

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

Principal: Mr. W. Hiltz • Head Teacher: Ms. J. McQueen • Secretary: Ms. K. Hearsey Community Coordinator: Mrs. T. Briscoe • Community Assistant: Ms. T. Mackenzie

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Another school year is almost complete. When I reflect back on everything that we have accomplished this year, I am genuinely appreciative of the staff and their efforts in trying to make another less than normal school year, somewhat normal for our students. I am also in awe of everything you as parents have done to support your children and their education despite the fact that it was another year on 'limited access'. One does not need to look far – just scroll through the Stoney Creek Twitter feed, to realize all the fantastic things that went on here at the school. We continued to provide opportunities for our students whether it be the Terry Fox Run, Orange and Pink Shirt Days, Black History Month, Pride Celebrations, Salmon Release, Dance classes from Burnaby Mountain students, Festival of Beginning Bands, Sports Day, Gardening opportunities, RCMP Bike Patrol visits, Student Led Conferences, Earth Day Celebrations, Lunar New Year, Spirit Days, Literacy Week, Stream of Dreams, and so many, many more. Our students were afforded many opportunities to learn and grow together.

No doubt when we look back on the year, it is easy to think of the challenges that we have faced. Looking at the list above, I hope that it is easy for us to also focus on the positive accomplishments and many achievements our school has experienced as well. I know that the last couple of years have been filled with stress and uncertainty but they also have been filled with moments of joy and fun as well and that is what school is all about. No doubt we all look forward to more of these moments in the future. Although we do not know at this point what the fall will look like, the one thing I do know, is that no matter what, we will be able to navigate it together, as a school community. Of course, we will continue to update you, as we always have done through the last couple of years.

I wish to thank the Kindergarten teachers for our Welcome to our School event that took place this week where we had the opportunity to welcome our new K families who will be joining us in September. Apologies that I was unable to attend. I understand that for those families in attendance, it was an enjoyable event. So happy that the Kindergarten Welcome Bags arrived on time. I know families will be able to make use of those over the summer. If you are joining us for K in the fall and were unable to attend, and therefore did not pick up your Welcome Bag and would like to do so prior to the end of the school year, please phone the school to make arrangements to come by and pick it up.

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We do have some staff members who will not be returning to Stoney in the fall and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for the contributions they have made during their time here. I will share more detailed information at a later date. I find the end of the school year difficult in many ways — we are celebrating the many achievements and accomplishments of our students throughout the year and at the same time we are saying good bye to the familiar as we head off for the summer and the adventures that await us. It is always with mixed emotions that we say farewell to the end of the school year.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their participation in our Pride celebrations this past week. It was nice to join Cameron Elementary and for everyone to be dressed so colourfully as we marched to Cameron Park. It was nice to be able to join with Cameron to celebrate this very important event. We will be displaying the Pride flag out from for the next week as well.

Sincerely,

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Mr. W Hiltz Principal



Year-End Report Cards

Report Cards will not be issued early. If your child will not be at school on the last day (June 29th) to collect their report card, please send a self addressed, stamped envelope to your child's teacher.



Otherwise, you will be able pick-up your child's report in the fall.

A message from

YMCA of Greater Vancouver

The Stoney Creek YMCA Kids Club provides licensed before and after school care to Stoney Creek families. To join the waitlist families can join the waitlist by registering here.





Dates to remember ...

September 2022

School Opens

23 PRO D Day

30 National Day

for Truth & Rec-

February 2023

20 Family Day 24 Pro D Day October 2022

Thanksgiving

21 Pro D Day November 2022

11 Remembrance Day

25 Pro D Day

December 2022

Winter Break Dec 19- Jan 2 January 2023

3 School Re-opens

March 2023

Spring Break March 13-24 April 2023

7 Good Friday 10 Easter Monday

24 Pro D Day

May 2023

22 Victoria Day

June 2023

5 Pro D Day 29 Last day of classes

IMPORTANT DATES AT STONEY CREEK 2022/2023



The next meeting of the

Stoney Creek Community Council (PAC)

via Zoom is on Wednesday, June 15th

at 6:30 pm This will be a budget planning meeting for next year.

