



Tiger Times

November 2023

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Care for Ourselves, Care for Others and Care for Our Community

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we have just completed two months in school already. October has been busy! There have been many teams and clubs up and running such as: extracurricular cross-country for Gr. 4-7 and volleyball for Grade 6/7 students, Gr. 6/7 leadership team, Pride Club, peer mediators helping outside at lunch, as well as lunch monitors for our primary classes. We have also had many staff members plan special events within the entire school community such as the Terry Fox Run, tennis lessons, Orange Shirt Day, Great B.C. Shakeout Earthquake Drill and our Primary Halloween Parade. It is wonderful to see the leadership opportunities provided as well as the special school-wide events organized for our students. We are incredibly grateful to the staff members who have volunteered to coach and run these activities this fall, as well as the many parent volunteers who have assisted.

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) at Brentwood Park is working incredibly hard! The Pumpkin Patch held on Friday, Oct. 27th, organized by our PAC members and run by many parent volunteers, was such fun! Thanks to all of our volunteers for bringing our community together! We are also very grateful to our dedicated parent volunteers assisting with Hot Lunch. Want to get involved and help out with school activities and programs or are you willing to become a co-chair of the PAC executive? Please reach out to our PAC at brentwoodpac@gmail.com to explore the possibilities.



Save the date for our upcoming winter concert. The concert will take place on Friday, Dec 8th. Half the school will perform at 9:15 and the other divisions will perform at 11:00. Details about what division is in each group is included within the newsletter. Due to school size and gym capacity limits, each child will be limited to one ticket for a family member to attend the concert your child performs in.

We have received some Feeding Futures money from the Ministry to help feed kids who may be hungry while at school. We have some snacks and a basket of apples and oranges at the office if your child is hungry and in need of food. Also, if you have been unable to order PAC sponsored hot lunch due to financial circumstances, and your child would really benefit from receiving a hot lunch weekly, please email me at heather.kimmie@burnabyschools.ca to indicate your child's name and request and we will see what we might be able to help provide. In addition to the Feeding Futures fund, we want to thank families who have donated some extra Munch a Lunch money to help other children have an equal opportunity for hot lunch.

Please read through the newsletter to find out information about the various ways we will be communicating student learning this year. We are excited to share your child's learning with you and welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with you on your child's learning journey.

With care,
Mrs. Heather Kimmie



Follow @brentwoodSD41 on X (formerly known as Twitter) to see highlights of events happening within the Brentwood Park classrooms and school. You can also see the X posts on the Brentwood Park website.

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COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

The redesigned curriculum came into effect in September 2016 and provided an opportunity to rethink the way we assess and report on student progress in British Columbia. Informed by research on effective practices and through years of engagement with parents and educators, the Reporting Policy for K-12 is now in effect. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting>

The **goal** of communicating student learning is to ensure that:

- ⇒ students take part in meaningful conversations that help them develop responsibility and engage deeply with their learning
- ⇒ parents and caregivers are well informed, are involved in decisions and dialogue about their child’s learning, and understand ways to support and further their child’s learning

Throughout the school year there will be three written Learning Updates and two informal Learning Updates, such as parent/teacher conferences, e-mails, portfolio sharing, and/or student-led conferences.

Written Learning Updates will be sent to parents on Dec. 14th, April 4th and June 27th. They are a snapshot of learning and will include:

- the four-point proficiency scale in all subject areas taught (see the chart below)
- descriptive feedback on student engagement, where your child is at with their learning and areas for future growth
- student goal setting and self-assessment of the Core Competencies

Reporting on Achievement: The proficiency scale is a continuum of learning used to indicate a student’s level of performance in relation to prescribed learning standards. Students will receive a proficiency scale for specific curricular competencies and/or content covered within each subject area in all written report cards. **This year there will not be a sliding scale. Students will be assessed using the four indicators on the proficiency scale as seen below. Some *Beginning, Developing* and *Expanding* ELL (English Language Learning) students may not receive proficiency scales in subject areas until their English is at a level that can be evaluated fairly in relation to the learning standards of the curriculum.**

Proficiency Scale				
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

They will still receive written comments on their learning.

This year, all schools in Burnaby are required to use MyEd for writing reports. The report card your child brings home will look a bit different than the template we have used for years. In addition, instead of Reading, Writing and Oral Language as separate subjects, all students will receive an English Language Arts proficiency scale that combines literacy learning in all three areas.

From the Library:

It's Book Fair Time!

