

# STONEY CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## MAY NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

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#### Creating Shared Values, Beliefs, & Expectations:

At Stoney Creek, it's been a few years since we've come together to delve into developing shared values, beliefs, and expectations for our school community. Even though I know that the majority of you likely wake up every morning chanting the Stoney Creek Mission Statement as your personal mantra, we're hoping to engage the community in discussions around common expectations.



We've started with staff discussing common values around student expectations. For example, we expect students to be safe, respectful, responsible, kind, etc... What we are attempting to do is to develop clear school-wide behavioural expectations that have overarching guidelines that apply across multiple settings so that it provides a roadmap for teaching and discussions with students when reinforcing school-wide expectations.

Of course, in order to get the most "bang for our buck", we need to understand our communities values and beliefs to ensure we are aligned...after all, we want the school and home to work together to support our students. So we are hoping that you can give us your input on the values you find most important.

To start that process, we invite you to provide your input using this link to a survey about the core values that are your priority as they relate to education and schooling.

<https://forms.office.com/r/PABFYuhMje>



We are wanting to decide on 3—5 core values to guide our practices at Stoney Creek and provide the foundation for our assemblies, announcements, teachings, newsletters, and even our bulletins and signage around our school. We want these values to guide how we speak and act in our school to continually reinforce positive behaviours throughout the school year and create a culture of consistency in our school community.

Mr. Gurney

## Math Musings

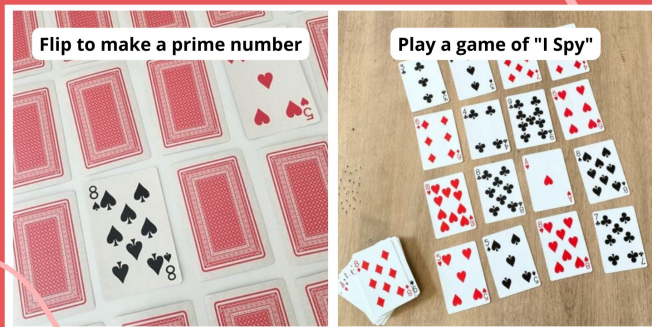
As Stoney Creek continues our 1st year of our Math School Goal, we are focusing on enhancing students' numeracy performance and fostering positive attitudes toward mathematics.

Helping young students develop math skills and fostering positive attitudes toward math is crucial for their



overall academic success. Here are some key factors and strategies you can consider at home:

1. **Connect Math to Everyday Life:** Show children that math is all around us. Discuss how math applies to everyday situations, such as cooking, shopping, measuring, and budgeting. For example, involve them in measuring ingredients while baking or calculating discounts during shopping trips.
2. **Encourage Perseverance:** When solving math problems, emphasize the importance of persistence. Let them know that it's okay to encounter challenges and mistakes. Encourage them to keep trying and learn from their errors. This might also be a good time to share your own stories of how you persevered through problems.
3. **Teach Problem-Solving Strategies:** Help students develop problem-solving skills. Teach them various strategies, such as **breaking down complex problems into smaller steps, drawing diagrams, and using trial and error**. Encourage them to think critically and explore different approaches.
4. **Make Practice Fun:** Turn math practice into enjoyable activities. Use games, puzzles, and interactive apps to reinforce math concepts. For instance, play math-related board games or use online platforms that make learning engaging. Here are some links we've shared from previous newsletters that might give you some ideas: [List of more advanced games](#); [A variety of games](#); [Easy Card Games](#)
5. **Math Practice:** Be actively involved in your child's math practice. Ask questions, discuss concepts, and provide guidance. Avoid simply giving answers; instead, guide them through the problem-solving process.
6. **Encourage Mathematical Thinking:** Encourage curiosity and exploration. Ask open-ended questions that require reasoning and creativity. For example, "How many different ways can you arrange these blocks?" or "What patterns do you notice?"
7. **Give Constructive Feedback:** When reviewing their work, focus on the process rather than just the final answer. Praise their effort, problem-solving strategies, and persistence. Offer constructive feedback to help them improve.



A big part of our goal this year is to not only improve student Math proficiency, but also to increase students' attitude and sense of efficacy in Math. After all, a positive attitude toward math boosts memory and performance. By continuing to incorporate these strategies, you'll create a supportive math-learning environment at home.

## Important Dates...



Please note these important dates taking place over the final months of school:

Tuesday, May 7th - Class Photos take place on in the morning.



Saturday, May 11th -The Great Salmon Send-Off will be held in the school field and at the creek from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.



Thursday, May 16th - The next meeting of the Stoney Creek Community Council (PAC) will take place at 7:00 pm in the library.

All are welcome to attend!

Friday, May 17th - Sports Day! Please note that students will be dismissed after lunch at 12:30pm. No classes in the afternoon.

Monday, May 20th is our next Statutory Holiday - Victoria Day. No school on this day.



Friday, June 7 is our last Pro D Day this year. Class is not in session.

Monday, June 10 will be the Volunteer Tea - more details to come soon.

Tuesday, June 25 - in the afternoon the Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony takes place. More details will be shared soon.



**Looking Ahead to Next Year...**

**ARE YOU 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 definitely moving this summer, please let us know by emailing [franca.spartano@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:franca.spartano@burnabyschools.ca) 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.

