



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Principal: Mr. K. Gurney • Head Teacher: Mr. S. Leach • Secretary: Ms. F. Spartano
Community Coordinator: Mrs. T. Briscoe • Community Assistant: Ms. L. Marghi

Principal's Message

Dear Stoney Creek Families:

My name is Ariel, and I had the privilege to be Principal for a Day in early October. It was a prize that my family won at Lyndhurst's carnival last year.

As principal, I got to read to primary classes, run a fire drill, order supplies, give a class an extra recess (this is the class I'm usually in) and even got to help run the ice-bucket challenge we earned for raising so much money for Terry Fox.

My favourite parts of the day were running the fire drill, giving the staff some special recess treats for being so wonderful, and eating in the office with my friends (and being served ice-cream by the previous principal).

The students were so kind and I even had students come to the office to tell me how nice I am as a principal. We have an amazing school and being principal was fun.

From Principal Ariel

DAILY SCHEDULE

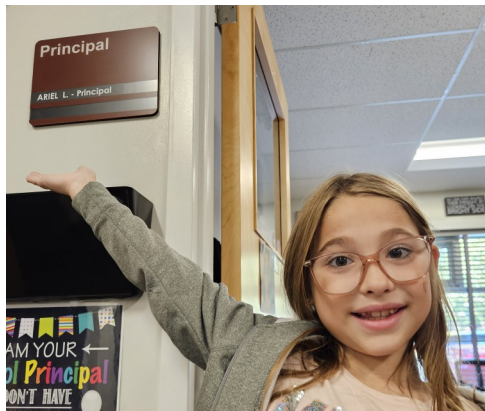
School begins: 8:50

Recess: 10:35

Lunch: 12:00

Classes resume: 12:57

Dismissal: 3:00



Welcome to the Stoney Team:

As you already likely know, there weren't a lot of staff changes this year, but we do have some new additions to our team that we want you to know about:

- Mr. Clinton Stoffberg (our new Music/Band teacher)
- Ms. Christina Merwin (co-teaching grade 4 with Ms. Smith)
- Ms. Cindy Cassidy (EA in primary)
- Ms. Sarina Perneel (EA in grade 3/4)
- Mr. Oliver Leclair (Librarian until Mr. Rudolph returns in January)
- Ms. Daphne Francombe (ELL/NIS teacher we share with Lyndhurst)
- Ms. Emily Sugiyama (Office Support Clerk here every Tuesday and Thursday)
- Ms. Darlene Wilson (Indigenous Resource Teacher with us once/week)

Welcome to the Stoney Creek Team, we're so glad you're here.

Mr. K. Gurney



Principal's Message *(Cont'd)*

Halloween Costumes

Of course, Halloween will be upon us in no time, which means we will all have an excuse to dress up as animals, pirates, witches, or superheroes. Here are a couple of guidelines we use when it comes to costumes at Stoney Creek:

- Throughout the day, we must be able to recognize every child for safety reasons. This means that students are not to wear **full face masks** or other coverings that would make identification difficult for the whole afternoon. It is fine for them to wear them for the "parade" (time TBD), but after that, they will be asked to remove them. Half masks are often OK as long as we can see the child's eyes.
- **Detachable swords, light sabres, or other such "weapons"** are not allowed at school, even if they are brought in a bag, so please leave them at home so the students are not even tempted to take them out. Of course, this again has to do with student safety and it avoids putting staff in the awkward situation of disappointing students by having to take the "weapon" away for the day.
- In addition, we ask that students do not wear extremely "scary" costumes...again, common sense judgement is needed here. For example, dressing up as Pennywise, the clown from IT or Squid Game Guards would not be an appropriate costume for elementary school, although coming as a clown is just fine. We want all students to enjoy the day so don't want to frighten the youngest of our students.
- And finally, just a reminder that "**culture is not a costume**". For more information on this, check out this [article](#).

On **Thursday, Oct. 31st**, we will encourage students, parents, and staff to bring costumes to show off and will give more information next week on what to expect. We'll likely have some sort of parade, a Jack-O-Lantern competition and possibly even a door decorating challenge, but more information will be coming, closer to the time.



Stoney Creek Swim Team?

