



# FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message



Dear Stoney Creek Families:

I hope that you all enjoyed Valentine's Day and did not eat too much chocolate. I know that there were lots of special activities happening here and students enjoyed the day. I loved seeing all the wonderful art work in celebration of the day as well as for the upcoming Pink Shirt Day on February 22nd. I think it is no accident that Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day are in the same month. After all, they are focused on similar messages – kindness and love. Themes that should be celebrated year-round. Please make sure you are watching our [Twitter](#) for pictures as we honour Pink Shirt Day. Students have been working on art work with messages of encouragement. Mrs. Briscoe will also be taking students from Stoney, Cameron, Lyndhurst and Mountain to Lougheed mall to distribute these messages to shoppers. We will also be having a school-wide assembly - it is going to be an exciting day.

Please pass along information to anyone you know reminding them that February is [Registration Month](#) in Burnaby. Anyone with children who will be starting Kindergarten in September, needs to register anytime this month for the 2023 – 2024 school year. February is also the time to register for Programs of Choice or complete Cross District or Out of Catchment Applications as well. All of this information can be found by clicking [here](#), as well as on our School and District website.

We continue to struggle with the number of students who are arriving late in the morning. We are hoping parents can help with getting morning routines going a bit more quickly so that our students are arriving ON TIME for the first bell at 8:50 am. This helps everyone – teachers do not have to report students as absent/late; the office does not have to change the code in the Attendance system AND make a phone call home; parents do not have to have their day interrupted to take a call from the school asking about their child. It just saves everyone precious and valuable time in the morning, which we all know is important. A reminder to parents that you can report absences and lates (such as a late arrival due appointments) ANYTIME either through the phone – 604.296.9031 (and Press 2) OR by email at: [stoneycreek.info@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:stoneycreek.info@burnabyschools.ca) This email address, is also useful for communicating if students need to be picked up early for appointments.

Mr. W Hiltz  
Principal



## A few reminders ...

### 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 required 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.

With regard to Cell phones – there has been a dramatic increase in student cell phone usage lately and it has become very problematic which is the reason for this reminder. We completely understand that parents give their children phones for safety reasons. The problem we are having is that phones are coming out during class and recess and lunch times and this is not acceptable. When students arrive on school grounds phones need to be put away – no exceptions! Students who continue to have struggles following this rule will have their phone taken away from them through the following progressive steps:



- ∞ The first time – the staff will ask the child to put the phone away
- ∞ The second time – the staff member will take the phone away and give it to the child's teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day
- ∞ The third time – the phone will be given to the Principal/Head Teacher and a parent will have to come pick it up and have a discussion with the Principal/Head Teacher and have a discussion about the guidelines around cell phone usage

The biggest reason we do not want cell phones out during class time is for the distractions they pose in addition to the fact that we are not responsible for them should they get damaged/go missing. Cell phones are best kept in backpacks. If a child wishes to ask a teacher to secure their phone for the day, they can have that conversation with the teacher. It is up to the individual teacher whether or not they are willing to do that.

**ON LEASH  
AREA**



**PLEASE  
PICK UP  
AFTER  
YOUR PET**

### Dogs on School Grounds

As per the sign, which is clearly posted in several locations on our school grounds, just a reminder that **ALL DOGS** on school grounds need to be **ON LEASH**.

There have been some issues where this has not been the case and we just want to remind everyone about this, as well as to please pick up after your pet. Students can end up quite 'messy' when this does not happen. Thank you. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

## At Stoney Creek ...

### YMCA Access

A reminder to any parents who access the YMCA for before and after school care: the staff parking lot is for staff ONLY. Parents who are using the Y for before and after school care should NOT be parking in the staff parking lot to drop off/pick up their child at the Y. I see this happening on a regular basis, especially when I am arriving early in the morning. It is also happening at the end of the day as well. We have extremely limited parking. In fact, on some days, some staff members have to park on the street. It is also a safety risk to have children walking through the parking lot when staff are coming and going to and from work. We are fortunate in that there is ample street parking for parents when accessing the Y. We are all concerned for the safety of our students and we need your cooperation to ensure that everyone makes it to and from the Y and school, safely.



### Pink Shirt Day - Feb. 22, 2023

Choose kindness and say "NO" to bullying.

Wear a pink shirt to school on February 22nd to show support to this anti-bullying initiative.

Students will be involved in writing poetry (some will be displayed at Loughheed Mall) and reading books by author Kathryn Otoshi. As well, some students will be invited to go to Loughheed Mall to hand out "kindness messages".

LIFT EACH OTHER UP



A big thank you to Mr. Ram, and Mr. Erickson, our custodians for shoveling snow and keeping our sidewalks and parking lot free of snow and ice. We appreciate you!



## Family Literacy Week



Stoney students and staff had a busy and exciting week celebrating Family Literacy Week during the last week of January. Students were engaged in many literacy activities such as our daily Drop Everything and Read, Reading in the Dark day, design a bookmark contest, live and virtual Guest Readers, Trivia Day, Reading Themed Dress Up Days, daily book draws and a Celebration of Learning assembly where students. Thank you all for participating and being enthusiastic about books and reading!

