



DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Winter Concert

As you likely know, our Winter Concert is happening this week, **Tuesday, Dec. 17th & Wednesday, Dec. 18th**. The Tuesday performances will showcase students from Cast A & all Even Divisions. The Wednesday performances will showcase students from Cast B & all Odd Divisions.

We'll be having 2 performances each day: a full dress rehearsal that students will be watching that starts at **1:30 pm** (doors open at 1:00 pm for families; no tickets required) and an evening performance at **6:00 pm**. (doors open at 5:30 pm and students need to be in classrooms by 5:30 pm).

For the evening performances, we need to limit the amount of family members attending to **no more than 2 per show**, otherwise we will run out of room. **So please book your tickets online through [SchoolCash](#)** if you haven't already done so.

Tickets are free, but we will be accepting donations online and at the door for future performances (costumes, props, etc...). We look forward to seeing you there.

Welcome Back & Bon Voyage

wishing
you 
ALL THE BEST

At the end of this week, we'll be saying farewell to our librarian, **Mr. Leclair**, as he completes the Mat Leave position at Stoney and moves on to Brentwood Park as the new librarian for the remainder of the year. Thanks for all you've done in the 4 months you've been here, you will be missed, but congratulations on the new position...well deserved.

That means, of course, that **Ms. Rudolph** is returning in January to resume her role as Stoney Creek's Librarian. We can't wait to hear all about your year away and have you back at Stoney.

Mr. K. Gurney



DEC 17
WINTER
CONCERT
EVEN DIVISIONS
+ CAST A

DEC 18
WINTER
CONCERT
ODD DIVISIONS
+ CAST B

DEC 20
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST + PAJAMA
DAY FOR
STUDENTS

**DEC 23 -
JAN 3, 2025**
WINTER
BREAK



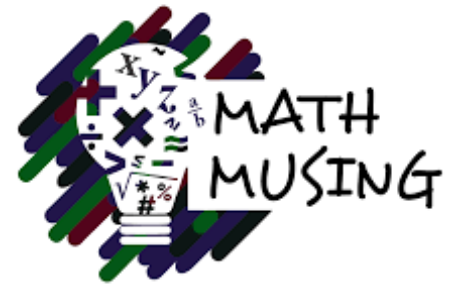


Principal's Message Cont'd

Math Musings

Continuing from last year, Stoney Creek's School Goal is focused on Mathematics and Numeracy.

One of the greatest ways to teach mathematical concepts, especially for things like quantity, addition, subtracting, patterns, probability, and overall fluency, is games; especially games that involve cards, money, and/or dice.



Many students start off with simple card games like "Go Fish", "Uno", or "Crazy Eights" or Boardgames like Snakes & Ladders. These are great examples of helping students recognize patterns, counting, and even more complex ideas, like probability.

Later, students can graduate to more complex games requiring logic and strategy such as Monopoly, Checkers/Chess, Connect 4, or Cribbage.

What better way to spend the Holiday Season than a family games night where you get to connect with family AND learn important skills to build a strong foundation in Math. My family's current favourites are *Settlers of Catan*, *Ticket to Ride*, and *Qwirkle*. For some great ideas, check out these sites: [List of more advanced games](#); [A variety of games](#); [Easy Card Games](#).

Wellness Check - Connection is Key



Whenever someone asks me what my favourite time of day is, I have always responded with "Dinner Time!". Even though I'm blessed to be surrounded by children and amazing staff every day, dinner time is when I get to sit down with my wife and daughters and **reconnect**. It has been a tradition in my family since our children were born and almost every evening, someone at our table is on the verge of blowing water out their nose from laughing so hard. That's not to say that it doesn't come with some tears and worries sometimes, but it is always a way to reconnect.

With so many of us dealing with increased worries, separation anxiety, and increases in screen time, we wanted to pass along some key ways to connect with your kiddos over the holidays that helps support their wellness AND your own.

Other than sitting down to eat together, I love this resource on the **Most Important 9 Minutes of Each Day** (click [HERE](#)). It's a great reminder on how to start and end each day.

Another resource we wanted to share is the idea of "Toxic Positivity", after all, it's not always about laughing so hard that water shoots out your nose. Click [HERE](#) for some helpful ideas and comments you can make when you are reconnecting.

Thanks for all you do to support the kiddos we teach every day.



Important Dates...

