

DECEMBER 2021 Newsletter

Principal: Mr. W. Hiltz • Head Teacher: Ms. J. McQueen • Secretary: Ms. L. Heath Community Coordinator: Mrs. T. Briscoe • Community Assistant: Ms. T. Mackenzie/ Ms. I. Tam

Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Families:

We are sure everyone is looking forward to having a bit of a break for a couple weeks and enjoying some time with family and friends over the Holiday Season. We know that the fall has been a busy time with adjusting to the routines of school again, new COVID protocols, health and safety procedures and lots of information and updates from both the school and the District. I am sure a break from the routine and some down time as a family will be welcomed by everyone. We hope that you are able to unwind and relax and enjoy the festive season and celebrate however you choose to do so.

I hope everyone received their child's Interim Report a few weeks ago and that it gave you a snapshot into their progress. Formal Reports will be issued in February. As always, we hope that you took the time to review the Report with your child and talk about any suggestions for improvement and/or any goal setting steps that may require action. Your involvement in the process is key and helps let your child know that you have an interest in what they are doing here at school. Please, as always, stay in close contact with your child's teacher to address any issues that may arise.

We have been busy at Stoney the past few weeks. Students worked really hard preparing for our Holiday Concerts. A great deal of thanks goes to Ms. Payjack for directing the productions and Mrs. Briscoe for helping with rehearsals and filming. Students worked very hard to put this together and we hope you enjoy the final version when it is released for your viewing pleasure.

Thanks so much to all the families who helped support our Food Drive. We sure did a great job collecting donations for families. We were able to put together many Food Hampers which will help support our community as well as donate to the Burnaby Neighbourhood House Food Hub. Thanks to everyone who took part in this initiative. These donations will help brighten Christmas for many families.

I am sure you have all noticed the new Christmas tree in the window of the stairwell. Students have been busy making and adding decorations to it for the last few weeks since it went up and it looks wonderful. It is a nice addition to the landing and we hope you are able to enjoy it through the window as well. We posted some photos on our Twitter page.

The entire staff here at Stoney Creek Community School would like to wish all our families and community partners, a very happy Holiday Season. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends and enjoy this holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.



Stoney Creek Staff getting into the festive spirit with "Red and Green" day on Friday, December 3, 2021

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: <u>Stoneycreek.burnabyschools.ca</u> DEC 20-JAN 3, 2022 WINTER BREAK

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

DAILY SCHEDULE







Regular hours for our school office are 8:15 am to 3:30 pm. Voicemail comes on automatically if we are unable to answer. If Ms. Heath 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 <u>here</u> 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.

School re-opens on

Tuesday, January 4th , 2022



Dressing for the weather

Just a reminder that students will be going outside at recess and lunch time this year, regardless of the weather. Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather as they will be going outside. We would also suggest a change of clothes be left at school for what we

know will be those wet days ahead of us.



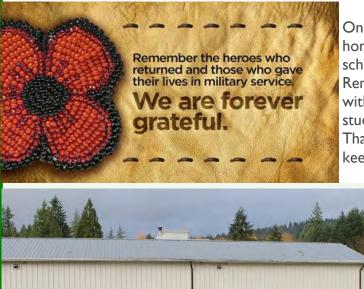
COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE During COVID-19

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 Monday, November 8, 2021 Stoney Creek honoured National Indigenous Veterans Day with a school-wide virtual assembly, and honoured Remembrance Day on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 with a virtual assembly and outdoor gathering for students to lay wreaths and observe the last post. Thank you to all who have served, past and present to keep us safe.



STONEY CREEK HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

What a generous and amazing community we have at Stoney Creek! We had a very successful Food Drive during the week of Dec 6-10th and our Community Office was overflowing with your donations of food, toiletries, and warm winter accessories. Special thanks goes to Ms. McQueen's Grade 4/5 class who helped to promote the Food Drive to every class and collected and sorted the items every day. Thank you for supporting our community!





Reminders

Reminders regarding current Health & Safety protocols

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

- All K to 12 students are required to wear their masks in all indoor areas.
- Here is the <u>link</u> to Daily Health Check for Students. This check should be done daily to determine if a child attends school that 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.
- Please ensure that your children are coming to school dressed appropriately for the weather
- 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.



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, drop-off and pick-up times. 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.

Lunch Program registration for the January I - February 5 cycle are due by December 31, 2021

We encourage you to pay online via <u>School</u> <u>Cash</u>. This is a safer and more secure way



COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator and Terri Mackenzie/ Irene Tam Community Office Assistant

Hours in the Community Office vary depending on events and meetings. Please feel free to contact us by phone at 604-296-9031, ext. 651011



"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." - The Grinch -





Community Council



A Message from your Community Council (also know as PAC)

On behalf of the Stoney Creek Community Council, we wish everyone a relaxing and peaceful holiday break. With best wishes from your Community Council (PAC) Executive Committee,

Nadia, Kim, Lisa, Amanda, Kristin and Chad

Future SCCC Meetings

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



Current Events





Creekside Youth Centre

Over the Winter Break, Creekside will open for preteens on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. A variety of fun recreational and social activities are available at our youth centres! Youth have access to free WiFi, computers, gaming systems, pool tables, foosball tables, open gym nights, card and board games, TV and more! Advanced Reservations are recommended and can be done by phoning the main line at **604-294-7607**

* Please see the event calendar on the next page



Creekside Youth Centre December Preteens Program





STONEY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINTER 2022

Exciting new programs are coming your way, available for registration on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 9am!

Babysitters Basics, 11+ yrs

Children learn valuable skills, emergency procedures and tips on childcare. Certificates are awarded to those who successfully complete the course, which uses Canada Safety Council Babysitter's Guidelines. These recommend that children under 12 not babysit without adult supervision. \$63.00, 6 sessions

Tu, 3:00-5:00pm, Jan 25 Barcode: 653305 *Registration closes January 20th



Afterschool Lego and Games, 5-9 yrs

Children are given the space to play, create, learn and use their imaginations while playing various board games and using LEGO®. We will be doing active games in the gym so please dress appropriately. 27.90, 6 sessions F, 3:00– 4:30pm, Jan 28 Barcode: 653311

Barcode: 653311 *Registration closes January 25th

REGISTER EARLY!

Online: burnaby.ca/webreg Or call a Burnaby recreation facility. Fees must be paid when you register. We accept cash, cheque, VISA, MasterCard, or AMEX.

- Participants MUST attend Stoney Creek for afterschool Programs
- Masks are mandatory indoors



For more information call: Laurie Bedford 604 297-4529 Bonnie Wilson 604-297-4537



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 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 Line

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

Burnaby Division of Family Practice

BIAC Inter-Agency

PCN Primary Care

BIPT STREAM





The second classroom doors decoration

