



# MARCH - APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Community Coordinator: Mrs. T. Briscoe • Community Assistant: Ms. T. Mackenzie/Ms. I. Tam

## Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Families:

It is difficult for me to believe that we are already at Spring Break! The time seems to have gone very quickly since we returned after the Winter Break. I think maybe that is a good thing. Perhaps because things seem to feel a bit more settled here. I know that restrictions are more relaxed in the community and there have been announcements about changes in schools as well. We will provide updated detailed information as soon as it is available.

I want to take the opportunity to thank our families, students and staff for the everything they have done these past few months, specifically related to COVID-19. I know that it has not been easy to keep up with the ever-changing restrictions and constant information that we send home. We have always done our best to try to keep you up-to-date, all the while realizing that we may in fact be overwhelming you at the same time.

I know that many of you saw lots of the tweets that we sent out as part of our Kindness Week activities a few weeks ago. I was especially proud of the collaboration with our neighbouring schools (Cameron, Lyndhurst and Burnaby Mountain) in conjunction with Loughheed Mall, as students shared Pink Shirt Day messages. A huge thanks to Ms. Briscoe and Kelly Dinh, The City of Loughheed Marketing Coordinator, for putting that together. The bulletin board displays in the school were amazing as well. We tried to tweet out as many of those as we could. I hope you enjoy what we have featured here in the newsletter.

No doubt you have received your child's Report Card. Please ensure you have returned the comment envelope to the teacher if you have not already done so. Student Led Conferences are planned for next month. We realize there is a bit of a gap between the Report Card and the Conference, but we did that intentionally with the hope that we may be able to have these conferences in person if they were held later in the spring. Stay tuned for more information on that as the date draws closer. Of course, I would expect that if you have questions related to the Report Card, you have communicated those to the teacher already.

I would like to thank those parents in attendance for the Saleema Noon presentation a couple weeks ago. I hope you found the information useful and informative. I sat in on several of the sessions that Saleema and her colleague conducted in the gym with the students. The kids were very attentive and respectful and asked some very good questions. I am sure you heard all about it when they got home. I am including Saleema's [website](#) for you in case you missed the parent session, as she pointed out some valuable resources that you may want to consider.

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to wish all our families a happy and safe Spring Break. Whether your plans see you travelling, or staying local, we hope that your time with family is enjoyable.

All the best,

Mr. W Hiltz  
Principal

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





# Notice Board



Our Next Virtual Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 20th 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.

## School Meal Program



Payment for the April 11 – May 6 cycle cycle is due by **April 4th**

We encourage you to pay online via School Cash which is a safer and more secure way.



Students are reminded that they **ARE NOT** to be using scooters on school property. This is absolutely prohibited as it is a safety concern. Although students are welcome to use their scooters to travel to and from school (provided they are wearing a helmet), once they arrive at school, they are to get off and walk the scooter. A good way to remember is scooters are permitted along the front sidewalk of the school and that is it!! Once you start down the walkways of the school grounds, students must exit the scooter and carry it while on school grounds. Scooters are forbidden to be operated in the staff parking lot as well, for obvious safety reasons. If this continues to be a problem, students may be

asked to leave their scooters at home.

As the weather will be turning nicer after Spring Break, I would like to remind all our families that the above rules also apply to bikes. There are couple bike racks located on school grounds and students are encouraged to bring a lock to secure their bike while they are at school during the day. Like scooters, helmets are required for riding bikes as well.

Dogs on school grounds continue to be a problem despite it being mentioned many times in newsletters. Once again, we are requesting that dogs are NOT brought onto the school grounds during drop off and pick up times. If you choose to bring your dog during these times, please wait from your child (ren) on the sidewalk in front of the school and DO NOT bring your dogs onto the school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



## Purdy's Delicious Easter Chocolates!

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 28th at 9:00 pm

## Creekside Youth Centre

A reminder that Creekside Youth Centre will be closed throughout the Spring Break. For more information and for what's happening in your Youth Centre, please visit here or call **604-294-7607**

# Notice Board

**April 12, 2022**  
**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**



Parents/Guardians,

We are planning a **Lunch and Learn** on April 12, 2022 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.

In response to some of the comments we were hearing from both parents and teachers, we are happy to be hosting a Lunch and Learn for parents/guardians to help with some of the issues around friendships and anxiety. This will be hosted by Suzanne Vardy and Jen Ingham, members of the Safe and Caring Schools Team for the Burnaby School District.

