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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that First Term is drawing to a close. Every day I am reminded of how this community of parents, teachers, and staff, continuously work together to create wonderful opportunities for our students. Here are a few of the many opportunities our students have participated in:

Parents

- We have enjoyed the presence of many parents in our school engaging in such activities as reading with students, organizing poinsettia sales and creation of a pumpkin patch, attending field trips, and being an active and supportive part of our assemblies.

Girls and Boys Volleyball

- I want to take this opportunity to Mr. Lam, Ms Melatini, Mr. Tesan and Ms Tse for coaching our Gr 6/7 teams. The students developed and honed their serving bumping and passing skills, demonstrated good sportsmanship during their games and most of all had fun! Congratulations to both teams! Please see the article written by the volleyball students. They made a final challenge to the teachers and on December 1 at 2pm, in front of all the students, the Grade 6/7 Volleyball members showed their skill and determination! Fun was had by all!

Me-To-We Leadership Group

- Our Me-To-We Leadership group has been busy organising and encouraging their fellow students to participate in the 'Scare For Hunger' campaign. We hope to have a very successful campaign which will provide some less fortunate families with food for a happier season.

Remembrance Day

- This was a quiet and reflective assembly led by many of our classes. Through songs, DVD's, media presentations, artwork and readings, we were reminded of our promise to those soldiers that fought, those that died, and those soldiers that continue to fight for the freedoms that we enjoy in Canada, to act in peaceful ways everyday! Thanks to all the classes that made this assembly for meaningful! We will carry on actions of peace and giving as we look forward to December.

Dance and Movement Opportunities

- Our students will have had two wonderful and different dance opportunities. In late November many of you came to see your children preform various Hip Hop dance moves and in the week coming up our students will be learning folk dances from a very experienced teacher, Marian Rose. I hope you will be able to come and dance with your children on December 8 from 6:30 - 8:00. Your children will take the lead of teacher if you don't know the steps. Siblings are welcome too! On the following day in the afternoon, you are invited to come as all the classes will perform and show some of the dances they have learned. This assembly is scheduled from 1:15 - 2:30.

It is such a pleasure to be part of this wonderful community!

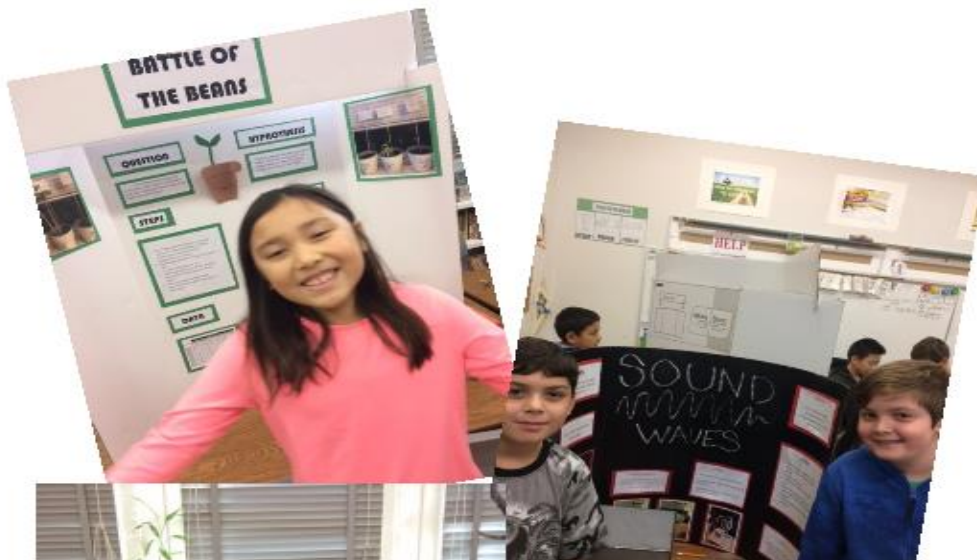
Deb Taylor,
Principal



Pancake Breakfast

Our Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Friday December 16. Please make note of the day and join us!

SCIENCE FAIR



Students in Mr Tesan's class had the opportunity to explore real-life questions that were important to them. One group of students wondered if the cost of laundry detergent had any relation to how clean the clothes were. A second group of students wondered if the size of a seed had any relation on how tall the plant grew. A third group wonder which material would be more sound-proof. There were many more interesting inquiries. While all groups were able to answer their first question, many were left with other questions to pursue. It was interesting to see how engaged students were when inquiring about subjects that have meaning for them.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball this year was a good season for our boys and girls teams. We learned how to control the ball and get three hits on the ball. We also learned how to aim our serves. Our teams showed lots of improvement from day one to play day. We ended the season on a good showing at playday at Moscrop for boys and Alpha for girls. We are hoping for a great season for our co-ed teams!

