



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

Principal's Message

DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins: 8:55

Recess: 10:35

Lunch: 12:00

Classes resume: 12:58

Dismissal: 3:00

Dear Stoney Creek Families: Welcome to Fall??

We have several new staff members and are happy to welcome a new secretary this week as well. Ms. Spartano has joined us from Cariboo Secondary School. As well, there are several new staff members joining our team this school year. The website has been updated to reflect the changes and I am sure most of you have met many of our new staff members by now.

We are happy to be welcoming parents in the building again this year. We have also come to realize that many of our parents may not know that the location of the main office has changed, as it has been a long time since you were actually inside the school. So...as a reminder for everyone, the location of the Main Office is just inside the Main Entrance which is located directly opposite the Staff Parking Lot. The Community Office is located further down the hallway closer to the Gym. For those of you who remember, the offices switched locations a couple of years ago.

For ALL Visitors to the school, we ask that you enter through the Main Doors (opposite the Staff Parking Lot) and report to the Main Office and Sign In. The Visitor Sign In is located just outside the Main Office on a small table. We will then be able to assist you and direct you accordingly, if necessary. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with this to help ensure the safety and security of our staff and students.



We encourage you to drop 'forgotten' items (homework, lunch, etc.) with us in the office and we will get them to your child on your behalf. This helps eliminate interruptions while teachers are teaching and students are learning.

Another thing that would help eliminate disruptions in the morning would be if students arrive ON TIME in the morning. I realize that our morning classes used to start at 9:00 am but that is no longer the case. As circulated prior to the start of the year, the morning bell goes at 8:50 am. Students should be on the grounds PRIOR to that time each morning. We have had many students arriving late in the mornings after teachers have taken attendance. This perhaps necessitates an

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Principal's Message *(Cont'd)*

unnecessary phone call to parents and sometimes produces an long line of many late students in the office. Dismissal is at 3:00 pm and parents need to pick up on time as well, as sometimes staff have other commitments and/or meetings after school and are not available to supervise past that time. We would greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation to have students arrive ON TIME in the morning and be picked ON TIME at the end of the day. Students enter and exit through their designated doors and teachers pick up and drop off students at the start and end of each day in those designated areas.

It was so great to see so many families join us at the Welcome Back BBQ a few weeks ago and what a great night we had. Thanks to Creekside and Burnaby Parks and Rec Staff for helping with the cooking and to Ms. Mackenzie, Ms. Briscoe and the Stoney Creek Community Council for all the work they did in organizing the event. What a great turn out and the weather was perfect for our first in person gather in a very long time. Let's hope this is the sign of things to come. It was also so nice to see so many families taking part on our Goal Setting Conferences this week. These are very important and teachers value the information that you share we them as you help set goals for your children for the school year. It was nice to be able to do these in person this year.

We have had a Welcome Back and a Terry Fox Assembly since the beginning of the year. We have also honoured Orange Shirt Day and recognized National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with a school wide assembly. I hope you are following us on Twitter @stoneycreekcs to see the photos we are posting from our events and assemblies. We usually post lots of photos there as well as try to include some in our newsletter.

On behalf of the whole staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. I hope you enjoy the summer-like weather with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Hiltz

Reminder No School!

Monday, **October 10th** - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, **October 21st** - Pro D Day



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Our Fall Apple Fundraiser ends on **Saturday, October 8th**. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy the best apples you'll ever taste.

BBQ THANK YOUs

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Welcome Back Barbecue on Thursday, September 22nd. It was such a wonderful feeling to finally be together again after a two year break. We loved seeing all of the families gathering together at the tables, having picnics on the lawn, dancing, and playing on the playground.

Special thanks to Jon, Nicolle, Olivia, Doug, Osato, and Carly— the Youth Services staff at **Creekside Youth Centre** for grilling all of the food for us, to the parent volunteers who helped chop and prepare veggies (Peggy, Amanda, Michelle, and Sandhya), our parent shoppers (Niki, Allison, and Kim) our clean up crew (Ross, Sylvia, Rony, Dongwen, Luisa, Joel, Kanako, and there were many others who also jumped in to help), our Burnaby Mountain student volunteers who helped to serve at the BBQ, Ms. Gould, Cleo and Gabi for such beautiful facepainting. Thank you also to all of the Stoney Creek staff who were able to join us as well!





Important Dates ...

September 2022 6 School Opens 23 PRO D Day 30 Nat'l Day for Truth & Reconciliation	October 2022 10 Thanksgiving 11 Photo Day 21 PRO D day	November 2022 11 Remembrance Day 25 Pro D Day	December 2022 3 Breakfast w Santa Dec 19– Jan 2 Winter Break	January 2023 3 School Re-opens
February 2023 20 Family Day 22 Pink Shirt Day 24 PRO D Day	March 2023 March 13-24 Spring Break	April 2023 7 Good Friday 10 Easter Monday 24 Pro D Day	May 2023 19 Sports Day 22 Victoria Day	June 2023 5 PRO D Day 29 Last day of classes

Please note a few additional important dates on our calendar above.

