



Tiger Times

January 2021

Principal: Ms. Jillian Lewis - Head Teacher: Ms. Jennifer Delvecchio - Admin Assistant: Mrs. Giannina Rakic

Dear Brentwood Park Elementary School community: It has been the highlight of my 30 year career as an educator to have spent the last 10+ years with you as principal of this remarkable school in this amazing community. When I arrived in September of 2010 I had no idea that I would fall in love with you so quickly and that we would get to stay together for so long. My ... what fun we've had!

I am so grateful for the partnership that exists between you at home and us here at school. This strong bond has allowed us to work together to bring wonderful experiences to the students and families of our school. Projects like expanding the playground, implementing the technology plan, supporting the artist in residence program that led to the creation of our totem pole by Jackie Timothy, and recently the kindergarten refresh of learning materials that encourage play and exploration. These are just four examples among many, in addition to the work you already do supporting the learning of your own children on a daily basis.

Over the 10 years there have been a few different configurations of the Parent Advisory Council executive and I have thoroughly enjoyed each group. What they all share is a deep commitment to not only our children and families, but also to the teachers, education assistants, office staff and custodians who care for this community each day. Thank you for your school spirit, your organization, your generosity of time and energy, and your friendship. Thank you also for the gift that you presented to me last week on behalf of the community. The incredibly beautiful bentwood box carved by Brentwood Park parent and gifted artist, James Michels, is something that I will always treasure and perfectly represents my time here.



I have long believed that the main purpose of school, much like life, is to fully discover oneself – to harness our curiosity, creativity, and joy; to understand our fears and insecurities and learn to work through them to find our strengths and passions; and to gain the courage and confidence to be our authentic selves ... or as I like to say, “let your freak flag fly.” I have so much gratitude in my heart to this community for embracing me, for allowing me to share my authentic self with you, and for sharing so much of yourselves with me. I am richer for it and I will never forget you!

warmest regards,
Jillian

**REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN
ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN 2021**



If you live in the Brentwood Park catchment area, you may register your child starting February 1st, 2021.

We are also accepting Cross District and Out Of District applications as of February 1st, 2021.

In order to assist with physical distancing and limiting the spread of COVID-19, schools will **not be** accepting any in-person registrations at this time. **To register please visit the following website: <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>**

It is important to check which school serves your address at the "school locator" link.



Over the Halloween and Christmas seasons, the Brentwood community donated over **50** boxes of food to the Vancouver Food Bank. This generous gift goes a long way to help people in need, right here in our community. We are grateful for this tremendous act of kindness, and we wish you and your family a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

**SOCK IT TO
POVERTY!**

Thank You BP Community for your support of the SOCK IT TO POVERTY drive. We collected a total of 661 items that were distributed among the homeless population of Vancouver. Your generous donations of socks, toques, gloves, miens, scarves, and earmuffs were HUGELY appreciated and will make a difference to those living on the streets this winter. THANK YOU for your generosity and your support of this cause!



← **Kilala Lelum Health Centre** 2h · 🌐

Dearest Brentwood Park Elementary,

T'oyaxsut'nüsm for your generosity and care for our community! Today we received all your donated gifts of new gloves, toques, mitts, jackets and socks. We have started to distribute them today within our programs and it feels so good to offer warmth and new cozy items to folks. Our hands are raised to each and every one of you for all your good heart led work! It's sincerely felt and deeply appreciated ❤️

With love,

The Kilala Lelum Team



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



BURNABY LAKE
FIELD HOCKEY CLUB

LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING SPRING SPORT OPPORTUNITY?

BLFHC offers junior programs from March-June for young girls and boys, ages 6 and up. No previous experience necessary. Field hockey is a team sport where the emphasis is on skill development, teamwork, and fun. This provides a fantastic opportunity for off-season training in a competitive team environment.



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BURNABY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB ONLINE LESSONS 2021

WINTER ONLINE CHESS CLUB STARTS

JANUARY TO MARCH
10 sessions



Format: **Zoom**

Students aged 6+ can join Chess Coach Curtis of the Burnaby Junior Chess Club and have a blast!