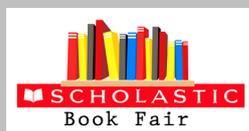
The Scholastic Book Fair is coming ... live and in person! November 27th to December 1st.

Dear Parents and Families: The book fair gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected books and products. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Book Fair, \$6 comes directly back as books to the library.

A flyer will be sent home with students before the fair. Be sure to submit the family door prize ballot from the flyer. This is one of our student’s favorite events, so mark your calendars and plan to visit us (great for seasonal gifts). A reminder: the library is closed for circulation during this week.

Book Fair Hours:

- Monday/Wednesday/Thursday 9:00-4:00
- Tuesday 9:00-4:30
- Friday 9:00-12:00



Students will be given the opportunity to visit and make purchases with their own class time, at lunch and after school. Parents and others can visit anytime during book fair hours. Find out when your child’s class has their own visit planned. Thank you for your support.

PARKING DANGER ZONE

The parking lot off of Beta Ave. is becoming a **DANGER ZONE for students!** Parents are stopping in areas they shouldn't as well as turning around or backing out of the parking lot making this very dangerous for those parents and students who are walking up the driveway. Let's keep our children safe and stop the accident before it happens. Please park on Southlawn or Northlawn to drop your children off or walk them to the school. It is strongly recommended that parents do not park in the driveways of the school or neighbours' properties off the alley in order to prevent congestion and respect our neighbours.

We are very grateful for our volunteer traffic control person, Tama, who will continue to direct traffic in and around the parking lot near the tennis courts. Please be respectful towards Tama by following these recommendations.

In addition, we have had increasing challenges in the staff parking lot near the preschool and the new lot by the portables. Please do not enter these lots at all. Remember, Alliance Church has offered the use of their large parking lot located behind the church for parents. You can park there and easily walk across Delta Avenue to drop off or pick up your children.

Better yet, please walk to school if at all possible. We really appreciate all of our parents who have been following the expectations keeping our lots accessible for staff and keeping our children safe!

BRENTWOOD PARK'S PEER MEDIATOR PROGRAM IS BACK!

Our Peer Mediation Service looks a bit different this year as we give a new model a test run! This year, Divisions 1-6 are taking on this role for approximately 6 week time slots. Our first Peer Mediators were from Division 6 and everyone in Mrs. Gil/Mrs. Davis' class had the opportunity to help supervise primary students outside over the lunch break. Thank you Division 6 for your dedication to this role and for being such great problem solvers and helpers to our younger BP community members! Your help is so appreciated!

Starting November 1, volunteers from Division 1 are going to be the next group of Peer Mediators. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to help out in this way!

CROSS COUNTRY

We would like to congratulate all students that participated in cross country this year. We had 26 athletes come out to run at Burnaby Lake over 4 different meets, all showing great team spirit and making Brentwood proud. Thank you to all parents who showed up at 3pm to drive our athletes to our meets and early morning practices, we could not have done this without you. Thank you.

Mrs. Fong and Mrs. Zucchetto

PHOTO RETAKES



Photo retakes will be the morning of Thursday, November 9th. This time is for absent and new students, and for those who wish to have a **RETAKE** opportunity.

TERRY FOX



In October, we worked hard to raise money to support the Terry Fox Organization. In total, our school raised **\$1,424!** Thank you all for supporting this great cause! Also, a big "thank you" to the parent volunteers who came to help us out on the day of our run. We are grateful for your support

WINTER CONCERT

This year's Winter Concert will take place on Friday, December 8th in the gym:

- **Group A at 9:15am:** Div. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26 AND Grade 7 band
- **Group B at 11:00am:** Div. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 AND Grade 7 band

There will be a limit of **1 ticket per child for each concert.** Each person will be required to have a ticket. Please make alternate arrangements for young children or you must hold on your lap as seating is limited. A **\$2** donation per ticket is suggested. Proceeds from the Christmas Concerts will go towards our Fine Arts Programs.

LEADERSHIP



This year's leadership team has voted to support BC Children's Hospital in its fundraising efforts this year. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers! We are also promoting monthly spirit days in our school.

The first one is "Backwards Day" on November 22. For this spirit day, both staff and students are invited to wear their clothes on backwards! We look forward to seeing our school community show their school spirit to get involved in these spirit days and fundraisers!

