



# NOVEMBER 2022 Newsletter

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## **“A Poppy...”**

**a poppy is a diary of fallen warriors  
war is a bloody note of hate from one country to another  
a veteran is a notice to people in the future  
remembrance is a pencil writing a poem**

**a poppy is a body of blood  
war is a grinder of souls  
a veteran is a noble statue  
remembrance is a promise to the fallen**

**a poppy is the memory of the dead  
war is a nation’s loss  
a veteran is a person waving goodbye, expecting to come back  
remembrance is accepting but never moving past**

**a poppy is a fading memory  
war is shattered sense  
a veteran is a message from the dead  
remembrance is the people who went to war**

**a poppy is a mark of those who fought  
war is bloody bodies on the ground  
a veteran is a person of unspoken stories  
remembrance is fallen spirits watching over us**

**a poppy is a burning flame that never goes out  
war is devastation  
a veteran is a survivor of war and pain  
remembrance is letters from the dead**

**a poppy is the tombstone of the fallen  
war is suffering we can’t imagine  
a veteran is a shattered piece of glass with memories that never go away  
remembrance is a day of knowing the dead**



Poem written and shared at the Assembly by all students in Division 1



# Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Families:

We certainly hope that everyone is keeping well. I would first of all like to thank everyone for following the [guidelines](#) posted on our website and keeping children home when they are ill. Our absentee rates this week have been some of the highest we have seen this school year. Not a good thing, needless to say, as it is an indicator that many of our students are ill, but it is nice to see that parents are following the guidelines and keeping sick kids at home and we thank you for that. We realize this cold/flu that is circulating is a bad one and we all need to do our part to keep the school community as safe and healthy as possible. As always, the most recent information on COVID - 19 is always available for you to view. As you aware, this cold/flu season is predicted to be a bad one, and we sure are seeing that so far here at school. We appreciate everyone making their best efforts to help ensure everyone is as safe and healthy as possible.



As a reminder, the absence line – 604.296.9031 – Press 2, is available 24 hours a day to report a student absence. You can also email the child’s teacher. This avoids an unnecessary phone call in the morning from the office for unreported absences.

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Hiltz

## Reminder Pro D Day

**Friday, November 25**

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND ON THESE DAYS.

Please mark your calendars!



The Stoney Creek Community Council (PAC) hosted their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 January 18, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.**

# We Remember



Stoney Creek  
Community School

**Remembrance Day Assembly**

**November 10, 2022**







## NEW FORMAT! Breakfast with Santa 2022



This year we will be trying something different for our Breakfast with Santa. In years past, we have held the event on a Saturday morning in partnership with our Burnaby Firefighters. Unfortunately, the Firefighters are unavailable this year so we are trying something new!

We will be hosting a schoolwide pancake breakfast for all of our students on Friday, December 16, 2022. More details to come, but we would love to have parent/guardian helpers with this event, serving, cooking, and enjoying some holiday cheer with our classes! We will also be asking for donations of food items (specific items) towards our event so that this can be a free event for our students - stay tuned.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Taryn Briscoe at [Taryn.Briscoe@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Taryn.Briscoe@burnabyschools.ca). Thank you for your support!

### HOLIDAY CHEER at STONEY CREEK

During the week of November 28th – December 2nd, Stoney Creek students will be helping with our **Holiday Food Drive!** All food collected will go towards both our Stoney Creek Food Hampers and to the Burnaby Food Hub. This is what we are hoping to collect each day:

- Merry Monday, Nov. 28** – Dry foods – Pastas, Rice, Cereal, Oatmeal, Crackers
- Twinkle Tuesday, Nov. 29** – Food items: Canned goods - canned meats/canned fruit, jams
- Warm Wednesday, Nov. 30** – Food – canned or dried package soups, noodles
- Thoughtful Thursday, Dec. 1** – Non-food items: socks, gloves, scarves, toiletries
- Festive Friday, Dec. 2**– Snack items - Granola bars, fruit snacks, hot chocolate, tea, coffee

*If you would also like to make a monetary donation towards our Food Hamper Gift Cards, please go to School Cash Online [here](#) and click “Items” and “Make a Donation”.*

*Be sure to select “Stoney Creek” and then in the message please write: Holiday Hampers.  
Thank you for your support!*

Also, if you are in need of extra support this year, and/or know a family at our school who may benefit from a hamper, please contact Taryn Briscoe, Community School Coordinator in the Community Office before **December 4, 2020**. Together we can help make everybody’s holiday season a little bit brighter! *(Information will be kept confidential)*





# Burnaby Christmas Bureau

The Christmas Bureau offers brand new gifts for children of Burnaby families with low income, as well as hampers for seniors and at-risk individuals. **To find out if you qualify, please read the information below. Register between November 1 and December 3, 2022**

**LOCATION—Brentwood Town Centre** 4567 Lougheed Hwy, Old Sears Store location, Main mall level, next to Children’s Play Area When you come in to register, you will be provided with a PICK-UP DATE and TIME in December to come back to the Toy Room to select your children's gifts. **\*\* NOTE: You will not be able to pick up any toys on your registration day.**

## TIMES

**Monday – Friday:** 10:00am-4:00pm; **Saturday:** 10:00am-3:00pm (Note: we are CLOSED on Sundays)

**Qualifying families will receive new toys for their children and food gift cards.**

To qualify, applicants are families who:

Live in Burnaby and have children from newborn to 16 years old.