All are welcome to attend!



AREYOU 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 <u>definitely</u> moving this summer, please let us know by emailing <u>kuniyo.hearsey@burnabyschools.ca</u> 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.



from the Community Council ...



On behalf of the Stoney Creek Community Council, I wanted to thank all the parents and the school staff for their support and patience during another challenging COVID school year. It has been a year of constant changes, but through all this uncertainty, the flexibility and support of families in our community has helped us weather this storm.

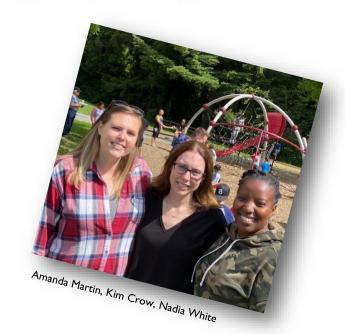
As we look forward to the next school year, we are optimistic for a more "normal" year with many more community events and opportunities for engagement. We look forward to reinstating the Community BBQ, Breakfast with Santa, the Fun Fair and more. Please feel free to get involved with Community Council and help us all reconnect and grow our community. Please feel free to reach out to myself and other parents, and share your ideas and time to help improve the school experience for our children and community.

Have a great summer and I look forward to spending more time with you all.

Chad Leaman. Chair, Stoney Creek Community Council

Stoney Creek Community Council Executive

Chair - Chad Leaman Vice Chair - Kim Crow Co-Treasurers - Lisa Deines, Amanda Martin Secretary - Nadia White DPAC Rep - Kristin Schnider







Chad Leaman





Our Thanks

Thank you to our amazing community partners who have helped in many ways throughout the year – from donations to student programs to virtually volunteering – we appreciate you! Special thanks to the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Association, Creekside Youth Centre, Burnaby Parks & Rec, Burnaby Mountain Secondary, Burnaby Family Life, Cameray, NEBCA (Garden & Fun Rec), Stoney Creek Environment Committee, Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, YMCA, ... and more! You have truly helped to make our school a "community" school!





Also, another huge THANK YOU to our Stoney Creek Community Council for your valued input, planning and fundraising for the entire school community. We appreciate your support throughout all the changes we experienced this past year. We look forward to (hopefully) meeting together in person next school year.

Thanks to Urban Roots Garden Market

Thank you to Urban Roots Garden Market for donating plants to our school garden through the Giving Gardens program. Our students are learning how to plant, grow, and care for plants - from strawberries to basil to kale ... and more! Can't wait to taste the "final products"...









Summer Reading Club

Join the Burnaby Public Library

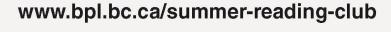
Summer Reading Club

Free for children of all ages. Starts Monday, June 13.

- Get your reading tracker at any library location or
- Choose your reading goal
- Read all summer long
- Pick up your Summer Reading Club medal!

You can read anything, any way, anywhere, and in any language. Being read to also counts!

Visit our website to get your reading tracker, find booklists and activities, and get updates on picking up your Summer Reading Club medal.



Need reading ideas or tips? Have questions? Let's talk! Call 604-436-5400 or email eref@bpl.bc.ca

The Summer Reading Club is sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association and Burnaby Public Library with the generous assistance of Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and CUPE BC.



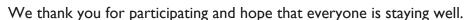




School Supplies, Labels and Books!

Stoney Creek Community Council is once again offering ways to help ease and simplify your life when your children return to school in September. These options are in fact fundraisers for our Council and are an easy way for you to support our school as well.

Fundraisers organized by Stoney Creek Community Council help support programs within the school, field trips, and more. All campaigns are open for ordering now. If you have any questions regarding these campaigns, please email stoneycreekcouncil41@gmail.com.







SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKAGES through Creative Packs for the 2022/2023 school year.

