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School Growth Plan Goals

- Reading
- Social Responsibility

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PAC Meeting:

Thursday, Oct. 12th
6:30 p.m

Winter Vacation

Monday, Dec 25 –
Friday, Jan 5



Happy New School Year to Everyone! It has been a good beginning! We have welcomed about 20 new families and we anticipate that there will be a few more registrations later in the Fall when the condo developments south and east of our school are completed.

All students have been placed in classes and everyone seems to be settling in well.

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Guidelines for Pick up and Drop off

- The upper school parking lot (Gilmore entrance) is for staff parking only. It is not a student drop off zone. Please use the lower parking lot (MacDonald entrance) for drop off/pick up
- Let children out on the passenger side only; **Do not stop your car on Gilmore Ave in front of the school – this is a clear no stopping zone**
- Please be courteous of our Kitchener neighbours and their property when dropping off your children
- NO U-TURNS in the School Zone
- Use the crosswalk when crossing Gilmore Ave.
- Follow the directions of the school safety patrol

Student Absence – Important Procedures

If your child is going to be late or away for any reason, please call the school office (604) 296-9017 before 9:00am to confirm his/her absence or tardiness.

- Please leave a message on the answering machine with the following information:
1. Child's first and last name (please spell the last name)
 2. Teacher and Division
 3. Absent or late (with anticipated arrival time)

If we do not hear from you, we will call home to ensure your child's safety.

Our students' days at Kitchener begin at 8:50 a.m. and finish at 3:00 p.m. Students who arrive after the 8:55 bell in the morning or the 12:53 bell in the afternoon must stop by the office to pick up a late slip.



**INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**

Principal's Message cont'd

STAFFING UPDATE

- Ms. Ewald accepted a teaching position in Maple Ridge School District. Although it was sad to see her move, she will significantly reduce her travelling time. We wish her all the best!
- We have welcomed Ms. Yu and Mr. Hayes to our learning community and they are teaching in 5/6 classrooms. This week we are also pleased that Ms. Fung has agreed to be Mr. Phillips teaching partner on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Mr. Potvin joins our Learning Support Team and will be mostly supporting our intermediate students
- We also welcomed Mr. Turpin as our new Music Teacher, replacing Ms. Minichello who is beginning her retirement chapter. Mr. Turpin is looking for anyone with connections with purchasing guitars and ukuleles at good prices.
- Ms. Marrello has joined Kitchener as our Counsellor and will be working at our school on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Ms. Johnstone, an Educational Assistant, will be working and supporting students this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ms. Zucchetto and Mr. Lam have started practices for the Cross Country Club. The enthusiastic group of students have attended three meets thus far and have shown great sportsmanship, and run like proud HAWKS. Their final meet, the Awards Meet will be on Oct 10. Thank you to all parents who were able to drive our students to Burnaby Lake and cheer them on!
- We enjoyed our "Parents As Partners" conversations. It was great to meet all parents and to discuss your hopes and dreams and wishes for this school year. We were happy that many of you were able to stay for the PAC Community Barbeque. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who worked to make this important gathering so successful!
- During our Community Building Week, we invited Kirsten Fox, Terry Fox's niece, to come to talk to the students about Terry and to kick off our Terry Fox donations for the Terry Fox Run on Sept 28. She described her Uncle Terry as a very ordinary child and student who, through passion, determination and compassion for others, achieved very extraordinary things. We encouraged students to bring a donation for the Terry Fox foundation to support cancer research. Each student who brought a donation had their name entered into a draw for a 2017 Terry Fox Run Shirt. Congratulations to our winners, Suri Nguyen and Carmen Chau.

CONCERNS AND OR QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to our attention. Usually a satisfactory resolution can be found the sooner the facts can be clarified. As always, my door is always open!

The staff and I are looking forward to an exciting year! We are all Kitchener HAWKS : H. (helpful), A. (accepting), W. (hard-working), K. (kind), and S (we play and work safely).

Deb Taylor,
Principal

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>

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 6	Picture Day
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 10	Cross Country Awards Meet
Oct. 12	Walk-a-thon
Oct. 12	Subway Lunch
Oct. 12	PAC meeting @ 6:30
Oct. 18	We Day
Oct. 20	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct.23	Curriculum Implementation Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 10	School Closure Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 13	School closed in lieu of Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 16	Edo Lunch
Nov. 17	Trivia Night
Nov. 24	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL

Community Announcements

Fall is back to school time - and a time when other activities get up and running too. We've put together a community newsletter of some of these activities, and it also includes some District information topics listed below.

For additional community resources, please check out the community page on the District website - <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/community/>. [CLICK HERE](#)

District News

- >MACC Program Info Evening
- >BETA Mini-school Info Evening
- >Walk for Reconciliation - Join us!
- >Burnaby Community & Continuing Education
- >STRONGSTART BC Early Learning Centres
- >International Week of the Deaf

Community Partners

- >Kids Ride the Bus for FREE: I LOVE TRANSIT WEEK- OCT 2-6, 2017
- >Celebrate Burnaby 125!
- >Burnaby Fall Leisure Guide
- >Fraser Health Resources for Parents

Sports Organizations

- >Wesburn Soccer
- >South Burnaby Metro Club Soccer
- >Burnaby Girls Soccer Club
- >Ballaholics Basketball
- >Thunderbirds Cross Country/Track & Field at Swangard
- >Try Water Polo

Other Opportunities

- >Vivo Children's Choir
- >Seeking Foster Parents
- >Child care Resources
- >Immigrant Women's Support Groups
- >Multi-Cultural Community Cooking Classes for Adults

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Cross Country Meet – Bby Lake 3:30-4:30	3	4	5	6 Individual Picture Day	7
8	9 	10 Cross Country Meet – Bby Lake 3:30-4:30	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Boys Volleyball Game	18	19 Girls Volleyball Game BC Shakedown 10am	20  PRO-D DAY	21
22	23 Curriculum Implementation Day – Students do not attend	24 Boys Volleyball Game	25	26 Girls Volleyball Game	27	28
29	30 Gr. 6 immunizations	31 Boys Volleyball Game  Celebration of Learning 1pm				