Here is a bit of what Suzanne and Jen have planned: As children develop, they begin to navigate friendships with increasing independence. In this presentation, we will talk about peer relationships and the conflicts that can occur as children enter this stage. We will look at how parents can guide children and to nurture the problem solving and social skills as they are developing. There will also be a bit of a focus on anxiety and supporting children who are worried.

The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the actual date. We just wanted to draw your attention to the date at this time so you save it in your calendar.

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?  
*Because they're always a little short!*



**Summer  
Fun Rec**

Summer camp is returning to Stoney Creek this year for the month of July and the first part of August. Each child can sign up for one week. Stay tuned for more information and for registration details.

Earth Day is coming up on  
**April 22, 2022**

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This year, the theme is 'Invest In Our Planet'. Over Spring Break, families can work together to find creative ways to reduce waste and to encourage recycling at home and in our community.



For more information about Earth Day 2022, please visit the [website](#)

What Will You Do?



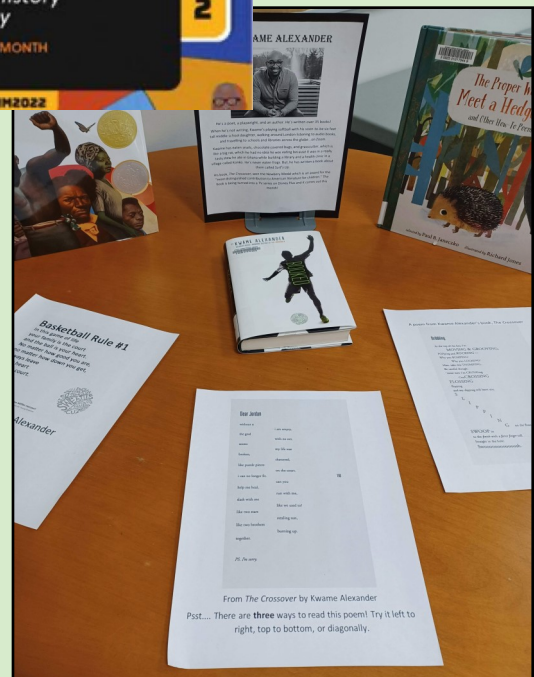
# February - Black History Month



Learning about Mae Jemison, an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She was the first black woman to travel into space in 1989.



Students were engaged in a variety of learning activities which celebrated Black History Month in February. From video guest speakers to classroom read-alouds, it has been a wonderful opportunity for students to strengthen their knowledge about the many important Black Canadians who have made great impacts in Canada and in the world, past and present.



Kindness Week at Stoney 

Throughout the last two weeks of February, we had our Kindness Week here at Stoney Creek. Students were encouraged to participate in RAKATTACK activities (Random Acts of Kindness). Everyday, we reminded our students to extend kindness in small but meaningful ways. Our goal was to emphasize that kindness extends beyond the school, into their home and community. One of the highlights of the week was definitely the Pink Shirt Day on February 23, 2022.

*"Pink Shirt Day means a lot to people, including me. It's a day to stop bullying, toxicity, and hurt which goes in an everyday loop. To feel lonely is the worst feeling in the world and victims of bullying go through it everyday. It's time we do something about it." — Vanessa, Division 1*

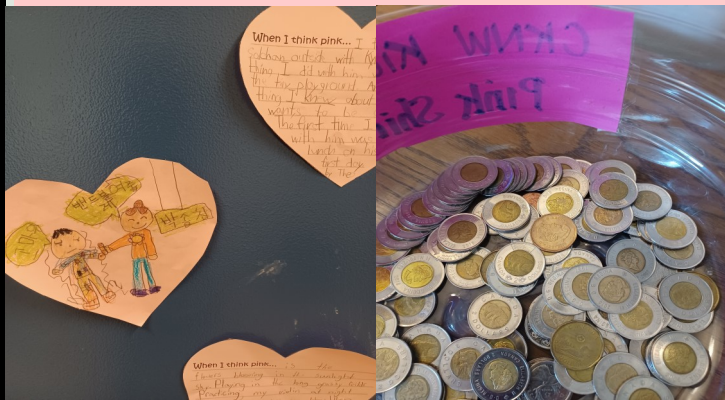
Pink Shirt Day



We are grateful to have partnered with The City of Lougheed Shopping Centre who helped us share our messages for Pink Shirt Day out to the community. Students from Burnaby Mountain, Cameron Elementary, Lyndhurst Elementary, and Stoney Creek Community School collaborated on a project to write, draw, and share their thoughts about what Pink Shirt Day means and how we can "lift each other up". Together we created a video which we shared out on our Twitter page (@stoneycreekcs) as well as on The City of Lougheed's Twitter (@tcolougheed) and Instagram (@thecityoflougheed). We hope that you had a chance to hear what our students had to say about Pink Shirt Day. Plus, we collected 2-nies (toonies) this week for the CKNW Kids Fund. In total, we have collected over \$240 in honor of pink shirt day. Thank you all for contributing to this great cause!