Individual Student Photo Day

Tuesday, October 11th!

Parents, please note that we will be going ahead with our Student Photo Day planned for **Tuesday, October 11th**. Should you choose to not have your child take part in school photos this year, please send a note along to your child's teacher so they are aware. Please click [here](#) to see information posted on our website. **Note: Students should refrain from wearing green due to the "green screen" used as the photo backdrop.**



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What You Need to Know

TRAFFIC SAFETY, DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS:

Keeping our students safe before and after school is a priority.

- Parents are encouraged to walk their children to and from school to reduce traffic congestion.
- Student crossing guards will once again be stationed at the crosswalk in front of the school before and after school. Please be aware of their presence.
- If you do drive to school, please obey all signs at the front of the school.
- Please use the designated parking spots along Beaverbrook Crescent and avoid the front of the school as it impairs the vision of our crossing guards.
- Our crosswalk provides a small drop-off area just past the crosswalk for those parents who need it.
- Please limit drop-off time to accommodate other cars.
- **The parking lot is for staff only and is NOT to be used for dropping off and picking up students, turning your car around, or for accessing the YMCA Daycare.**
- **Please refrain from walking through the school parking lot to the playground. We have had some near misses in the past with students dashing between the parked cars.**

There is no supervision before and after school, so students should arrive close to their scheduled start times and leave the school grounds shortly after they have been dismissed.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO SCHOOL:



Toys, electronic devices, trading cards or anything of value should be left at home to avoid loss or damage. **Cell phones are not permitted during school hours.** Students who have a phone are asked to keep them turned off and put away during the day. Should you need to contact your child during the school day, we ask that you call our main office at 604-296-9031. Any bikes or scooters brought to school need to be locked up in the under-cover area beside the parking lot. Students are to walk bikes and scooters when on school grounds.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

In order to ensure student safety please make sure the school has all relevant information up to date. This includes any medical and safety concerns as well as phone numbers and emergency contact information.

PARENT COMMUNICATION:



Having an open line of communication between home and school is crucial for student success. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher on a regular basis and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. We send our notices and newsletters home via e-mail in order to reduce paper consumption. Please remember to update the school if any of your personal information (email, phone number, etc.) changes throughout the school year.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:

Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program. If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call the school office before 8:45 a.m. to report his/her absence or tardiness on our Absentee Line.

Please call **604-296-9031** and choose **Option 2** to leave a message with the following information:

1. Child's name (first and last)
2. Teacher name or Division
3. Dates of absence or, if late, estimated time of arrival

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Regular hours for our school office are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Voicemail comes on automatically if we are unable to answer. If **Ms. Spartano** is away from her desk, or on the other line, please leave a message and she will respond as quickly as possible.

What is a Community School? F A Q's



We thought we would put together a few of our **frequently asked questions** to give you a better understanding about community schools:

What is a "community" school?

Community schools are regular public schools with a special belief in, and emphasis on **community involvement**.

Burnaby Community Schools began in the 1970s through a strong partnership with the Burnaby School District and the **City of Burnaby**. We are the only school district in BC which has this special partnership with the City!

Is the curriculum different in a community school?

We follow the same curriculum as other public elementary schools across BC.

However, what you might also notice in community schools is that we have many **partnerships and programs** with community organizations. These programs help to **enhance and extend learning opportunities** during the school day and into the afterschool/evening hours for ALL "students" in our community - from toddlers to adults!

Our partners include:

- Creekside Youth Centre
- Burnaby Parks and Recreation
- Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
- YMCA
- Cameray Child & Family Services
- Burnaby Family Life
- StrongStart
- Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Association
- Stoney Creek Environment Committee
- Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver
- NEBCA / Fun Rec (Northeast Burnaby Community Association)
- The City of Lougheed
- ...and more!

Who are some of the "partners" at Stoney Creek Community School?

*In a nutshell, **YES**, the Community Council is the same thing as a PAC.*

However, it is called a "Community Council" because we are a community school. We also invite community partners to join us at our council meetings to help provide input and make decisions on our community. We often hear updates from Bby Parks & Rec or our Youth Centre as well.

Is the **Stoney Creek Community Council** the same thing as a **PAC** (Parent Advisory Council)?