Winners of the draws and contest are:

**Bingo** - Brady in Div. 9 and Marcello in Div. 3

**Guessing Jar** - Mirabelle in Div. 11 and Aryanna in Div. 4

**Primary daily book draw:**

Leo in Div. 13, Logan in Div. 14, Liam in Div 8., Benjamin in Div. 14 and Brady in Div. 14

**Intermediate daily book draw:**

Giah in Div 2, Emma in Div. 4, Chase in Div. 4, Sophia - Div. 5 and Evan - Div. 6

## Thank you to all of our Guest Readers who volunteered to read to our school for Guest Reader Day

**Burnaby Fire fighters** - Wes, Brad, Tom and Josh

**Coquitlam Express Hockey players** - Ian, Drew, Luke, Tait, and Blake

**SFU Basketball players**—Jovan, Elliot, Zach, Victor, Georges, Tate, and Jio and Coach Steve Hanson

**Music teacher** (on leave) - Meghan Payjack

**Global News Reporter & Anchor**—Anne Drewa

**Burnaby RCMP Liaison Officer**—Cst. Tulsi Reddy

**Principal Burnaby Mountain Secondary School**—LeeAnn Kristmanson

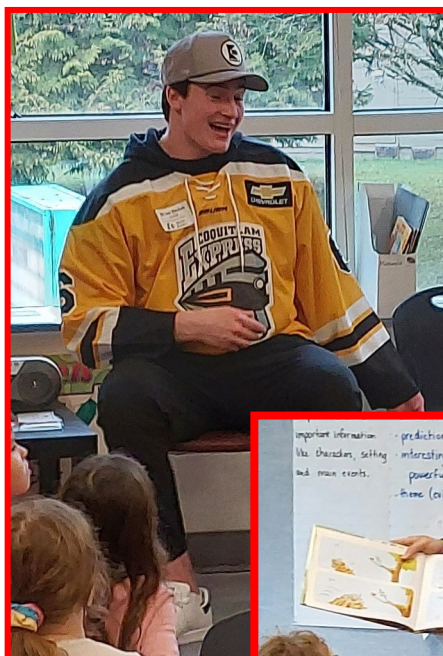
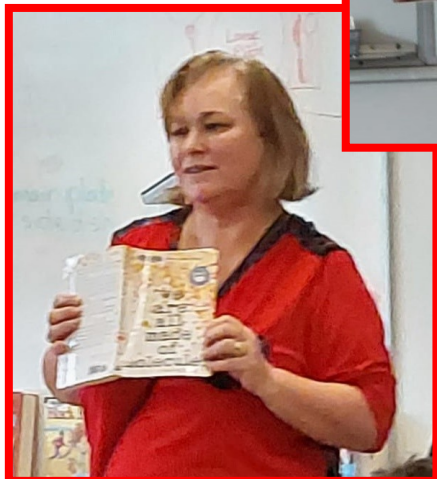
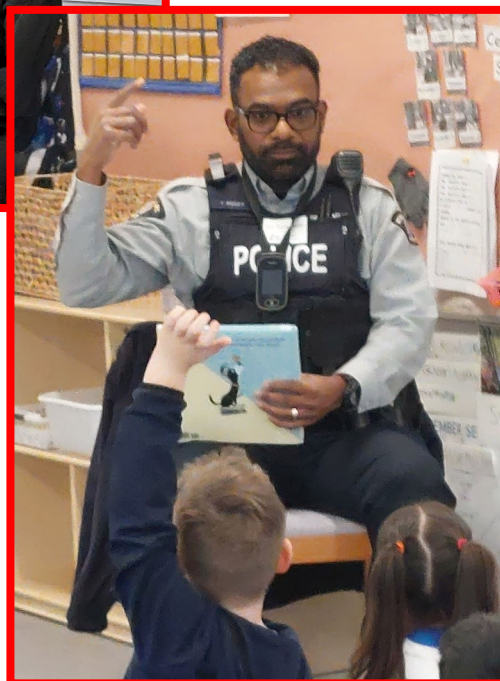
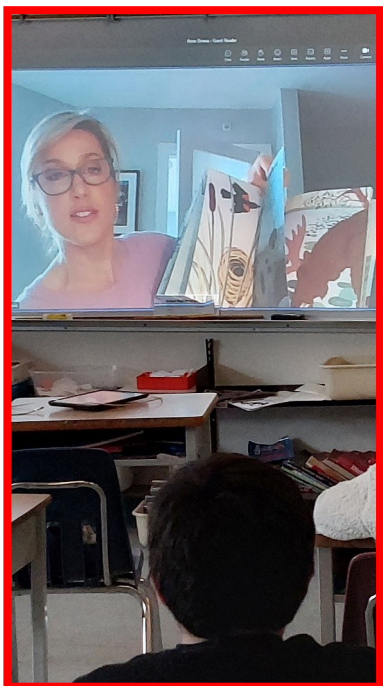
**Teacher (retired)** - Lori Hope



Follow us on Twitter and/or click [here](#) to see more photos of our Family Literacy week.



# Literacy Week - Guest Readers





# Literacy Week Activities



**Reading  
in the  
Dark**



**Div. 6 created a Diorama  
from the novel Pit Pony**



**Reading with friends**



**or alone**



**Engineering  
Book Towers**





# Literacy Week in Strong Start



# February is Black History Month



To view various Black History Month events around the school district please click [here](#).





# Our Stoney Creek ...



On January 4<sup>th</sup> we received a special delivery of 55 Chum Salmon eggs. For the next few months, the eggs will grow in a special aquarium incubator in Mr. Smyth's classroom. Division 7 students are monitoring the aquarium each day and recording the temperature of the water. We love learning about the life cycle of the Pacific salmon as we watch the eggs hatch into baby salmon. Once they have grown to the fry stage of their lifecycle, the salmon will be released into Stoney Creek. This will happen early May.



Watch for details about the return of "The Great Salmon Send-Off" on Saturday, May 13, 2023



# Save the Date!

## The return of our Fun Fair!

Friday, June 2nd from 5:00—8:30 pm

Cake Walk



Games



Dunk Tank



Food Trucks





# Stoney Gallery Div. 2 ADST Project

## French Meals - Magnifique!!



# Stoney Gallery

## Division 9



## Division 13





# Stoney Gallery

## Division 14



## Division 7

