day

March 2022

Spring Break
March 14 - 25
28 School Re-opens

April 2022

15 Good Friday
18 Easter Monday
25 Pro D Day

May 2022

23 Victoria Day

June 2022

6 Pro D Day
29 Last day of classes

→ **IMPORTANT DATES AT STONEY CREEK 2021/2022** ←



Our community ...

City of Burnaby Seeking Feedback on the future programs for Cameron Recreation Centre & Library

The City of Burnaby is planning to replace the Cameron Recreation Centre and Library with new facilities designed to better meet the diverse needs of northeast Burnaby's growing and changing population.

Last year, nearly 2,400 community members shared their thoughts and ideas for what they'd like to see in a new facility. The City has reviewed this input and has developed the future programs for the centre.

From **April 20 to May 3, 2021**, the community can learn more about the results of the public input and share their feedback on the future programs through an online survey available through [burnaby.ca/your voice](https://burnaby.ca/yourvoice). The future programs for a new Cameron Recreation Centre and Library include:

- New library
- Aquatics facility
- Gymnasium, Weights and Cardio facilities
- Multi-Purpose Rooms
- Community Living Room
- Dedicated youth and seniors' spaces

Following this next set of public feedback, the project will advance to the detailed design in preparation for the future construction of the facility. **For more information:**

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Civic Project Planner
604-294-7418 | civicprojects@burnaby.ca



Be on the lookout for a link to watch the Burnaby Dance Festival. Ms. Payjack has been working with all the classes to learn the dance "Jerusalema" for Stoney Creek's dance submission.



Please click [here](#) to check out ideas for Online Learning and Activities from the City of Burnaby website.

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS....

a friendly reminder to please keep your dogs on a leash at all times and please pick up after them.

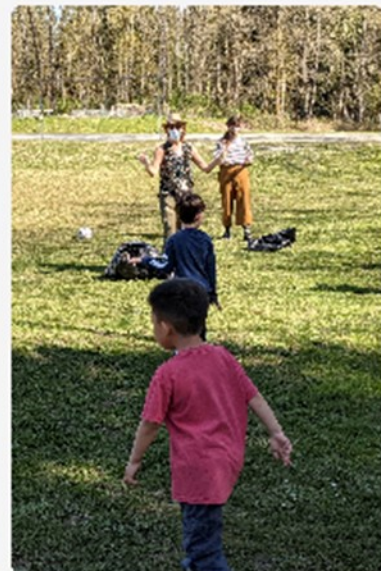


thank you



Earth Day

On Thursday, April 22nd Stoney students and staff honoured Earth Day by participating in a variety of eco-friendly activities to show how much we care about our planet. We also participated in a Burnaby-wide Community Cleanup Challenge hosted by the Burnaby Neighbourhood House. Thank you to Ms. Huckle, Ms. Taylor-Gibbs, and Ms. Good for leading the Earth Day Cleanup Challenge! Our planet also thanks you!

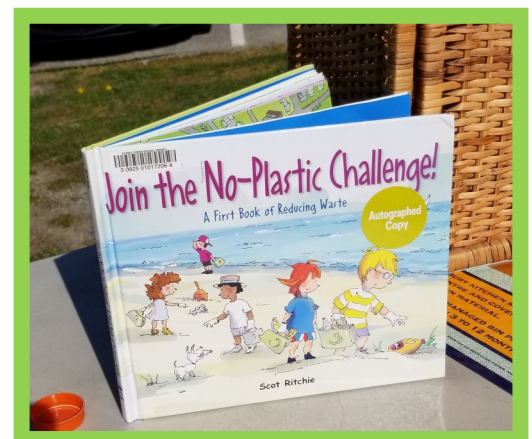




Outdoor Classroom



**Division 9 was
learning how
to be kind
to the Earth**





Strong Start - Story walks at Cameron Park



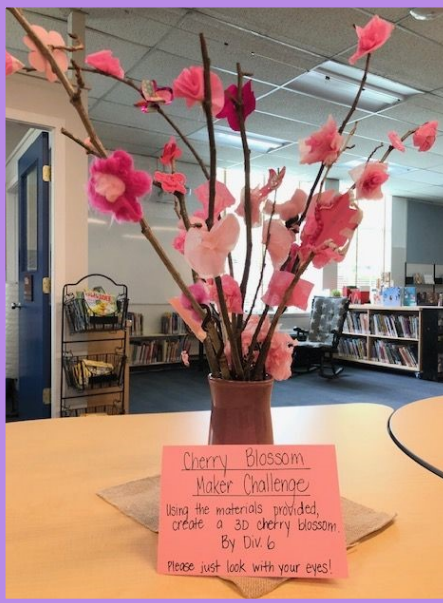
Finding and
making
shapes in
the park
and
chalking



If your child is entering Kindergarten at Stoney Creek in September, and you would like to join an outdoor Friday session, please email marianna.cavezza@burnabyschools.ca



Stoney Creek Gallery



Division 6 Cherry Blossom
Maker Challenge



This Wish Stix bouquet
was made by Division 2
students from both
recycled materials and
pipe cleaners which
were used as fasteners.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Each child in Division 5 created one or two posters based on
the 42 articles in the convention.



Stoney Creek Gallery



Division 8



**Division 4
Symmetry Monsters**



Division 14



Division 7

Division 13





Stoney Creek Gallery



Division 9



Division 10



Division 7 Abstract Shamrocks

Division 13



Division 10