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## School Registration – starting Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

### School Growth Plan Goals

- Literacy
- Social Responsibility

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### PAC Meeting:

Wednesday, Feb 8  
6:30 p.m.

**Helpful  
Accepting  
Works Hard  
Kind, and  
Safe**

### Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and had time to enjoy the snow. Thank you for your support regarding the management of the snow clearing. The staff and students returned rested and full of energy and enthusiasm for Term 2. January is a busy month with Foundational Skills Assessments for grade 4 and 7 students, grade 7 speeches, grade 5 camp at Manning Park, to name a few. Parents planned a very successful Trivia Night on January 20, which brought many parents and friends of our school community together. We all enjoyed the questions that Mr. Tesan compiled and appreciated his hosting of the event. There was good food, beverages, silent auction items which all raised money to offset the costs of the Manning Park camping experience as well as to contribute to other student equipment, resources, and experiences. A special thank you to all

the volunteers, staff, and silent auction contributors! On Tuesday, January 31 we are celebrating Literacy Day. A notice has gone home regarding the activities that have been planned for January 31! We hope you will join us for the Assembly at 9:15. We are encouraging students to dress as their favourite book character or to where clothing with words that convey a happy and/or positive message. I want to express my continued appreciation for the students, staff, and parents who make Kitchener such a wonderful place to come and learn every day. Sincerely,  
Deb Taylor, Principal

### Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Foundation Skills Assessments will be taking place for Grades 4 and 7 students from January 13<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of these assessments is to look at student progress in the areas of reading, writing, and numeracy. Teachers are assessing their students on an ongoing basis, and this is just

one snapshot of a student's performance and is intended to be used as an assessment for learning. For further information, please contact the school office.

### **New Kindergarten Registration for September 2017**

Registration for new Kindergarten students will be accepted at Kitchener School starting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Children who turn 5 years old prior to Dec. 31, 2016 can register for Kindergarten. Parents are asked to bring along a birth certificate and immunization records when you register as well as 2 pieces of proof of address and proof of parent's Canadian Citizenship. For specific details, please contact the school office and book an appointment.

If you know of anyone in your area with Kindergarten-aged children who do not have siblings currently attending Kitchener, please pass this information on to them.

### Upcoming Dates

January 31	Literacy Day
February 13	Family Day (School Closed)
February 16	Tennis lessons begin
February 17	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
February 20	School Meal Envelopes due
February 22	Pink Shirt Day
February 22	Young People's Concert @ 9:35am
March 13 to 24	Spring Break

**The Kitchener Growth Plan**

While we are becoming familiar with the redesigned curriculum and looking at new and more meaningful ways to report student progress, through our school plan, we continue to focus on:

**Reading: for all students to become more competent with reading comprehension and**

**Social Responsibility: for all students to develop skills with self-empowerment and self-regulation**

**Literacy: Tips for Parents**

Our previous experiences, knowledge, emotions, and understandings affect what and how we learn (Harvey & Goudvis, 2000). Good readers draw on prior knowledge and experience to help them understand what they are reading and are thus able to use that knowledge to make connections.

Keene and Zimmerman (1997) concluded that children comprehend better when they make different kinds of connections.

1. Text-to-self – for example, this story reminds me of a trip our family took together.
2. Text-to-text (books, movies, internet, etc.) – for example, this book reminds me of the movie I saw on apes.
3. Text-to-World. These are larger connections that a reader brings to a reading situation. For example, this story reminds me that all children do not get to go to school.

Show your children how to make connections by sharing your own connections as you read aloud.

**Social and Emotional Development: Tips for Parents**

What is Social and Emotional Learning?

How do we define social and emotional learning (SEL)? Researchers generally agree upon five key competencies of SEL (Durlak, Weissberg, Dymnicki, Taylor & Schellinger. 2011). These competencies identified below provide the foundation for maintaining high-quality social relationships and for responding to the challenges of life.

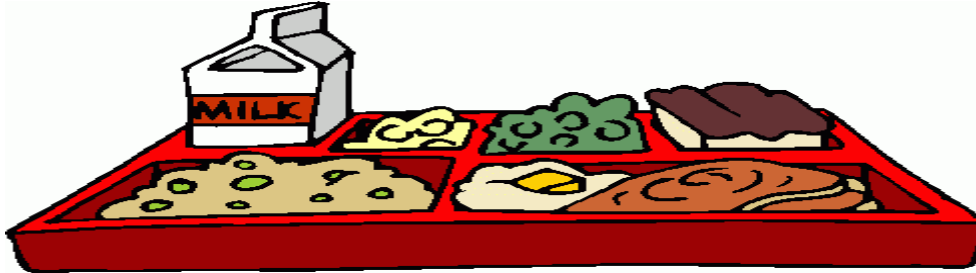
-Vanessa Vega

<b>1. SELF-AWARENESS</b>	What are my thoughts and feelings? What causes those thoughts and feelings? How can I express my thoughts and feelings respectfully?
<b>2. SELF-MANAGEMENT</b>	What different responses can I have to an event? How can I respond to an event as constructively as possible?
<b>3. SOCIAL AWARENESS</b>	How can I better understand other people's thoughts and feelings? How can I better understand why people feel and think the way they do?
<b>4. RELATIONSHIP SKILLS</b>	How can I adjust my actions so that my interactions with different people turn out well? How can I communicate my expectations to other people? How can I communicate with other people to understand and manage their expectations of me?
<b>5. RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING</b>	What consequences will my actions have on myself and others? How do my choices align with my values? How can I solve problems creatively?