We are fortunate that in Burnaby, all of the Community School Coordinators are also **certified teachers**. Being a teacher helps to connect our teaching background and experience with our work in community development. We also work closely with parents and our community partners to plan and coordinate programs and events for our school and neighbourhood so that we can strengthen our community. **At Stoney Creek, Taryn Briscoe is your Community School Coordinator** (Taryn.Briscoe@burnabyschools.ca)

We also have TWO offices at Stoney Creek, the main school office by the entrance doors, and the **Community Office** down the hallway on the lower floor. Please feel free to stop by the Community Office **if you have any questions** about community programs and events, family support services, financial support services, youth information, early learning programs, after school programs, adult education opportunities, and MORE! **Please also feel free to drop by just to say hello!**

Who is the "**Community School Coordinator**" and where is the "**Community Office**"?

What is a Community Council?

The **Stoney Creek Community Council (SCCC)** is called a “**Community Council**” rather than a “Parent Advisory Council (PAC)” because Stoney Creek is a community school. One of the many important aspects of community schools is that Stoney Creek parents AND local residents/community members are welcome to attend the meetings to identify needs and initiate programs and services available through the school to support the school and local community. In addition, there is a broad scope for volunteer activity in a community school, with staff and residents working in an environment of cooperation to make the school a productive and comfortable place to share in.



As parents/guardians of Stoney Creek students, you are automatically a “member” of the Community Council and are always welcome to attend any of the monthly meetings to find out more school and community programs and activities, to hear updates from Mr. Hiltz and Ms. Briscoe, and to meet other parents.

Stoney Creek Community Council Members for 2022/23

Our Stoney Creek Community Council (aka PAC) held their Annual General Meeting on September 28th. Congratulations to the following who are our Executive Council Members:

Chairperson – Chad Leaman

Vice-Chairperson – Kim Crow

Secretary – Nadia White

Co-Treasurers – Lisa Deines and Amanda Martin

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Rep – Ross Kukard

Upcoming SCCC Meetings

October 19, 2022

November 16, 2022

January 18, 2023

February 15, 2023

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

June 21, 2023 (Budget Meeting)



Our next
Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 19 @ 7:00 pm

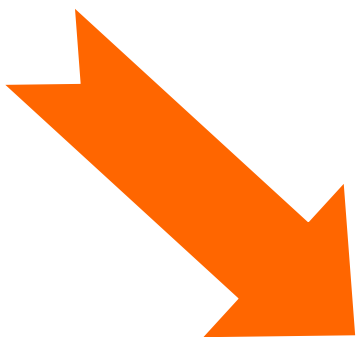
For all parents, guardians & community members
All welcome to attend!

If you require childminding, please email
taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca



Welcome Back Strong Start Families

We are learning together again!



Please note that on **October 18th**
Stoney Creek StrongStart is **CLOSED**
and will OPEN on October the 20th instead

Reminders

Student Illnesses

Please click [here](#) for the latest Health and Safety information.

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.*



We received a small donation of **backpacks** with basic school supplies from Telus.

If your child/ren could use a new backpack, please email our Community School Coordinator, taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca.

Be Nut-Aware!

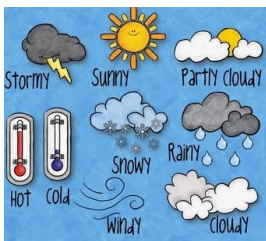
Stoney Creek Community School is a "Nut Aware" school. There are a number of children with life-threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child **NOT** bring any nut/peanut products to school.

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.



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. We would also suggest a change of clothes be left at school for what we know will be those wet days ahead of us. Please remember to label your child's clothing.

Keep Informed!

View the monthly newsletter, calendar, upcoming events, and updates from our Community Council on our school's website at: stoneycreek.burnabyschools.ca

Parking Lot Safety

Are you a parent picking your child up from the daycare?

Please remember that it is very unsafe to walk through the parking lot. We ask that you please walk on the sidewalk (close to the building) when you are walking between the daycare and the school.

Thank you.

Terry Fox School Run



September 22, 2022

Stoney Creek held our annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 22th.

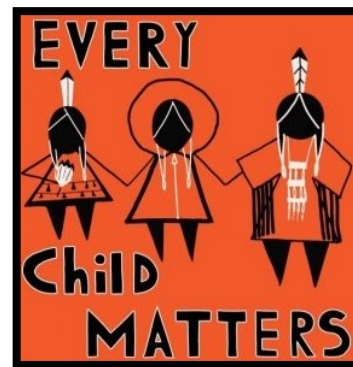
Thank you to everyone for supporting this important cause. Stoney Creek Community School raised \$690.20 through our toonie drive and on-line donations.

Orange Shirt Day



In honour of National Truth and Reconciliation Day and Orange Shirt Day Stoney Creek staff and students participated in a special assembly.

We are grateful to our Indigenous Resource Teacher, Nahani Willis and Knowledge Keeper, Les George, for sharing their knowledge and experiences with us during this assembly. Thank you also to District Principal—Indigenous Education, Rob Smyth, for joining us.