Thank you to our students: Sofia, Vanessa, Alex, Brady, and Rosy for volunteering to participate on behalf of Stoney Creek. Special thanks also to Kelly Dinh, Marketing Coordinator at The City of Lougheed for working together with our schools on this special project!

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!





# Here at Stoney Creek...

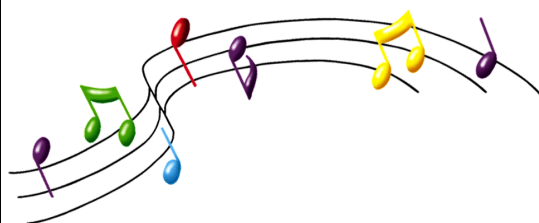


## Knitting Club

Every Thursday during lunch, the Knitting Club meets in the library.

## Ukelele Club

Our Ukulele Club meets every Wednesdays during lunch in Mr. Smyth's classroom.



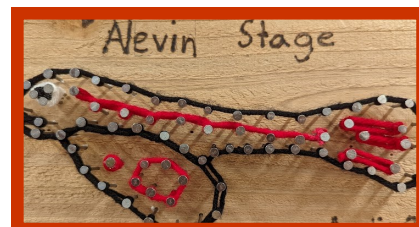
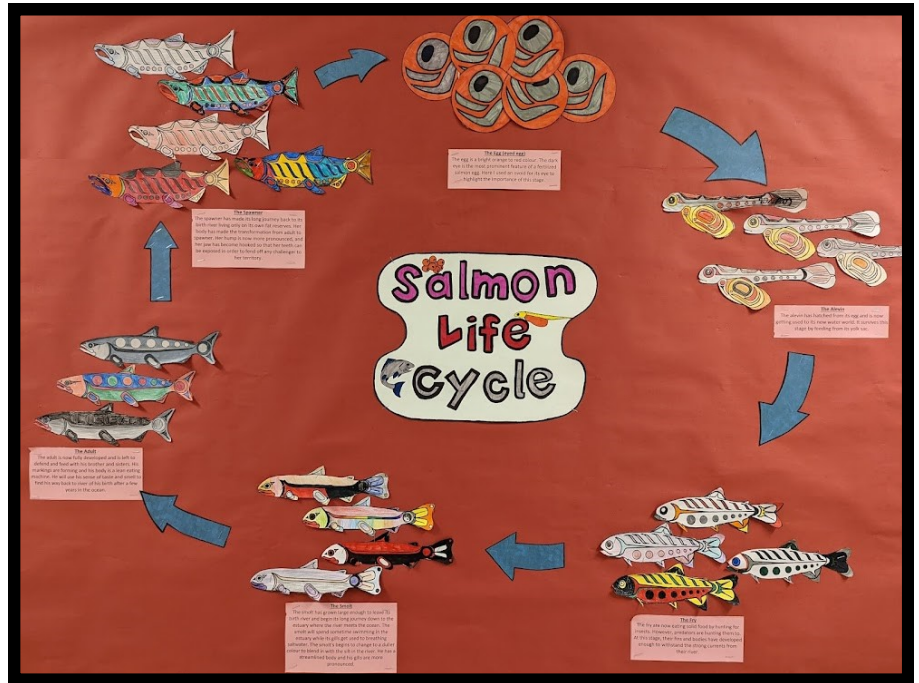
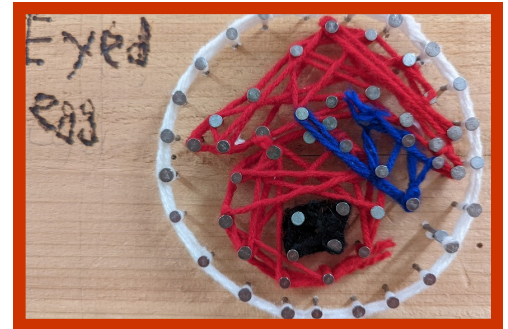


# Salmon in the Classroom

All 55 chum salmon are currently at the alevin stage of the life cycle. Division 6 and 7 have been recording the daily Accumulated Thermal Units (ATUs), while using the data to make estimates of when the alevin will become swim-up fry.

Our most recent estimate shows the alevin will develop into fry around April 15th, and we will release them two weeks after they become fry. Division 6 and 7 have been learning about the anatomy of salmon, through a dissection of seven adult salmon. We had a great time learning about the different body parts of salmon and their use.