TO REGISTER GO TO:

WWW.BURNABYCHESSCLUB.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEND AN EMAIL TO:

INFO@BURNABYCHESSCLUB.COM

TEXT OR CALL: COACH CURTIS 778-836-4268

ONLINE CHESS PROVIDES

- COACHING
- SMALL GROUP SIZE
- CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS
- LOGIC
- FUN
- AND MORE!



PAC CORNER

Dear Brentwood Park Families,

Hello! However your children are doing their schooling at this time, we hope you are all healthy and well. As we prepare ourselves for winter break, the PAC wants to share some updates with you. These very unusual circumstances driven by covid19 safety protocols means that we have had to postpone or re-think many of our usual PAC events that help with community building. Rest assured, the PAC Executive team still has the school community in mind and we are approaching this year as an opportunity to slow down & reflect on the work that we do, identify what changes would be welcome, and generally embrace this time as a chance for renewal. In this spirit of transition, we have farewells, thank-you's, and welcomes to send out.

THANK YOU's

First of all, we must say big THANK YOU's to our teachers and staff. The challenges of this year are real and so many parents have expressed to us their deep appreciation for your support, patience, and perseverance.

Pauline Rilcof, Carolyn Siu, Joanna Vasilekas, Sophia Li, and Veron Loo have given many volunteers hours to our school over the years. Vernon has graduated out but we hope to see the others at many future PAC events to come. As is typical of a large school, the PAC leadership has many big responsibilities and more people will be needed next year to help us resume the important work that PAC does. Some of this work includes re-starting our hot lunch program, renewing our Emergency Preparedness team (including re-supplying our emergency response kits), building new teams for fundraising and events planning such as our popular Santa Breakfast. Please look out for information in the new year. We will be looking for your input and value your feedback at any time.

Email: brentwoodpac@gmail.com

OUR NEW PAC EXECUTIVE IS:

Co-chairs: Tien Dang and Donna Rae

Co-treasurers: Suzy Pruss and Lisa Postnikoff

Secretary: Alexandra Chen

DPAC Rep: Donna Rae

NEW PRINCIPAL AND JANUARY PAC MEETING

We will be welcoming a new principal in January. Ms. Heather Kimmie comes to us from Montecito and we look forward to meeting her.

Our next PAC Meeting will take place TUESDAY, JAN. 26th at 7pm by Zoom. More details will follow in the new year.

Join Zoom Meeting: January 26 Tues. 7pm

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/68573015396?pwd=S0V1c21RbGlzMfZJRFJaUVpRc3FaQT09>

Meeting ID: 685 7301 5396

Passcode: SrfuLM0\$

Alternate Passcode: 87083201

HAPPY TRAILS, Ms. Lewis!

After more than a decade as our fearless leader, we must bid farewell to Ms. Lewis. Typical of her dedication to our school, Ms. Lewis delayed her retirement to help our community through the many uncertainties at the end of last school year and the beginning of this one. For that steadfast guidance, we are very grateful and appreciate her deep commitment to our children's well-being. Our school had the unusual luck of having Ms. Lewis for a long tenure during which she helped usher in the revised curriculum and helped us find new ways of understanding what learning can be. Equally important are the other threads of the social fabric that make our community strong: a sense of fun and belonging. Music, dance, an open door, welcoming parents into the school - these are hallmarks of good memories we'll associate with Ms. Lewis. Luckily the students (and a few brave parents) had the chance to do a school wide dance party send-off before spring break of last year. In addition to that a few of the PAC executives recently presented a bent cedar wood box to Ms. Lewis on behalf of the parent community. We hope this tangible souvenir will in a way hold our esteem for the leadership and friendship she has shared with us. THANK YOU, MS. LEWIS!



Finally, to the whole school community - we wish you a safe, restful winter break full of good health & a Happy New Year!

...on behalf of the Brentwood Park Parent Advisory Council