<p><b>September 2024</b></p> <p>3 School Opens 20 PRO D Day 30 Truth &amp; Reconciliation</p>	<p><b>October 2024</b></p> <p>14 Thanksgiving 25 Pro D Day</p>	<p><b>November 2024</b></p> <p>11 Remembrance Day 22 Pro D Day</p>	<p><b>December 2024</b></p> <p><i>Winter Break</i> <i>Dec 23 – Jan 3</i></p>	<p><b>January 2025</b></p> <p>6 Classes Resume</p>
<p><b>February 2025</b></p> <p>17 Family Day 28 Pro D Day</p>	<p><b>March 2025</b></p> <p><i>Spring Break</i> March 17 - 28</p>	<p><b>April 2025</b></p> <p>18 Good Friday 21 Easter Monday 28 Pro D Day</p>	<p><b>May 2025</b></p> <p>19 Victoria Day</p>	<p><b>June 2025</b></p> <p>9 Pro D Day 26 Last day of classes</p>

**→ IMPORTANT DATES AT STONEY CREEK 2024/2025 ←**

## Earth Day Student Work on Display

On April 22nd, Division 6 walked to Lougheed Mall to see their "Crafting a Cleaner Future" display:



## Art in Our Hallways



Romero Britto Inspired  
Hearts by Division 9

Picasso & Cubist  
Abstract Faces  
By Division 8



Division 10 learned  
about using geometric  
shapes to make art  
called Cubism!

# Art in Our Hallways



Tulips using Pastels and Water-Colour Paints by Division 11



Division 12 Water Colour Flowers with Oil Pastel



Sunflowers Inspired by Vincent Van Gogh By Division 13





# THE GREAT SALMON SEND OFF

**FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 10AM TO 2PM**

**Salmon Releases: 10:30 am to 11:30 am & 12 pm to 1:30 pm**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES, SALMON RELEASE, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD & MORE**



For more information, visit [www.scec.ca/gss0-2024](http://www.scec.ca/gss0-2024)





**Alternative donations we accept:**

- Women's clothing and footwear
- Handmade blankets
- Unopened cosmetics and toiletries
- Garage sale items: books, puzzles, games, jewelry, knickknacks
- Garage sale items: housewares and furniture (please provide photos and dimensions)
- Silent auction or raffle prizes: gift baskets, gift cards, etc.

**PLEASE CALL 604-420-6601 FOR ALL PHYSICAL DONATIONS**

**Charlford House is hosting their Annual Garage Sale in June!**  
**They are now accepting donations of gently used items! If you have large furniture to donate that you are unable to drop off, call to request a pick up.**  
**Check out the Annual Garage Sale on June 8th and 9th at 6845 Kitchener Street.**

**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE  
JUNE 8-9, 10 AM - 4 PM**

Join us for our Annual Garage Sale on June 8-9 from 10 AM - 4 PM both days.

**Location: 6845 Kitchener St**  
**Call us if you have donations: 604-420-6601**

A photograph of a table covered with a blue cloth featuring the Charlford House logo. The table is set up for a garage sale, with various items on display.



### Burnaby Camping Bureau 2024

Camping Bureau appointments begin Apr 2024

The Burnaby Camping Bureau provides subsidies for Burnaby children from low income households to attend a week of summer day camp. Our subsidies of \$100 (maximum) will allow children the opportunity to attend a local camp that their families would otherwise be unable to afford.

**To qualify, you must be a resident of Burnaby, have children between the ages of 5-15yrs, be of low income and have supporting documentation.**

You will need the following documents at the time of your appointment:

1. **Notice of Assessment OR Proof of Income Statement for 2023** for **BOTH** parents if married or living common-law. If you don't have one on hand, please get one from below:

Channel	Notice of Assessment	Proof of Income Statement (Alternative)
Online MyCRA	CRA My Account > Sign In > Tax Returns	CRA My Account > Sign In > Tax Returns > Scroll down to "Proof of Income Statement"
Phone	1.800.959.8281 (talk to operator)	1.800.267.6999 (automated service)

2. **Child's ID:** BC Services Card or Care Card, Birth Certificate, PR card, or Passport.
3. **Recent proof of address** - copy of a rental agreement, home related bill (hydro, cable gas, internet or phone) or bank statement of your saving or cheque account dated within last 2 months.

\*Newcomers to Canada without income proof can request a referral letter from their child's school, settlement, or outreach worker as proof of need.

Parents, please know which camp you are sending your child to when you arrive for an appointment, as well as have all your supporting documents. We will not be able to see you if you don't have a chosen camp or are missing any information.

Appointments will take place at our Brentwood Office: 2055 Rosser Avenue, Burnaby

**To book an appointment or find out additional information, please call 604.299.5778.**



SOUTH HOUSE: 4460 Beresford St. Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8 P: 604-431-0400 info@burnabynh.ca  
 NORTH HOUSE: 4908 Hastings St. Burnaby, BC V5B 1P6 P: 604-294-5444 northinfo@burnabynh.ca  
 BRENTWOOD: 2055 Rosser Ave. Burnaby, BC V5C 5Y1 P: 604-299-5778 info@bbysservices.ca

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