Community Programs

Stoney Creek Breakfast Program

The Stoney Creek Breakfast Program is up and running. We are able to offer this free program thanks to community donations and parent volunteers. The program runs Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 8:50 am.

If your child(ren) are in need of a little extra food support at the start of the school day, please contact Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator at 604-296-9031 ex 651013 or by email at taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca.

Adult ELL Conversation Circle Peer Support Group

Practice speaking English with other adult English Learners. Open to all levels of English. This is FREE and no registration required.



When: Thursdays, **9:15 – 10:15 am**

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.

BURNABY NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

Are you interesting in organizing a project that will bring your community together, build community strength and resilience, or tackle social isolation. Burnaby Neighbourhood Small Grants are open. Apply for up to \$500 and bring your neighbourhood connection project idea to life! Applications will be accepted until November 9th for the winter projects. Click [here](#) for the website ([here](#) for Eligibility and FAQs).

Examples of Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grant projects include care package deliveries or teaching people a new skill, but there are also many unique projects that don't fall into these categories.



LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE?

Burnaby/New Westminster
Child Care Resource and Referral

4460 Beresford Street, 3rd Floor
Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8
Phone: 604-294-1109
Fax: 604-294-6278

crr@gv.ymca.ca

Community Programs

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

In need of a little extra food support? The Burnaby Neighbourhood House is offering a Food Hub for families with low-incomes.

This includes:

- Coordination of food security issues for Burnaby residents who are experiencing food insecurity.
- Supporting individuals and families who have loss of employment and/or are low income with food hampers and grocery gift cards
- Supporting low income seniors with prepared meals and food hampers
- Grocery shopping and free delivery for Burnaby residents who are unable to get out
- Coordinating response in Burnaby for Food Sourcing, storage facilities, transportation and volunteer management relating to Food security issues

All food pick-ups at the Burnaby North Food Hub will be by appointment only. Burnaby residents please contact us for more information on available food resources.

North House - for North Burnaby Residents - 604-294-5444 - northfoodhub@burnabynh.ca



Do you need a new winter coat for your child(ren)?

Now that Fall is here, the colder weather is approaching, and the students are extending their outdoor learning opportunities, we want to make sure that all students have the appropriate attire to stay warm and dry.

The Rotary Club of Burnaby Metrotown is running its annual COATS FOR KIDS program for children of low-income families who may need a new winter jacket. If your children are needing new coats this year, please contact Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator at Taryn.Briscoe@burnabyschools.ca to register for a new coat. We will need to have your current child's sizing.

In past years Stoney Creek Community School also collected new/gently used coats to donate to this program. Unfortunately we are unable to be a collection site this year, but if you are able to, the Burnaby Rotary is accepting financial donations for this program; \$20 will buy a new jacket for a child. To donate, please contact Ernie Kashima, Rotary volunteer at 604-760-9168 or by email at Ernie.Kashima@burnabyschools.ca

District 5040 **Rotary** 
Club of Burnaby Metrotown



In Our Community...

Burnaby Parks & Recreation Credit Program

The Burnaby Parks and Recreation Credit Program for income assistance or low-income families provides a credit amount (in dollar value) per person in your family to use towards City of Burnaby recreational facilities and programs. This amount is also transferrable within your family. For example, if you will not be using your total individual amount, you can use it towards a program for your child or another member of your family, and vice versa. For more information on what you need to register, please contact Taryn at the Community Office or call Cameron Rec Centre at 604-297-4456.

Qualifying gross income for low income - for more detailed information, please click [here](#)

Individual	\$5,000 - \$25,338	Family of 5	\$5,000 - \$53,402
Family of 2	\$5,000 - \$31,544	Family of 6	\$5,000 - \$60,228
Family of 3	\$5,000 - \$38,780	Family of 7+	\$5,000 - \$67,055
Family of 4	\$5,000 - \$47,084		

When our after-school programs are up and running your recreation credit can also be used towards our after-school programs at Stoney.

Fire Prevention Week October 9 to 15, 2022



Fire Prevention Week aims to educate people about the simple but important things they can do to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is **"Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape"**!

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home

during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Visit the [National Fire Protection Association's \(NFPA\) official Fire Prevention Week](#) website for tons of great information, activities, ideas, resources and more!

Fire Prevention Week 2022 poster and video contest

The Fire Prevention Week 2022 poster and video contest is open to any Kindergarten to grade 12 student attending a public or independent school in British Columbia. Any number of students from a class can enter the contest. Entries **must** be sent in by the student's teacher— bring your submissions to the Community Office and we will submit them. **The deadline for entry is November 4, 2022.** . Click [here](#) to see more information.