

Information for Families of Elementary Students

Included in this newsletter is District information as well as community announcements. These are listed as a community service only. It does not indicate endorsement by the school district and parents are responsible for checking references.

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>MACC PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING

MACC is an interdisciplinary, inquiry based program for highly able learners seeking heightened cognitive and creative challenge in an inclusive and supportive community of intellectual peers. MACC is responsive to the needs of high-ability learners whose cognitive, personal and social skills may be developing at varying rates.

Grades 4/5 & Grade 6/7 at Capitol Hill Elementary and Suncrest Elementary

Learn More at an Information Session:

Tuesday October 10th, 7pm, Burnaby Central Secondary (Room A206)

MACC applications available online from Oct 12 - Nov 17

>BETA MINI SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

A specialized program for Highly Able Learners entering grade 8, the BETA Mini-School is offered at Alpha Secondary. It is designed to challenge and support students who have demonstrated high potential, talent and ability. In an inclusive environment of intellectual peers, students participate in rigorous, complex, creative, cognitive challenges. This differentiated program offers an exciting and engaging learning environment designed to support students of high ability to reach their intellectual, personal and social potential.

Learn More at an Information Session:

Wednesday October 11th, 7pm, Burnaby Central Secondary (Room A206)

BETA Mini School applications available online from Oct 12 - Nov 17

>WALK FOR RECONCILIATION – Join us!

The Walk for Reconciliation is an opportunity to share in the story and history of our country as we continue to move forward with reconciliation as a community. The school district is registered as a team to participate in the 2 km walk that's taking place on **Sunday, September 24**. We encourage members of our community – students, parents and staff – to join us and walk in the spirit of reconciliation. Sign up [HERE](#). Further information can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

>BURNABY COMMUNITY & CONTINUING EDUCATION - Come Learn with us!

Burnaby offers one of the largest school district run Continuing Education programs in the province. It supports the educational needs of a variety of adult learners including those wishing to learn English, complete their high school graduation or train for a career, and those interested in learning something new.

Courses are offered during the day, evening and weekends. Our adult students represent almost every walk of life and every ethnic group in Burnaby's cultural mosaic. And so does our flexible network of instructors. Come Learn With Us Today! Check out our Fall/Winter offerings [CLICK HERE](#)

>STRONGSTART BC EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Our Strongstart BC Centres are open for business once again, providing parents and caregivers an opportunity to share in their 0 to 5 year olds early learning experience and growing together through PLAY. They are open Monday to Friday from 9am to Noon. There is no cost to attend a StrongStart Centre and it is offered as a drop-in program. [LEARN MORE](#)

>KIDS RIDE THE BUS FOR FREE DURING I LOVE TRANSIT WEEK- OCT 2-6, 2017

Since 2009, TransLink has hosted I Love Transit Week as a chance to celebrate our riders and to remind the region about the benefits of taking transit. This year we're pleased to offer free bus service to elementary and high school students on TransLink buses during the week of October 2-6, 2017. Enjoy a free ride!

>CELEBRATE BURNABY 125!

On September 22, the City of Burnaby turns 125 years old. To celebrate, the City is hosting a weekend of fun with family-friendly activities throughout the community. A dance with DJ., outdoor barbecue, live entertainment, face painting, crafts, games and of course birthday cake, are all part of the fun! And to top it off, drop-in sessions for only \$1.25 all weekend! [LEARN MORE](#)

>BURNABY FALL LEISURE GUIDE

The Burnaby Fall Leisure Guide is your best source for learning about what's happening at your neighbourhood community centre. Lots of choices! To learn more click [CLICK HERE](#)

>FRASER HEALTH RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

- Check out the new school health website with information on keeping your child happy and healthy, including sections on mental health, learning disabilities, behavioural disorders, staying safe at school, and more. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Do you have questions about immunizations? [LEARN MORE](#)
- As we head into flu season, a new resource [Parents' Guide to Using the Emergency Room Wisely](#) can help worried parents make good decisions about caring for their child's health.

>WESBURN SOCCER

Burnaby's longest running soccer club has proudly served generations of soccer players. Our mission is to provide the most dynamic soccer training through high level coaching in a fun and safe environment. Young players are positively encouraged to strive for individual growth and excellence through focus and hard work. Come experience the difference and join Wesburn FC! [LEARN MORE](#)

>BURNABY GIRLS SOCCER CLUB

This club is Burnaby's only all girls soccer club for girls. We look forward to welcoming your "girl" to one of our teams. The U5 to U12 (2013 to 2006 born) season runs September to Spring Break. [LEARN MORE](#)

>SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB – Register now for the 2017/18 Soccer Season!

