

Kitchener Elementary

November 14, 2017

Newsletter #2

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Kitchener Elementary School

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School Growth Plan Goals

- Reading
- Social Responsibility

Individual Highlights:

PAC Meeting:

Thursday, Dec. 14th
6:30 p.m

Winter Vacation

Monday, Dec 25 –
Friday, Jan 5



Last Thursday, on November 9 we gathered in the gym to remember the soldiers who paid the ultimate price so that we can enjoy freedom and peacefulness in Canada. The 'torch' or the promise to work daily to keep peace in our school and community was passed to our students. Please take time in the days ahead to talk about and identify peaceful words and actions. Students have been asked to bring a donation of the poppies they were given up to November 17. All donations will go to Veteran Services to help fund many programs, activities, and services for our Veterans and their families. They thank you.

Our Girls and Boys volleyball Season is drawing to a close. Our teams have played hard, developed many skills, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Phillips, Miss Yu, Mr. Lam, Mr. Tesan and Ms. Melatini for volunteering their time to offer our students this great opportunity. Also thank you to all the parents for driving and supporting our teams.

Our Kindergarten classes and children and parents attending the Kitchener StrongStart program have begun a project called, "Wandering Wednesdays". The groups will go out together each Wednesday, rain or shine, to explore our community together. It is a wonderful opportunity to build bonds and bridges between our students in Kindergarten and those children who will join our learning community in the next few years as well as to investigate, ask questions, and seek answers by talking and interacting together.

We hope many of you will be able to join us for Trivia Night on November 17 at 6:30 to 10:00 pm. It is a lot of fun and a great community builder. Proceeds raised will go to help fund many activities and resources in our school. For example some of the proceeds will go toward funding the Annual Grade 5 Camp in February.

It is hard to believe that Term 1 will draw to a close in 6 weeks. Every day I am reminded of how this community of parents, teachers, and staff, continuously work together to create wonderful opportunities for our students. It is a pleasure to be part of this H. – helpful, A.- accepting, W. – hard-working, K. – kind, and S.- safe community.

Respectfully,

Deb Taylor
Principal

REMINDER

As we are moving towards a paperless environment, please ensure the office has your updated email address. All future correspondence from the office, including newsletters and calendars will be sent via email. They can also be found on our website <http://kitchener.sd41.bc.ca>

WE DAY

We Day was an impactful experience for students in leadership to attend – driving forward the prospect of “WE”. It was also about making a positive impact in the world for others, not just for ourselves.

Lauren S. & Faith N.



Every other year, our Grade 6 & 7 students attend Camp Elphinstone. To raise funds to offset the cost, our grade 6 & 7 parents are organizing two fundraisers:

- Krispy Cream Donut sale on Dec. 9 at our local Canadian Tire (*address to follow*)
- Hot Dog Day on Dec. 14

Stay tuned for more information on these two events!

Weather Reminder

We have noticed recently that many students come to school unprepared for being outside in the rain (e.g., wearing hoodies and jackets that are not waterproof). To be completely prepared for wet-weather outdoor time, it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as:

- A rain jacket
- Rubber boots so they can enjoy the puddles
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- A rain hat or coat with a hood
- A change of clothes (sweatpants, sock, underwear, t-shirt)

Weather Related School Closures

All schools will remain **OPEN**, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (e.g. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. In the event there are certain schools or the entire district closed due to snow, or any other weather-related issues, announcements will be made on local radio stations by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please **do not** call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, or check the radio station websites.

Closure information will also be posted on the district website at www.burnabyschools.ca and on Twitter @burnabyschools (please follow us!). However, keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, for example, if there are power outages or technical problems. The most reliable way to get school closure information is to listen to the local radio stations.

PLEASE NOTE:

Information will only be provided on school closures. If there is no closure information, our schools are open for learning! However, the decision to send your child to school or not is ultimately a family decision.

For more detailed information on weather related school closures, please [click here](#) .

Upcoming Dates

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| Nov. 16 | EDO Lunch |
| Nov. 17 | TRIVIA NIGHT !!!!! |
| Nov. 21 | Boys Rec Volleyball Play Day |
| Nov. 23 | Girls Rec Volleyball Play Day |
| Nov. 24 | Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL |
| Nov. 27 | Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 27 to Dec. 1 |
| Nov. 30 | Spirit Day and Celebration of Learning 1:15 |
| Dec. 9 | Krispy Cream Donut Sale (local Canadian Tire – details to come) |
| Dec. 14 | PAC Hot Dog Lunch |

Community Announcements

UBC GirlsMarts is a non-profit organization launched by the UBC Computer Science department to help girls spark and sustain an interest in computer science. Our organization has been running workshops since 2004 and we often partner up with various local tech companies (including Microsoft, Amazon, SAP, and many others) to run many different workshops and activities for girls in grades 6 to 12.

This year, we will be offering two grade 6 workshops (in partnership with Microsoft) and one grade 7 workshop (in partnership with SAP). Please note that our workshops are for girls only. Our grade 6 workshops will teach girls about programming their own game, cybersecurity, creating their own webpage, and hardware. The grade 7 workshops are run in partnership with SAP and will teach girls about design thinking, programming, social gaming, and user interface/user experience. If you are interested in learning more, our website is at <https://www.cs.ubc.ca/girlsmarts4tech/> or you can contact us at girlsmarts-info@cs.ubc.ca.



**CANADIAN RED CROSS
Babysitting & Stay Safe Certification**

Friday, November 24th, 2017 (District Non-Instructional Day)
at Montecito Elementary School
2176 Duthie Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. Phone: (604) 296-9023

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| <p>Babysitting Certification (Ages 11-15) Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students learn how to care for younger children and how to prevent and respond to emergencies • Each student will receive a Babysitter Manual, Certificate, and a mini first aid kit • \$60 per student | <p>Stay Safe! Certification (Ages 9-13) Time: 8:30am - 2:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps prepare students to be on their own at home or in the community • Each student receives a Stay Safe! Certificate, workbook and a mini first aid kit • \$50 per student <p><small>*Mature 8-year olds accepted.</small></p> |
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Course: Babysitting Course Stay Safe

Student Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name/Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

I give permission for my child to attend this course on Friday, November 24th.

Parent Signature _____

***Payment due by Monday, November 20th

** Please bring a nut-free bag lunch, snacks and a water bottle **

For Registration information or questions please contact
Miriam Fitterer fitterermiriam@gmail.com or (604) 313-5121

Completed Registration forms with cheque payment can be dropped off at Montecito School between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)



November 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 Girls Volleyball Game | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Picture Retake Day | 7 Boys Volleyball Game | 8 PAC Meeting 6:30 | 9 Remembrance Day Assembly 11pm Girls Volleyball Game | 10 District Closure Day | 11  |
| 12 | 13 School Closure for Remembrance Day | 14 Boys Volleyball Game | 15 | 16 Girls Volleyball Game EDO Lunch | 17 TRIVIA NIGHT | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Boys Volleyball Play Day | 22 | 23 Girls Volleyball Play Day | 24  PRO-D DAY | 25 |
| 26 | 27 ArtStarts Performance: 1pm Book Fair | 28 Boys Volleyball Tourney | 29 | 30 Girls Volleyball Tourney ▶ Celebration of Learning 1pm | | |