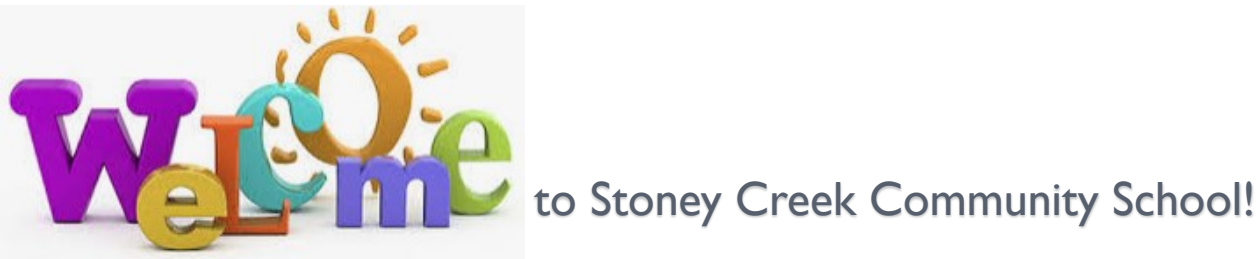
This was something I wrote about last year, but thought it could bear repeating. Each year, the district works hard to ensure proper drainage at our school, but this doesn't stop puddles and small streams from forming, especially in certain areas of our field...just the other day you would have sworn we had created a river system joining our gravel field with our gymnasium.

With this comes the inevitable draw....a siren call for children to splash and get soaked. I was one of those children; if I saw a neglected puddle, I felt it was my duty to befriend it. I would start by teetering on the edge, flirting with disaster, and within about 3 minutes I would be surfacing for air asking my friends if they had a spare snorkel.

Long story short, could you **please send a spare set of clothing to school** in case your child gets too wet to sit in class. We're looking to have socks, pants, underwear, and a shirt, but please no snorkels. Thanks.



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

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?

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

*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.

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

We are fortunate that in Burnaby, 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 the 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 and also to meet Ms. Marghi, our Community Office Secretary** (Leila.Marghi@burnabyschools.ca)!



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. Gurney and Ms. Briscoe, and to meet other parents.

Stoney Creek Community Council Members for 2024/25

Our Stoney Creek Community Council (aka PAC) held their Annual General Meeting on September 25th. Congratulations to the following who are our Executive Council Members:

Chairperson – Chad Leaman

Vice-Chairperson – Kim Crow and Natalie Roberts

Secretary – Nadia White

Co-Treasurers – Lisa Deines and Amanda Martin

District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) Rep – Ross Kukard

District Comm. School Advisory Committee Council Rep - Kim Faulkner

Upcoming SCCC Meetings

October 16, 2024

November 20, 2024

January 15, 2025

February 19, 2025

April 16, 2025

May 21, 2025

June 18, 2025 (Budget Meeting)



Our next
Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 16 @ 7:00 pm
In the Library

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES AT STONEY CREEK 2024/2025

<p>September 2024</p> <p>3 School Opens 20 PRO D Day 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation</p>	<p>October 2024</p> <p>14 Thanksgiving 25 Pro D Day</p>	<p>November 2024</p> <p>11 Remembrance Day 22 Pro D Day</p>	<p>December 2024</p> <p><i>Winter Break</i> Mon., Dec 23 – Fri., Jan 3</p>	<p>January 2025</p> <p>6 School Resumes</p>
<p>February 2025</p> <p>17 Family Day 28 Pro D Day</p>	<p>March 2025</p> <p><i>Spring Break</i> Mon., Mar 17 – Fri., Mar 28</p> <p>31 School resumes</p>	<p>April 2025</p> <p>18 Good Friday 21 Easter Monday 28 Pro D Day</p>	<p>May 2025</p> <p>16 Sports Day 19 Victoria Day</p>	<p>June 2025</p> <p>9 Pro D Day 26 Last day of classes Early Dismissal</p>

Individual Student Photo Day

Tuesday, October 22nd!

Note: Students should refrain from wearing green due to the “green screen” used as the photo backdrop.





The first round of our Fall Apple Fundraiser has ended. Apples arrive October 17th!


If you missed a chance to have some delicious apples, stay tuned for the next round!



STRONGSTART CLOSURES in OCTOBER

Note that the StrongStart Centre at Stoney Creek will be closed on the following dates: October 11, 14, 24, and 25.

Click [here](#) to view the full 2024/2025 calendar.



StrongStart

BC

in Burnaby Schools

Reminder No School!

Friday, **October 25, 2024** - Pro D Day
Friday, **November 22, 2024** - Pro D Day

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. You can check our website for a variety of information and weekly updates are posted on our home page (click [here](#)). 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 by email at StoneyCreek.Info@burnabyschools.ca or by calling our absence line at:

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

- ◆ Child's name (first and last)
- ◆ Teacher name or Division
- ◆ 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.