- Soccer fun and team building
- Professional technical development
- Long term player development
- Club hosted tournaments

SBMC has been dedicated to youth soccer in Burnaby for 65 years and provides excellent training for boys and girls from 5 to 18 years. [LEARN MORE](#)

>BALLAHOLICS BASKETBALL

Balloholics provide classes for students in a fun environment from 5 years old to grade 9 in a year round program. Our coaches are trained and students learn the FUNdamentals of basketball in a modified games format. Classes are located throughout Burnaby in elementary and secondary schools. The program is designed to follow the LTAD model for sport in Canada. [LEARN MORE](#)

>THUNDERBIRDS CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD AT SWANGARD

The Vancouver Thunderbirds Track & Field Club is pleased to announce our Junior Development program expansion to the BRAND NEW, RESURFACED TRACK FACILITY at Swangard Stadium. Thunderbirds Club membership offers year round opportunities for athletes aged 9-13 in a fun, supportive, and motivating environment with guaranteed low athlete-coach ratios, and a focus on FUN-damental skill development across all event disciplines. [LEARN MORE](#)

Cross Country: Begins Sept 11 Mon & Wed 5:30 - 7pm Sat 12 - 1:30pm

Track and Field: Begins late Jan to end of Jul / Tues, Wed, & Fri 6 - 7:30pm

>LOVE THE WATER? TRY WATER POLO

Do you enjoy swimming? Team sports? Try water polo! It's a great way to develop your water skills and it is a lot of fun too! Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for boys and girls beginners (6-13 years). The program runs from September to April. Practices at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, on Saturdays from 3 - 5pm. Games are played on Sundays.

Try it at a free introductory clinic, any Saturday, Sept 16 to Oct 14. [LEARN MORE](#)

>VIVO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Now accepting registration for the 2017-2018 season! [LEARN MORE](#)

- ◇ Non-auditioned community choir
- ◇ Based in New Westminster
- ◇ Children in grades 2 and up
- ◇ Rehearses Wednesday afternoons
- ◇ 3 professional directors
- ◇ High quality music education

>SEEKING FOSTER PARENTS

Do you know anyone living in Burnaby, New Westminster, the Tri-Cities or Ridge-Meadows who is interested in becoming a Foster Parent? If so, ask them to attend a Foster Parent Information Session. For more info call 604-764-8098 or [LEARN MORE](#)

WHEN: 1st Tuesday of every month

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

WHERE: Ministry of Children & Family Development, #200-906 Roderick Ave., Coquitlam

>SEEKING CHILD CARE?

BC Child Care Resource & Referral programs offer quality child care and community referrals, resources and support to child care providers and families in every community across the Province of British Columbia. To find a program that can support you,

[CLICK HERE](#) You can also look to a database that Fraser Health maintains. [CLICK HERE](#)

>IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP – Burnaby Family Life

Are you feeling sad and missing your relatives? Feeling lost in Canadian society? Come and meet other immigrant woman and learn about your community, education, employment, healthcare etc. while sharing your stories in a safe and supportive environment. Practice English and meet new friends. Free childcare and snacks available. Register at 604.659.2205. (10 sessions, by donation)

Fridays, starting, September 29 from 9:30 – 11:30am

Pioneer Community Resource Centre, 4535 Kingsway

Wednesdays, starting, October 4 from 12:30 – 2:30pm

Armstrong Elementary School, 8757 Armstrong Avenue

To learn more about programs offered through Burnaby Family Life [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: *The District SWIS Program offers a support group for Syrian refugee women at Lochdale Community School on Thursdays, from 12:45 – 2:30pm (Register at 604-760-9513) and will be offering one at Edmonds Community School (please contact the school at 604-296-9012 for details).*

>MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY COOKING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Cook recipes from different cultures and take home what you've cooked. No cost, but participants may be required to bring some ingredients. Everyone welcome!

Ukrainian perogies, Sat, Sept 30, 2 – 5 pm

Indian, Nov 3, 10am – 1pm

Thai, Mon, Oct 16, 10am – 1pm

Mexican, Sun, Nov 19, 3 – 6pm

Location: 1410 Delta Ave, Burnaby

Register: Call 778-903-4993 or email angela@lovescookingandbaking.ca

Facilitator: Angela Love, is a Food Safe Certified Cooking Coach in Burnaby. She has been cooking and learning in the kitchen for over 20 years.

Please Note: *If you are a non-profit organization and would like to be considered for inclusion on the community page of the [District website](#), email communications@sd41.bc.ca.*