Thanks to our coaches: Mr. Lam, Ms. Melatini, Mr. Tesan and Ms. Tse.



The Grade 6/7 Volleyball Girls team are enjoying a brief break at the Play Day Competition!

Christmas Break

Friday, December 16th is the last day of school for the Christmas Break. First day back to school is Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017.

Wet and Cold Weather

Mud and slick grounds seem to be the norm around most schools at this time of year, due to winter rain and leaves. Please help your child be prepared for the elements by ensuring your children have warm, water resistant coats and hoods or hats to keep dry. You may consider keeping a change of clothes at school for your child. A slip and fall at this time of year adds up to one very wet student!! Thank you in advance for your help in planning ahead for the weather.

Schoolcash Online

The Burnaby School District is going green and reducing the amount of paperwork and time involved with money collection for school activities and payments. Please consider using the schoolcash online system with these easy steps:

Step 1: Visit <https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.

Step 3: You will receive a confirmation email. Select the "click here" option, sign in and add your child(ren) to your household account.

If chosen, this system will email you when a fee has been updated in regards to your child(ren). At this time, there is no option to pay with credit card

Important Dates:

Monday, December 19 to Monday, January 2

Winter Break: School Closed

Tuesday, January 3

School reopens after Winter Break

Monday, January 23

School Meal Envelopes Due

Monday, February 13

Family Day: School Closed

Friday, February 17

Professional Day: Students do not attend

Monday February 20

School Meal Envelopes Due

Friday March 10

School Meal Envelopes Due

Monday, March 13 to Monday, March 24

Spring Break: School Closed

Tuesday, March 27

School reopens after Spring Break

Friday, April 14

Good Friday: Students do not attend

Monday, April 17

Easter Monday: Students do not attend

Monday, April 24

Professional Day: Students do not attend

Tuesday, April 25

School Meal Envelopes Due

WINTER WEATHER

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff about Burnaby School District weather related school closure announcements. All schools will remain OPEN, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (eg. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. The district will do its best to communicate school or district-wide closures or cancellations by 6:30 am. This information will be posted on the front page of the district website <http://sd41.bc.ca/>. Closure information will also be announced via radio and tv stations including: [CBC AM 690 radio](#) [News AM 1130 radio](#) [CKNW AM 980 radio](#) [Global TV](#) [City TV](#) [CTV BC](#)

PLEASE NOTE THAT **NO ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE THAT SCHOOLS ARE OPEN.**

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. Please walk elementary children to the door of their school if you are uncertain whether the school is open or not. If for any reason you feel that your child cannot travel safely to school then you should notify the school that your child will be absent.

COMMUNITY NEWS



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR BASEBALL

Online Registration for the 2017 baseball season at **Hastings Community Little League** is now open at www.hcll.ca. All boys and girls aged 4 to 12 years old and who live or attend a school within the league boundaries are eligible.

FUN LACROSSE 2017

For new players - boys & girls ages 5-10. 5 Sessions for \$25 - No equipment required. Played indoors at Charles Rummel Centre, 3630 Lozelles Avenue. SPACE LIMITED, REGISTER EARLY!
www.burnabylacrosse.com for signup information Need more info? Susan @ 604-312-6181 or burnabyfunlacrosse@gmail.com

The poster for the 6th Annual Herring Sale has a green-to-blue gradient background with a pattern of small fish. At the top, it says "6th ANNUAL HERRING SALE" in large, bold, blue letters. Below that, "Saturday, December 3rd" is written in a white, cursive font. In the center, there is a graphic of two hands holding a blue heart with a white fish inside. Below the graphic, the text "FISHERMEN HELPING KIDS WITH CANCER" is written in bold, black letters. At the bottom, there is a list of details: "Date: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2016", "Time: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM", "Place: 12740 TRITES ROAD, RICHMOND", and "Price: \$15.00 FOR A 20 LB BAG OF HERRING (CASH ONLY)". The website "WWW.FHKWC.CA" is listed in large yellow letters. At the very bottom, it says "Sponsored by the BC Commercial Fishing Industry" and features the logo for BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 Choir to Bayshore Hotel	3
4	5 Flashmob Dancers to Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre	6	7	8 Family Dance Night	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folk Dance Assembly 1:15 Co-Ed Volleyball 3:30 	10
11	12 School Meal Envelopes Due	13 "Caroling Plus" Assembly 1:15 – 2:15	14 Divisions 9 & 10 to Science World	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Cards Issued Choir to Lougheed & Brentwood Malls 	16 Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day Last Day of School	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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