This is <u>optional</u> – if you wish to purchase your own school supplies, please feel free to do so—you will be notified when pages have been posted on the website. As well as being a fundraiser for the Community Council, this is offered for your convenience and Council feels it is good value. Your student school supply packs can be ordered <u>online</u> by clicking <u>here</u>.

Order before July 4th and your order will be shipped free to the school for delivery to you in September.

After July 4th, a shipping fee of \$12 will be applied and the pack will be shipped by Canada Post to your home address.

PURCHASING YOUR OWN SCHOOL SUPPLIES—lists will be upload onto the website shortly we will link to them in an upcoming e-blast.

mabel's labels

We are pleased to once again offer <u>Mabel's Labels</u> to Stoney Creek families this year. Mabel's Labels is the leading company for any labels you need for your children at school, daycare, and pre-school. They are also great for sports equipment. They make labels for clothing, shoes, bags, lunch containers or more. Fully customizable, they stay on well and last for ages.

Click here and then choose the "Support a Fundraiser" option along the top menu and search for Stoney Creek



Don't forget—our ongoing Indigo Fundraiser!

Indigo Cashback – Every time we shop online through our group's fundraising page, Stoney Creek Council earns cash back! It's that easy. Join our fundraiser now by clicking here and using our invite code PJBB3C.



In our community

Collaborative Pride March with Cameron

Elementary – on Friday, June 10th Stoney Creek Students celebrated Pride Month by participating in our first ever Pride Parade. We also met Cameron Elementary at Cameron Park. It was such an amazing day to come together to celebrate one another. More pictures can be found on our Twitter page.



Burnaby Festival of Dance



Stoney Creek Community School's Dance Club is a group of 18 students from Grades 3-7 who have been meeting twice a week at lunch since the beginning of

April. Some of our younger dancers have helped with a trio of their own choreography, and we were inspired by the energy of DI Raphi and his dance moves. The Dance Club pre-recorded and submitted their virtual performance to the Burnaby School District's Festival of Dance on May 17th. The Dance Club will also perform their dance "live" to the school sometime in June, and we will send home a virtual link soon!

Are you concerned about Stoney Creek? It is one of the few remaining creeks in the area

that has a salmon run and is home to endangered Nooksack dace, Western brook lamprey and other species. Stoney Creek is facing threats from development and urbanization that degrade water quality and threaten local fish and wildlife, including wild salmon. To get involved in this issue, please click here



A reminder, please keep out of our creek. The Stoney Creek Environment Committee (SCEC) would like to remind you and your pets that although the creek is a tempting place to cool off; delicate and vulnerable salmon eggs and fry lay under the rocks in the creek. Please help us to preserve this precious resource.

Dental Clinics at the Burnaby Health Unit Tuesday's from 9-12 and Thursday's from 1-4 located at suite #300-4946 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

Dental Clinics at the New Westminster Health Unit Wednesday's 9-12 located in suite #218-610 6th Street,

New Westminster, BC In the Royal City Centre Mall (above the Bank of Montreal).



Families who have children that are under 3yrs of age, without access to dental care, can book appointments through our Central Booking number at 604-476-7087. If there are any families with older children they can call us at 604-918-7606 in Burnaby or 604 777-6797 in New West for guidance and support to get to a dentist.



Sports Day 2022













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Mother's Day at StrongStart





















Meet our Staff

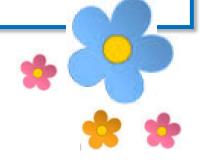
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Ms. Fakih StrongStar Facilitator



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Ms. Burnham Educational Assistant



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Mr. Jackson-Counsellor



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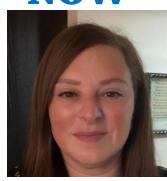


Meet our Staff

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Ms. Forsythe **Educational Assistant**



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Ms. Ladd **Educational Assistant**

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Mr. Wilkinson **Educational Assistant**



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Ms. Kucharski **Educational Assistant**