**Important Note about the Hot Meal Program**

We have had some ground beef and chicken thighs dishes served to our students participating in the Hot Lunch program that appears to be pink. In discussions with the caterer we were sent some research based information which informs us that it is temperature that should be the deciding factor of safety to eat and NOT colour. It is because the meat dishes are held in warming containers which allows for oxidation that causes the pink colouring. You do not see this at home as most dishes are served within a short period of time after they are cooked. All meat dishes served to your children have been cooked to the safe and proper temperature. Please see [link](#) for further information.

**Grade 6 & 7 Boys & Girls Basketball**

On many mornings before school, if you walk past our big gym, you will hear the bouncing of balls, pounding of running feet, and a cheer as the basketball goes in the hoop. We have two large groups of girls & boys, some who are just learning the game and some who have developed skills. The coaches and I are proud to report that they are working as a team and showing great Kitchener sportsmanship. I want to acknowledge the efforts, time and care of their coaches: Ms. Melatini, Mr. Lam, and Ms. Tse.

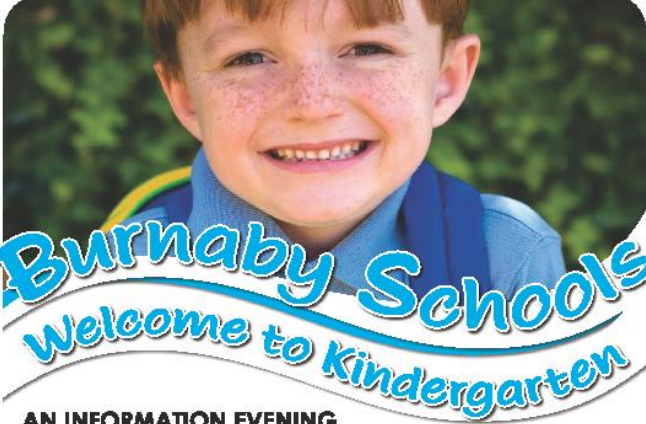
**FEBRUARY IS KINDNESS MONTH.**

Ms. Ewald has created and shared a Special February calendar attached at the end of this newsletter.

## Community Announcements

### Pro-D/Spring Break Activities

Do you have anything planned for your child for February 17 (Pro-D day) or during Spring Break? The City of Burnaby has some great options for you to explore. Click [here](#)




**Burnaby Schools**  
Welcome to Kindergarten

AN INFORMATION EVENING  
FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS


Tuesday  
**March 7**  
6:30 - 8 pm

Burnaby Central Secondary  
Library (Rm A301)  
6011 Deer Lake Parkway

NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE



[www.bumabyschools.ca](http://www.bumabyschools.ca)



The Burnaby School District invites applications for the following casual, on-call positions:  
**STUDENT SUPERVISORS &/OR CROSSING GUARDS**

Applicants for these positions will have a Grade 12 education, and demonstrated ability and experience in working with children. Applicants must be available to work throughout the District when school is in session.

Applications can be submitted to: Human Resources Department-Burnaby School District, 5325 Kincaid Street Burnaby BC V5G 1W5 - [applications@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:applications@sd41.bc.ca)

# February 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Girls Basketball Game	3
6	7 Boys Basketball Game	8 PAC MEETING @ 6:30	9 Girls Basketball Game	10 Divisions 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 to performance of Little Mermaid
13 FAMILY DAY NO SCHOOL	14 Boys Basketball Game	15	16 Girls Basketball Game	17 PRO-D DAY NO SCHOOL
20 School Meal Envelopes due Divisions 7 & 8 to Aquarium	21 Boys Basketball Game	22 Pink Shirt Day Young Peoples Concert 9:35	23 Girls Basketball Game	24
27	28	1	2	3 PAC Book Swap



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**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR FEBRUARY**  
 February 13 – Family Day – No School  
 February 17 – ProD Day – No School  
 March 13 to 24 – Spring Break

## FEBRUARY 2017 - 28 DAYS OF KINDNESS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Make someone laugh	2 Give someone a genuine compliment	3 Introduce yourself to someone new	4 Collect loose change and donate it
5 Do an extra chore without being asked	6 Thank someone for making a difference	7 Clean up a mess you didn't make	8 Hold the door for someone	9 Share something with someone else	10 Play with someone new at recess/lunch	11 Fill a bag with clothes to donate to charity
12 Help make a meal/dinner for your family	13 <b>Family Day</b> Spend quality time with your family	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> Leave a friendly note for someone	15 Offer to let someone get in line in front of you	16 Offer to help a staff member	17 <b>PRO-D DAY</b> Pick up litter along the sidewalk where you live	18 Call your grandparents to say 'hello, how are you doing?'
19 Fill a box with toys/books to donate to charity	20 Say good morning to your principle, teachers, & classmates	21 Make a list of all the things you're thankful for	22 Smile at everyone you see today	23 Hug someone	24 Send dessert to another family at a restaurant	25 Fill a 'kindness jar' with candy for a friend or another family
26 Bring your neighbours' garbage/recycling bins up for them	27 Make a card or thank you note for a staff member	28 <b>FREE CHOICE</b> Pick something new - 100 Acts of Kindness List				