WINTER CONCERTS

Tuesday, December 17

- * **Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal** – for Even Divisions and Cast A. Doors open 1:00pm, 1:30pm showtime.
- * **Evening Performance (tickets required)** – for Even Divisions and Cast A. Doors open 5:30pm, 6:00pm showtime.

Wednesday, December 18

- * **Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal** – for Odd Divisions and Cast B. Doors open 1:00pm, 1:30pm showtime.
- * **Evening Performance (tickets required)** – for Odd Divisions and Cast B. Doors open 5:30pm, 6:00pm showtime.

SCHOOLWIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **December 20, 2024** we will be hosting our schoolwide pancake breakfast for all of our students. We want to thank everyone who has volunteered to donate food for this event and also offered their time to set-up, cook, serve, and clean. This is an exciting event for the students and your help is much appreciated! Also a reminder that December 20th is another Spirit Day Event! Students can come to school in their pajamas and help their School Spirit Team earn points!



School Meal Program Cycle 5

Cycle 5's School Meal Program runs from January 6-31, 2025.

Please log into your School Cash Online account where you can submit payment for this upcoming cycle. We ask that payment be submitted by Friday, December 20th to allow time for food to be ordered.



StrongStart Centre Closure

The Stoney Creek StrongStart Centre will be closed for the Winter holidays from:

December 23 - January 6
Reopening on January 7, 2025

Note: The centre will also be closed on:
January 24 and January 27, 2025

REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR THE HOLIDAY BREAK

The last day of school is on Friday, December 20, 2024

The winter break goes from Friday, December 23 to Sunday, January 3

School reopens and classes resume on Monday, January 6 2025



CREEKSIDE CENTRE

WILL BE CLOSED FOR ALL REGULAR PRE-TEEN ACTIVITIES FROM DEC 23 - JAN 3.

THE CENTRE REOPENS WEDNESDAY JAN 8, 2025



KEEP INFORMED!

View the monthly newsletter, calendar, upcoming events, minutes and agenda as well as updates from our Community Council on our school's website at:

stoneycreek.burnabyschools.ca



School Reminders...

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.

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.

Student Illnesses

Please click [here](#) for the health 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.*

If your child will be away or late, please advise the office.

Attendance emails can be sent your child's teacher and to: Stoneycreek.Info@burnabyschools.ca

You can also continue to use the Absence line. Dial 604-296-9031 (option 2).

Please include the following details:

- * Childs' Name
- * Teacher or Division
- * Dates/times they will be away
- * Whether or not the absence is illness related



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 for the weather as they will be going outside in inclement weather. We would also suggest a change of clothes be left at school for what we know will be those wet days ahead of us.





Community Programs and Resources at Stoney Creek

Backpack Buddies

Helping families with snacks

We are very grateful to be partnering with the Backpack Buddies organization. They provide small bags of snacks each week for students who might need a little bit of extra food sent home with them.

If you would like to sign up your child(ren) to receive Backpack Buddies snack bags, click [this link](#) for more information. If you would like to find out more about Backpack Buddies or to donate to their program, please visit their website [here](#).

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

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.

We will resume on Thursday, January 9, 2025!

Stoney Creek Breakfast Program

The Stoney Creek Breakfast Program is up and running. The Breakfast Program helps to make sure our students have a healthy start to the day. 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 you wish for your child(ren) to participate in the Breakfast Program, please email us in the Community Office and we will send you a form to fill out.



STONEY CREEK HOLIDAY CHEER

Every year, Stoney Creek Community School collects donations to help families in need in our community.

If you are in need of support this year, and would benefit from food or other support over the holidays, please feel free to fill out this confidential form ([click here](#)) by Wednesday December 18, 2024.

Together we can help make everybody's holiday season a little bit brighter! *(Information will be kept confidential)*

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Taryn Briscoe,
Community School Coordinator and

Leila Marghi,
Community Office Secretary

Hours in the Community Office vary depending on events and meetings. Please feel free to check the schedule in the Community Office, or phone 604-296-9031, ext. 651011





Community Council Information

Future SCCC Meetings

- January 15, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025
(Budget Meeting)

Our next Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 15 @ 7:00 pm in the library
For all parents, guardians & community members
All welcome to attend!