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch days are on **Tuesdays** and alternate **Thursdays**. On the school website, click >Parents then >Hot lunch. Sign up with Munch-a-lunch to get started (or to update your info). If you have questions or would like to help out, please send us an email at bphotolunch@gmail.com

EXTENDED ABSENCES

If your child will miss school for vacation beyond a week, you must complete an "Extended Absence" form available from the main office.

Students who are absent for more than one month may risk losing their space. The school may withdraw your child if the space is required for a new student.

Please plan extended vacations during school holidays.

PRIDE CLUB

At pride club, we make sure everyone feels safe and accepted. When you come into the space, you can have a fun time and express yourself freely. Pride Club has so many activities such as board games, arts and crafts, music, dancing, books and so much more!

~ written by two members of Pride Club



PAC CORNER

Hello Brentwood Park Families!

Thankyou for joining us for the annual Pumpkin Patch event. It was amazing to see our school community come together like that. A huge shout out to **Suzy Pruss & Krista Ichiki** for all their efforts in putting this event together and a big round of applause to all the volunteers, kids, parents, and our fantastic staff who all played a vital role in making our first event of the school year a smashing success!



Thanks to all our wonderful Volunteers : **Olivia Samiec, Hanny Dickson, Michelle Johnson, Ying Xu, Ophelia Chung, Vesna Drole, Pauline Rilcof, Typhanie Dagenai, Travis Hansen, Patricia Swamy, Pamela Dodd, Sabna Mohamed, Tanu Gupta, Lani Krantz, Veronica Jacobson, Milica Hansen, Ai Li, David Kang, Shinoo Singh, Isabelle Tan and Kate McMahon** for lending a hand at everything right from set-up, decor, running the snack table, lending us the tents and after event clean-up. This would not have been possible without your help!

Past and Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Apple Fundraiser** : Thanks to all the families who participated and to Suzy, Rowena, Krista, & Valentyna for running the event.
- **Family Photo Night**: We are thrilled to be hosting a **family photo night** just before the holiday season at Brentwood Park on **November 21st**. Sign-up details to follow.
- **Spiritwear**: We will be launching the next round of Spiritwear in the upcoming weeks. Look out for an email with more details and ordering info.

If you'd like to **sign up to volunteer** to help with a future PAC event, You can click the link [HERE](#)

If you have any questions about fundraising or getting involved, please send us an email on brentwoodpac@gmail.com, we would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Your Brentwood PAC - **Krista, Suzy, Prachi, Kate, Valentyna, Erika, Rowena & Lisa**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BURNABY CHRISTMAS BUREAU
Applicant Registration Information
Wednesday, November 1 – Saturday, December 9, 2023



LOCATION:

The Amazing Brentwood (Brentwood Town Centre Mall)
4567 Lougheed Hwy, Old Sears Store location, Main mall level, next to Children's Play Area

Arrival by Skytrain – walk through food court, go down to Main Level

Arrival by Car – street parking or parking lots at Save on Foods or Solo Whole Foods (fee);
enter off Beta Avenue from Lougheed, park on top level, elevator/ stairs to Main Level

TIMES: Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm; Saturday, 10am – 3pm.

Please note, we close for lunch from 12:30-1pm.

(Note: we are CLOSED on Sundays and on Statutory Holiday of Monday, Nov 13th)

Qualifying families will receive new toys for their children and food gift cards.

To qualify, applicants are families who:

- Live in Burnaby
- Have children from newborn to 16 years old
- Are working families with low income, or families receiving Income Assistance

Proof of Income will be required:

- Working Families **must** have a **Proof of Income Statement (C-Print)** for EACH adult - To obtain one, please call: 1.800.959.8281, press * to speak to an operator, or for an automated service, call 1.800.267.6999. You can also access your Proof of Income Statement online at: CRA My Account > My Account for Individuals > Sign In > Tax Returns > Proof of Income Statement (this is the C-Print doc)
- If you are on Income Assistance (Welfare), you need to request a **Release of Information** from your Ministry Office. This will replace the C-Print.

You will also be required to bring:

- Identification for each child (e.g. BC Services Card/Care Card, birth certificate, child tax benefit statement, passport, Permanent Resident card)
- Proof of **current address** (e.g. bills from Fortis, Hydro, internet or phone provider, or current residential tenancy agreement)

* We will have **health & safety protocols** in place during Christmas Bureau registration and toy pick-up. We will follow guidelines set out by BC Ministry of Health.

* *We request that only 1 family member per household enter our Christmas Bureau location to both register and pick-up gifts. Please arrange for child care early.*

We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, please call Marney @ (604) 292-3900.