Are working families with low income, or families receiving Income Assistance

Proof of Income will be required:

Working Families **must** have a **Proof of Income Statement (C-Print)** for **EACH** adult - To obtain one, please call: 1.800.959.8281, press \* to speak to an operator, or for an automated service, call 1.800.267.6999. You can also access your Proof of Income Statement online at: **CRA My Account>My Account for Individuals>Sign In>Tax Returns>Proof of Income Statement** (this is the C-Print doc)

If you are on Income Assistance (Welfare), you need to request a **Release of Information** from your Ministry Office. This will replace the Proof of

Income Statement

You will also be required to bring:

Identification for each child (e.g. BC Services Card/ Care Card, birth certificate, child tax benefit statement, passport, Permanent Resident card) Recent proof of **current address** (e.g. bills from Fortis, Hydro, internet or phone provider, or current residential tenancy agreement). Must be within two months of application.

Identification for each child - e.g. BC Services Card (this has replaced the CareCard), birth certificate, passport, child tax benefit statement, or Permanent Resident card.

We will have **health & safety protocols** in place during Christmas Bureau registration and toy pick-up. We will follow guidelines set out by BC Ministry of Health.

*\*We would appreciate if only 1 family member per household enter our Christmas Bureau location to both register and pick-up gifts. Please arrange for child care early.*

If you have any questions, please call **Marney @**



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## Purdys fundraiser



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](#). 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 21st and pick-up information will be provided after the close of the campaign.

Thank you very much.

## Wildlife in our neighbourhood

The City of Burnaby is home for many species of wildlife including bear, deer, coyote, beaver and squirrels. Viewing wildlife within an urban area can be a wonderful experience, but sometimes a nuisance or a safety concern. The province is responsible for wildlife management and conservation concerns, and provides information to residents to reduce human-animal conflict.

The following information may be useful for some human-wildlife interactions in Burnaby. If you observe **dangerous** wildlife in an urban area involved in any of the following, please report to a BC Conservation Officer at the 24 hour, Toll Free Call Centre - 1-877-952-7277

- ◆ Accessing garbage or other human supplied food sources
- ◆ Wildlife that cannot be easily scared off
- ◆ Dangerous wildlife is in a public location like a city park or school during daylight hours
- ◆ Cougar or wolf is seen in a urban area

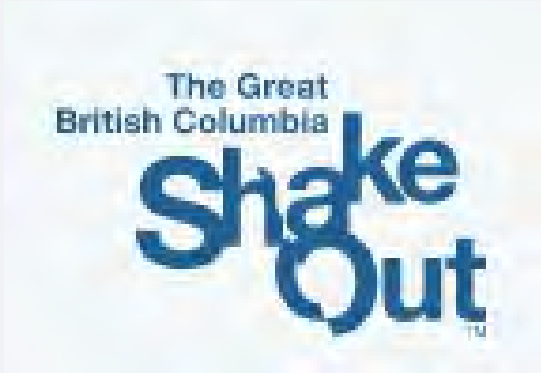
Report coyotes displaying aggressive or threatening behaviour anywhere in British Columbia immediately to: Ministry of Environment's Call Centre: 1-800-663-9453.



More information about co-existing with coyotes can be found at the Stanley Park Ecology Society's website—click [here](#).



# The Great British Columbia Shake Out



Thursday, October 20th all students practiced how to Drop, Cover and Hold On!

As well, the Council's School Safety Team checked and inventoried all classroom emergency backpacks.



# What's happening ...

## The salmon have returned!

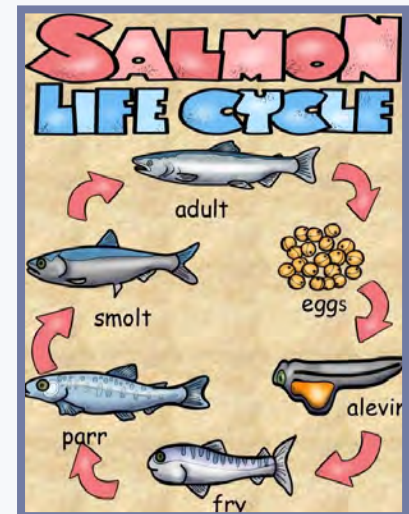


If you take a walk along the creek you will notice many Chum salmon returning to spawn. A big thanks to the Stoney Creek Environment Committee, our valuable streamkeepers who do daily water quality checks, monitor the salmon run, and remove invasive plants along the path.

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.



### 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](mailto:taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca) if you would like to join in.

**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](#).**







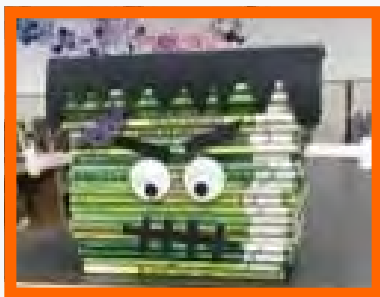
# Hallowe'en at StrongStart







# Hallowe'en in the halls!







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