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** from Costco.

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

Be Nut-Aware!

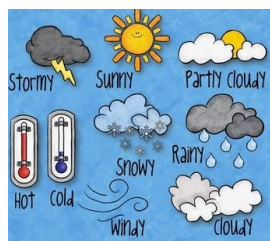
Stoney Creek Community School is a "Nut Aware" school. There are a number of children with life-threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child NOT bring any nut/peanut products to school.

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 newsletters, 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 YMCA?

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.

BBQ THANK YOUs

Thank you to everyone who could join us for our Welcome Back BBQ on September 19th!

It was wonderful to see you all together at the school, reconnecting with friends and staff, and meeting new families.

A very special thanks to everyone that helped:

Allison, Dennis and Karen who shopped for BBQ items in the days prior to the event.

Amanda, Katie, Dennis, Karen, Shirley, and Stephen who came in the morning to help prep veggies.

Mojtaba and other parents who stayed to help with out clean up.

Ms. Gould for offering her lovely face painting skills.

The BMSS Volunteers who helped serve at the BBQ.

Creekside Staff who grilled all the food for us.

Parks & Rec staff for setting up and running the Imagination Playground.



Special Days at Stoney Creek

Terry Fox School Run

This year, Stoney Creek students embodied the ‘No Matter What’ mentality. For our Terry Fox run, the students ran a total of 1,013 laps!

Our goal was to raise \$1400 (matching what we raised last year), however, we raised over \$2000!!!! What an achievement.

As a celebration, 12 staff members from the school took part in the refreshing ice bucket challenge:

Mr. Stoffberg, Mr. Gurney, Ms. Smith, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Leach, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Leclair, Ms. Shirley, Ms. Briscoe, Ms. K, Ms. Rogan and Mr. Ram.



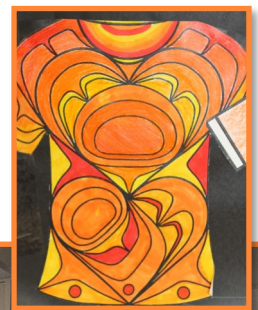
Orange Shirt Day

This year, for our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Assembly on Friday, Sept. 27th, students at Stoney spent some time dealing with both parts, TRUTH and RECONCILIATION.

We started by acknowledging our nations Indigenous history and the part our country played, especially with Residential Schools.

We then focused on things we can do to reconcile past injustices, such as speaking about it at home with family and friends, taking the time to learn more about the rich contributions that Indigenous peoples have made to our lives, or by simply ensuring we create a culturally safe environment for all.

It was great to see the sea of Orange at our school that day as we honour the day.



Orange Shirt Day Assembly - September 27, 2024



Community Programs

Stoney Creek Breakfast Program

This free program offers a light breakfast from 8:30 am to 8:50 am, Monday to Friday, for students who could use a little extra nutrition to start their day.

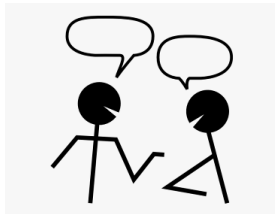
Please sign up [HERE](#) to register your child(ren) for the program.

Just a quick note: this program is designed to provide nutritional support and is not intended as a morning childcare option.

Thank you to our funding partners and parent volunteers who make this program happen!

English 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.



Thursdays
9:15 – 10:15 am
Community Room

Please email Taryn Briscoe at taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca if you would like to join in.

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



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 [sign up here](#) to register your child(ren) up for a coat through this program.



Community Programs

BURNABY PARKS AND RECREATION FAIR PLAY PROGRAM (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS CREDIT PROGRAM)

The City of Burnaby is committed to providing equitable access to parks, recreation and culture for all residents, regardless of financial circumstances. All details are available online [here](#).

Effective March 1, 2024 the Recreation Credit Program has been replaced with the new **FAIR Play Program** to provide greater financial assistance and inclusion opportunities for Burnaby residents. The key changes are noted below:

The FAIR Play Program has multiple options to apply that reflect the diversity of our Burnaby residents. To qualify, you must live in Burnaby and meet the one of the following:

- You receive government income assistance (federal or provincial)
- You meet the income criteria (click [here](#) for more details)
- You are a child with a disability
- You are a Canadian Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) applicant or a privately sponsored refugee
- You have an agency referral from a trusted partner

How to apply:

Use [this form](#) to apply. Completed applications and copies of supporting documents can be dropped off at any recreation or culture facility, or mailed to:

FAIR Play Office
#2301—3713 Kensington Avenue,
Burnaby, BC V5B 0A7



Afterschool Programs

Shadbolt in your Community @

Stoney Creek

Community School

FALL
2024



Young Artists Grades 4-7

Young artists are introduced to various mediums from acrylic paints and pencils, to charcoal, watercolours, pastels and more.