Tony Smyth  
Grade 3/4 Teacher





# 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 15**  
and  
**Easter Monday, April 18**



If Easter candy has you thinking about dental care, Fraser Health is offering the Fluoride

Varnishing program for children under 3 years of age who are not under the regular care of a dentist.

Clinic at the Burnaby Health Unit :  
Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 4:30  
#300 - 4946 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

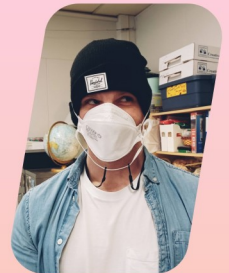
Call the Central Booking number at **604-476-7087** to book an appointment

 Burnaby Public Library  
[www.bpl.bc.ca](http://www.bpl.bc.ca)

During Spring Break, all Burnaby public libraries are open for their regular hours. Students can borrow books, video books and E-books. You can visit in person or order for curbside pick up, at any of the locations.

Families can sign up for various online classes [here](#) at the Burnaby Public Library webpage. Pre-registration is required.

In addition BPL also offers various online zoom courses over Spring Break. Check out the classes [here](#).



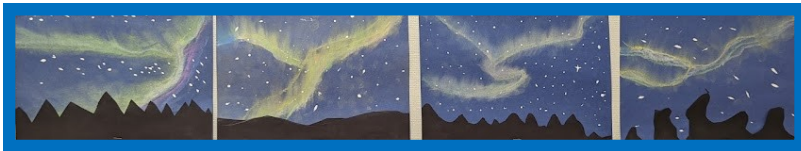
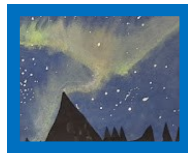
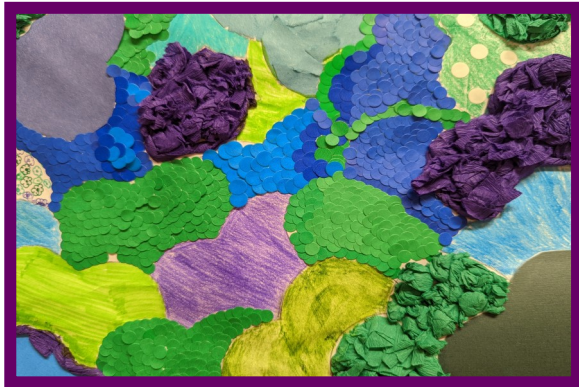
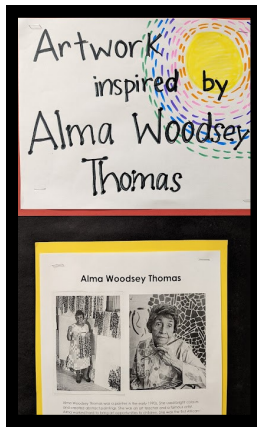
## 2/22/2022

Our school celebrated this very special Twosday Tuesday by dressing up in "T" attire - Tiaras, Tutus, Toques, T-shirts, or as Twins!

Thank you everyone for dressing up and making this day extra special !



# Along our hallway...



**MEET OUR STAFF - THEN & NOW**

**THEN**



**NOW**



**Ms. Smith - Grade 6/7**

**THEN**



**NOW**



**Ms. Singh - Kindergarten**

**THEN**



**NOW**



**Ms. Daoust - Kindergarten**

**THEN**



**NOW**



**Ms. Payjack - Music Teacher**

**THEN**

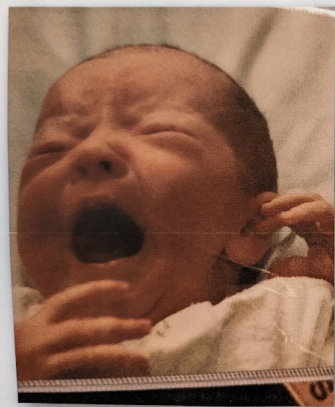


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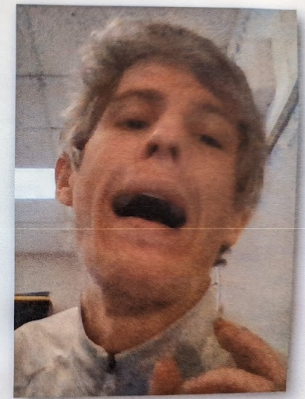


**Ms. Briscoe - Community Coordinator**

**THEN**



**NOW**



**Mr. Smyth - Grade 3/4**

# Kids say the dearest things...

