

FEBRUARY 2018

At Cameron Elementary School, where everyone is respected, we believe in taking responsibility for our actions, being diligent in our learning, caring for each other and having fun together.



Kindergarten and New Student Registration

Kindergarten and new student registration begins on February 1, 2018. We **highly recommend that parents register in February** in order to guarantee a space at Cameron, as the Burnaby School District uses enrolment numbers from March to plan for the number of classes and staff for the following school year. Please visit our website <http://cameron.sd41.bc.ca/> for more information.

Cross District and Language Programs

Please remember that if you live in our catchment area, you must register at Cameron School before applying to any other programs or schools. This will ensure that we hold a spot for your children in the event that they do not get accepted into their preferred program/school.



Please note that applications for French Immersion and Cross District are taken from Feb. 1 – 28. Any applications received after the 28th are late and will not be considered until all other applications have been completed, regardless of which category you are in.



Preparing for September

If you know that you will be leaving the school at the end of this school year, please contact the office by emailing the secretary at Janice.Brown@sd41.bc.ca or calling 604-296-9005. If you know of students who will be registering, please encourage them to register between Feb 1-28.

Cameron's Me-to-We club is pleased to announce the promotion of Anti-Bullying and Friendship for the month of February. Students will be organizing a **Dance and Rafiki Bracelet Sale** on Friendship Day: **Wednesday, February 14th**, and an **Assembly for Pink Shirt Day**, in recognition of Anti-Bullying, on **Wednesday, February 28th**. A reminder to all Cameron students to wear **pink shirts** on Wednesday, February 28th!



What are our kids up to online?

Over the next little while I will take some time to highlight some information for parents about children and social media.

Keeping up with the latest trends in social media is a bit like keeping up with the latest slang and fashion. It's constantly changing. It wasn't THAT long ago that Facebook was popular amongst school-aged children – now they are leaving it for other platforms like Snapchat.

And it appears to be mostly happening on cellphones. There are a number of articles (links listed below) that talk about how prevalent cell phones are amongst school-age children and the trend is upwards. According to a [MediaSmarts](#) Survey from 2013 (which suggests the numbers may be higher now) the following chart indicates on average how many students have or own cellphones:

Grade	Percent Who Have a Cell-phone
Grade 4	24%
Grade 5	31%
Grade 6	38%
Grade 7	52%
Grade 8	68%
Grade 9	83%
Grade 10	87%
Grade 11	85%



The relative anonymity that cell phones can provide users can sometimes serve to bolster someone's courage to say things online that they might not otherwise say in a face-to-face situation. In an environment where users (ie children) are still figuring out appropriate social interactions...adding this new and complex element can create some very troubling situations.

In a future article, I'll discuss "cyberbullying" in greater detail. In the meantime, what can you do to support your children?

- Learn as much as you can about the technology;
- Talk to your child about cyberbullying;
- Learn about what your child does online. Do you know which social media apps your child belongs to?
- Set ground rules for your child's online activity;
- Teach your child safe online behaviour;
- Teach your child how to respond to cyberbullying;
- Be available to help your child.

Here are a few resources to check out:

MediaSmarts: <http://mediasmarts.ca/>

Get CyberSafe (RCMP): <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/cnt/cbrblng/prnts/prvnt-cbrblng-en.aspx>

Bullying and Cyberbullying (RCMP): <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cycp-cpcj/bull-inti/index-eng.htm>



Books, Puzzles and Toys

If you are cleaning out your children's rooms and find unwanted books, puzzles and toys that teachers could use in their classrooms, please consider donating them. We welcome all age appropriate items in good condition. Thank you for your support!



Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

www.cameronpac.ca

Every parent and guardian of a Cameron student is a member of the Cameron PAC.

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WHAT IS THE PAC?

PAC stands for *Parent Advisory Council*. The PAC represents parents and guardians and provides input to the school and the district about any aspect of education. The PAC encourages parent involvement in the school and provides a forum for discussion of issues related to education.

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For translated information see www.cameronpac.ca/about.

UPCOMING

Emergency Supplies: We are still looking to replace expired Emergency Supplies. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Maryam at mahdavianmaryam@yahoo.ca if you have any questions.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser: Thank you for all your support with our yearly Chocolate fundraiser. Chocolates will be sent home on February 1st and all the money, and unsold chocolates are due on February 15th.

Spin the Wheel: Stay tuned for our next "Spin the Wheel" event at Save On Foods. Families can spin to win More Rewards points while our school receives funds for future events such as the Welcome Back BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, and Sports Day.

PAC Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th (7:00-9:00 pm, School Staff Room)

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING

Our great events and contributions to Cameron are coordinated by parents on behalf of the school community. At the moment we have a small group of 7 parents organizing all PAC events—we will not be able to continue organizing events like the BBQ and Multicultural Dinner without more help. Please consider attending our monthly meetings to provide your input, joining a committee to assist with event and fundraising planning, or taking on an executive position. To find out more about getting involved, email cameronvolunteers@hotmail.com.

CONTACT THE PAC

Contact us through the contact form at www.cameronpac.ca, or leave a message for us at the school office. We can address any questions or concerns you have about the PAC or the school.

The PAC hosts social events for the school community; raises funds to purchase tech, sports, and music equipment; and supports both families and the school in many other ways.

Healthy Kids Fair

(Newborn to 5 years)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

9:30-11:30am

Cameron Recreation Complex

Free admission!

Children need to be accompanied by an adult.
All adults need to be accompanied by a child.

Learn

- » Chat with community health professionals
- » Learn more about child development, mental health, nutrition and wellness
- » Explore, play and learn about how to keep our kids healthy
- » Enjoy displays, face painting, art and music stations, preschool room, snack room and more

Play

- » Experience preschool art, music and parent & child dance activities
- » Try our Imagination Playground in the gym
- » Visit a preschool class
- » Meet other families

For more information please call 604-297-4453

Stamp your preschool passport to healthy fun! Venture both upstairs and down, gather resources, play and learn about how to keep our kids healthy.



Cameron Recreation Complex
9523 Cameron Street
(across from Lougheed Mall)



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Burnaby has everything you need for Spring Break!

Our camps have an excellent reputation, and our program leaders are chosen for their valuable experience, abilities and dedication. Leaders are trained in first aid, accident prevention and emergency procedures. Your child's safety is our priority. We are committed to ensuring a safe and fun experiences for your child.

For more information on the City of Burnaby's Spring Break Camps, visit www.burnaby.ca/camps



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