Students explore their creativity in an environment that allows them to make a mess, and develop techniques.

**New projects every set of classes*

To Register:

Call or Register in person at any Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Facility. Fees must be paid when you register. We accept cash, cheque, Visa, debit, MasterCard, Amex or FAIR Play program credit (formally recreation credit)

Mondays
Oct 21– Dec 2
6 Sessions
3:00-4:30pm
\$60.00
Activity Code# 53943

Register at Burnaby.ca/WebReg | 604-297-4440

ShadboltCentre.com | @ f X

For more Information, call:
Community Fine Arts
Programmer Lia Miller
604-205-3013



Afterschool Programs



Glam Group!

Grades 5-7

Glam Group is about creating a safe, fun and inclusive environment for pre-teens to openly discuss important topics around experienced challenges and opportunities for building healthy life skills. Each day includes an activity to express thoughts, feelings and ideas through art projects and make a nutritional snack to energize.

6 sessions, October 17-November 28 (no class October 31)

Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:30pm

Payment and registration through School Cash ONLINE

Stoney Creek students ONLY - \$36.00

Creekside Youth Centre
2720 Beaverbrook Crescent
604-294-7607



Afterschool Programs

STONEY CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL FALL 2024

Babysitters Training - 11-16 yrs

Children learn valuable skills, emergency procedures and tips on childcare. Certificates are awarded to those who successfully complete the course, which uses Canada Safety Council Babysitter's Guidelines. It is recommended that children under 12 not babysit without adult supervision.

Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm

\$89.90, 1 sessions

November 22

Activity #52906



Registration Open Now!

Burnaby.ca/webreg

Call 604-297-4456 or visit any Burnaby Recreation Centre



For more information call: Laurie Bedford 604.297.4529
Community Program Coordinator
Travis Collins 604.369.8064
Community Recreation Leader

Programs at Burnaby Public Library



Board Game Club for Kids

Bob Prittie Metrotown

Friday, October 25

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Friday, November 22

10:30am - 12:30pm and

2:30pm - 4:30pm



McGill

Mondays, December 16 to

January 13

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Have fun playing with our collection of board games.

Temporary Cameron

Thursdays, October 3,

November 7 and December 5

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Recommended for ages 5 and up. Siblings welcome.

Drop in. No registration required.

Burnaby Public Library is also hosting **Korean and Portuguese Storytime** for kids 0-5 years old, as well as **Social Hours for Japanese and Spanish speaking families** with children aged 0-5 years old (older siblings welcome to join too). These are drop-in programs with no registration required.

Please click [here](#) to access all program posters with full details.

OUR BRANCHES

Bob Prittie Metrotown

6100 Willingdon Ave.
604-294-7755

McGill

4595 Albert St.
604-299-8955

Tommy Douglas

7311 Kingsway
604-522-3971


Temporary Cameron

110-9855 Austin Ave.
604-421-5454

Burnaby Christmas Bureau

The Burnaby Christmas Bureau is BACK!


The Christmas Bureau helps families in need during the holiday season. We provide gifts, and festive cheer to make Christmas a little brighter for everyone!

 **Who Can Benefit?** Families who might need extra support during the holidays. If you or someone you know could use a helping hand this Christmas, we're here to help!


REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be a Burnaby resident
 2. Have children from newborn to 16 years old
- Be a working family with low income, or a family receiving Income Assistance



 **Where to Register:**

- The Amazing Brentwood Mall: Visit us at 4567 Lougheed Hwy., Burnaby, BC,
 - Monday - Friday: 10am-6pm
 - Saturday: 10am - 3 pm.
 - Closed on Sundays and Monday Nov 11th.
 - Closed for lunch: 12pm - 1 pm | Registration period is from November 1st - 30th

 **How to Register:**

Please ensure the proper documents are ready at the time of registration.

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 and press * to speak to an operator; 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), please request a Release of Information from your Ministry Office. This will replace the C-Print.

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 or Permanent Resident card)
- Proof of current address (e.g. bills from Fortis, Hydro, internet or phone provider, or current residential tenancy agreement)

