



NOVEMBER 2021 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Families:



Welcome to the beautiful colors of Fall! Some of the trees sure have been displaying some wonderfully colourful leaves of late. Hopefully we will have some more sunny days to enjoy the last of them before they finally fall off. Halloween festivities have been happening here lately. Thanks so much to our parent volunteers for making our Pumpkin Patch a reality a week ago. Our Primary students really enjoyed the experience of 'choosing' their pumpkin from the patch that Division 4 and 5 students created for them in the grotto. Many of the students also used their pumpkins to learn from in creative ways throughout the week. There has also been some great Halloween art displayed throughout the school the past few weeks. Please enjoy some of the photos at the end of the newsletter as well as what we have posted on Twitter.

A big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the new [Stream of Dreams](#) installation of our fish on the tennis courts fence. This was a wonderful project that all students and staff had the opportunity to participate in. We are so grateful to the Stream of Dreams organization for providing us with this wonderful learning opportunity. It has also totally revitalized our fence with all of the vibrant colours and it looks fantastic. We have included some pictures, but if you haven't had a chance to see it in person, you really should go and check it out.

Most of our grade 4 and 7 students have completed writing the FSA tests. Completion will be by mid-November. Tests will then be marked and returned home to families. These are annual tests written by grade 4 and 7 students throughout the province to assess basic Literacy and Numeracy skills. Once the tests have been marked in mid-November, booklets will be returned to parents.

Parents can expect to see an Interim Report for their child at the end of this month. Interims can take various forms – this could include a written template, a phone/video conference with the teacher, a blogfolio entry, etc. Whatever form of interim reporting your child's teacher chooses to engage in, we hope that you will take an active part as well, as we believe that parents play an integral role in the education process. Education is a partnership between home and school and your involvement helps ensure success for your child. Open and ongoing communication with your child's teacher is crucial. We appreciate and welcome your input.

As we continue to navigate through the pandemic, I feel the need for a few reminders to families and students. We are noticing that some of the health procedures that need the support of parents are not being followed consistently. Students continue to arrive at school without [masks](#) and without having had their [Daily Health Check](#) completed by a parent/guardian prior to their arrival. Both of these are required for all students in grades K – 7 and have been required for some time now. We need your cooperation with this, please. Also, in case you are not aware, the procedure for reporting cases is different this year from last. Please refer to the Fraser Health website for more information on [School Exposures](#). We continue with daily handwashing routines, staggered start and end times, and designated play areas in an effort to keep students safe.



Principal's Message (Cont'd)

I am happy to report that we do have the return of some student activities here at Stoney Creek. We have volleyball underway for our grade 6 and 7 students and two lunchtime clubs have started in the last couple of weeks – a Ukulele Club and a Dungeons and Dragons Club. Students are enjoying these lunchtime activities run by Mr. Smyth and Ms. Huckle (Ukulele) and Mr. Leach (D and D). Thanks to Ms. Smith, Ms. Huckle, Mr. Fong and Mr. Smyth for working with our students on volleyball. We have also had three Burnaby Parks and Rec after-school groups start in the past couple of weeks. Slowly, we are seeing the return of activities for our students, being mindful of all the necessary COVID – 19 safety protocols, of course. I know students are enjoying these activities. My thanks to the staff for sponsoring them as well.

I hope that everyone had a Happy Hallowe'en. As you can see from the photo, many staff members enjoyed dressing up on Friday. Lots of students did as well this year.



Yours truly,

Mr. W Hiltz



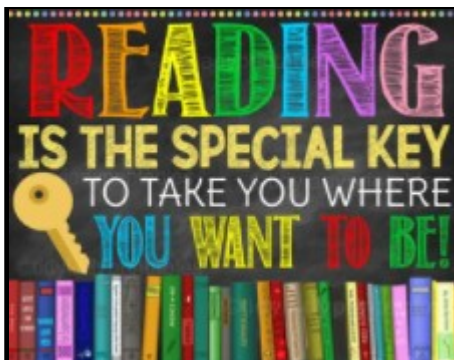
Remembrance Day

Poppy Drive:

Please remember that you can make Remembrance Day donations to the Legion's Poppy Drive via SchoolCash. Click [here](#) to login to your SchoolCash account.

Remembrance Day Assembly—November 10, 2021:

Plans will be detailed in this Friday's e-blast.



Welcome

Welcome to our new Librarian, Ms. Schiml, who will be here on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternating Thursdays.



Community Council Info

The Stoney Creek Community Council (PAC) hosted their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 20th 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 17th @ 6:30 pm.

Stoney Creek Community Council Members for 2021/22

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** – Chad Leaman
- Vice Chairperson** – Kim Crow
- Secretary** – Nadia White
- Co-Treasurers** – Lisa Deines & Amanda Martin
- District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Rep** – Kristin Schnider
- DAC Rep** (District Community Schools Advisory & Coordinating Committee) - Kim Crow

Upcoming SCCC Meetings

- November 17, 2021
- January 19, 2022
- February 16, 2022
- April 20, 2022
- May 18, 2022
- June 15, 2022
(Budget Meeting)



Our next Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 17 @ 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.



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.

To view a **Burnabynow** article about salmon returning in Burnaby, please click [here](#).

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](#). Our fundraiser number is **32472**. 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 27, 2021. Click [here](#) to see our flyer with delivery options.

Thank you very much.





Important Information ...



Are you 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.

Virtual Breakfast with Santa on December 4th

More information to come!

Since we couldn't do this community event in person last year we managed to have a fun time together on Zoom. It was great to see all the pancake creations our Stoney Creek families made at home.

We hope to do a similar version of our virtual Breakfast with Santa.

Stay tuned!



DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins: 8:45/9:00
Recess: 10:35
Lunch: 12:00
Classes resume: 1:00
Dismissal: 2:45/3:00



2021 Burnaby Christmas Bureau Registration November 1 – December 10, 2021

Click [here](#) to go directly to the Christmas Bureau's website..
If you have any questions or concerns,
please call (604) 292-3902

Reminder No School!

Thursday, November 11 -

Remembrance Day

Friday, November 26 -

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STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
ON THESE DAYS.

Please mark your
calendars!



We are happy to welcome our new StrongStart Facilitator, **Roza Fakh**, this month. The Stoney Creek StrongStart Program will start on November 22nd. Families **must pre-register** through the Burnaby School District website here. Please note it is still a blended model this year (drop-in days, outdoor exploration and virtual sessions). There is no drop-in StrongStart.



Our Terry Fox Ice Bucket Challenge

**A Dream As Big
As Our Country**



**We did it! We
Raised \$1,628.80**



The Stoney Gallery



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Fish on Fences

Thanks to our parent volunteers (Starla, Sophie, Chad, Amanda, Brian, Corey, Carol, Denise, Allison, and Jean) who removed the old fish and installed the new fish in record time.





Stoney Creek Pumpkin Patch



Stoney Creek's very own Pumpkin Patch on October 25th

Thank you to our Stoney Creek parents for supporting this fun day.

Also thanks to our parent volunteers; Amanda, Carol, Denise and Kendra, for picking up all the pumpkins from the pumpkin patch and our leadership students from Divisions 4 and 5 for helping “plant” the pumpkins!





Stoney Creek Pumpkin Patch



Hallowe'en in the halls!