Community Council - Meet some of our Executive Members and Members at Large:

Back Row: Nadia, Natalie, Kim, Amanda, Carly, Ross

Front Row: Michelle, Antonio, Chad, Morgan





Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- 1 Put your empty beverage containers into clear or transparent plastic bags that are up to 90 liters in capacity, no sorting needed!
- 2 Visit [return-it.ca/locations]return-it.ca/locations to find an Express location near you.
- 3 At the Express location, use our schools phone number **604-296-9031** to log in at the Express kiosk and print your bag labels.
- 4 Remember to label each of your bags.
- 5 Drop your bags off at the designated Express drop off area.
- 6 We'll sort your beverage containers and credit your Express account with your refund within 10 business days





Calm & Confident Parenting

The world keeps changing and as conscious parents we need to tune in and build confidence in our parenting skills so that we can provide our children with the love, support and care they need for their healthy development.

Join us for 8 weekly sessions to share strategies and ideas that will help create calm and joyful moments for you and your family. Learn how to build life-long skills and habits for your preschool and elementary school aged children. Discussion topics will include the following themes and more:

Managing challenging behaviours

What are our children's temper tantrums and anxious behaviours telling us and how can we help them regulate their emotions

Social media - it's a whole new world

How do you navigate screen time battles and find creative, fun and healthy habits for the whole family

Understanding Sexual orientation & gender identity

Increase your understanding of human expression in a safe space.

Compassionate parenting

Building self-awareness through self-reflection and compassion will help you create calm and joyful moments for yourself and for your children.

Why nutrition is important

How to make healthy eating fun for the whole family.



8 weekly sessions: Thursdays, starting January 16, 2025,

Time: 12:35pm to 2:30pm



Stoney Creek Community School, 2740 Beaverbrook Crescent, Burnaby BC V3J 7B6

Free childcare (18m to 6 years), snacks and bus tickets are provided, if required. If you need childcare, please mention number and ages of children when registering.

- Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/3P4RFcSR7B>
- For questions, please email: taryn.briscoe@burnabyschools.ca or call 604-296-9031 ex 651013

LIMITED SEATS



LUNCHBOX THEATRE

THE WIZARD OF OZ

\$84



January 27 - March 10

- Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch hour
- There will be a performance on Monday, March 10 at 1:15 pm
- Open to grades 2 - 7
- \$10 per registration goes back to your school
- Fee includes all materials

Registration Opens Jan 6

- Registration opens January 6th at 7 pm and will remain open until sold out.
- Fill out the registration form and proceed directly to payment. Payment will confirm your space in the program.
- More details on your program and registration policy can be found online at theatrixyoutheatre.com

If you would like to request a subsidy for this program please fill out the Subsidy Request Form found online and email it to the registrar at register@theatrixyoutheatre.com BEFORE registration opens on January 6th.



Register at: theatrixyoutheatre.com



Happy Holidays

from the City of Burnaby

Burnaby Village Museum

Heritage Christmas

presenting partner **CONCORD PACIFIC**

Come experience Heritage Christmas with presenting partner Concord Pacific at Burnaby Village Museum. Enjoy the special atmosphere of festive lights and the traditional decorations. Wander the museum's 10 acre open air site and take in all the seasonal entertainment, demonstrations and activities.

Enjoy a meal or treat at Mai's Cafe or other offerings from food trucks.

Gate admission is FREE. Carousel rides are \$2.62 or a Baker's Dozen (13 rides) for \$31.45. Prices do not include tax.

6501 Deer Lake Ave | 604-297-4565
BurnabyVillageMuseum.ca

Hours

Nov 23-Dec 15, 2024 **Dec 17, 2024-Jan 3, 2025**
Tuesday-Friday 1-5:30 pm Daily, 1-9 pm
Saturday-Sunday, 1-9 pm (Closed Dec 24 & 25)
(Closed Mondays)

Bright in Burnaby

Saturday, November 30, 2024
5-9 pm

Special tree lighting ceremony at 6 pm to officially launch Heritage Christmas. Proceeds during Bright in Burnaby night from the carousel rides will go to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau with Concord Pacific matching the donations.



Holiday Light Display

Enjoy Burnaby's bright lights this holiday season! From Burnaby's parks and public spaces to your own front yard... the city is sure to be decked out in a joyous celebration of light, colour and festive spirit for the holidays.

Starting late November, visit Burnaby.ca/HolidayLights for a complete map and details of the City's light displays!



Edmonds Festival of Lights

Saturday, November 23
2:30-5:30 pm

Visit with Santa and enjoy festive music, hot chocolate and holiday crafts with your family. One lucky child will help the Mayor light up the huge tree.

Edmonds Community Centre
7433 Edmonds Street



Visit Burnaby.ca/HolidayFun for more details on events and activities happening this holiday season.



Festive Student Artwork in our Hallways

