

JANUARY 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.



SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 8:50am

Principal's Message

I can't believe how quickly the time has flown by. It seems like yesterday that I was entering this building for the first time and now the holiday season is upon us. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me to the school and helping me to get to know this community better. I sincerely wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season – I hope everyone is able to spend some quality time with friends and family.



Pancake Breakfast

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers for making the pancake breakfast such a huge success. A special shout out to our local Burnaby Firefighters for doing all the cooking!!





Next PAC Meeting:

Tuesday, January 9th from 7-9pm in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our Me-to-We Fundraising crew for their successful Bake Sale and Rafiki Bracelet Sales during the last week leading to Winter Break! The students are raising money for children in need of a proper Education in Kenya, and they plan to hold more fundraisers in the New Year. Thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at our fundraising events in 2018!



Lost & Found



Please take the time to look through the items in our Lost & Found bin—you might be surprised to find your child's items. All items that go unclaimed will be donated.





WEATHER RELATED CLOSURES: If schools are closed for instruction due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations by 7 am on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

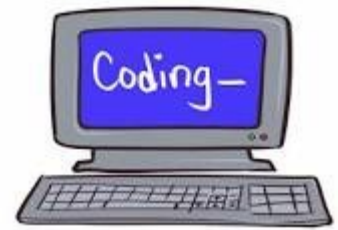
In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website www.burnabyschools.ca and Twitter @burnabyschools.

Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations. **LEARN MORE** at www.sd41.bc.ca/winter-weather-procedures/



A big thank you to the following students who helped us out with the Hour of Coding:

Div 2: Sonia; Div 3: Kirill, Carina, Ava, Dana, Khalid, Gavin, Parsa; Div 5: Antonio, Noah.



We are unable to reliably send out emails to Hotmail accounts. Therefore, if you have given the school an email address that ends in @Hotmail.com please create a new email address such as @gmail.com, @yahoo.com, etc. and inform the school so we can update our records. You may email the secretary at Janice.Brown@sd41.bc.ca with your new email address. It's very important to have an email address that works as it is a vital means of communicating important information.



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!





Bravo on a Great Show!

The students & staff worked hard on our collaborative extra curricular Winter concert. Each classroom teacher chose and prepared their act with their students while Mr. Autio and Mr. Wenzek have prepared the intermediate choir and grade 7 band, respectively. The result of our weeks of hard work were two performances we can all be proud of.

This year we have come full circle from a snowy winter last winter, to a hot summer, and now back to our usual wet, foggy, and instantly snowy winter again. This year we also celebrated Canada's 150th anniversary and throughout the year we reflected on what it means to be Canadian. At Cameron Elementary we see a great diversity that is a microcosm of Canadian culture. We celebrate our diversity of cultures, genders, and personalities every day. So, our inspiration for the concert was threefold: Canada, diversity, and winter. This concert featured a collection of performing arts that encompass each class' diverse selves and their teachers. Our show culminated with a grand finale of the Cameron song, composed by our own Mr. Enrico Renz, as well as a medley of five Christmas songs the whole audience sang along with.

Thank you for supporting this year's Winter Concert and your child's education!

"To remember in the moment of friendship, love, and joy, that music made together may one day heal the world" (*Harmonia Mundi*)

Jake Autio, Musician Educator





Where's my child's Letter Grade?

You may be wondering why there is no letter grade for music in your child's report card. As British Columbia has undergone a significant change in their education system (a new curriculum), all aspects of instruction and communicating student learning have been under review. We are testing a new way to communicate your child's progress to help reflect these changes. We will compare your child's progress each term to this baseline. In the final term your child will receive a letter grade as a reflection of their ***growth over time***.



The curriculum is now based on three Core Competencies: **Communication, Thinking, and Personal-Social** interactions. These are what the government, employers, and universities have indicated what is needed for today's fast- changing world. Different processes and content we teach and learn at school all stem from these three competencies.

This report will outline what and where your child is in **their own learning process**. The content they learn supports where *they are as individuals* in this learning process. Each subsequent report will reflect on the learning from the previous term and **self-determined goals** will be set by students to achieve from term to term. If you have any questions please email al.post@sd41.bc.ca and ja-cob.autio@sd41.bc.ca and to set up an appointment with Mr. Post and Mr. Autio.

Registration and Cross District/Out of District Transfer Applications for 2018-2019 School Year

If your child will be five years of age by December 31st, 2018, he or she can begin Kindergarten in September 2018. If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten this fall, and live in our catchment, please plan to come to our school office during office hours (8am-3pm) to enroll. Registration begins February 1st. There's no need to rush in on February 1st as registration is ongoing throughout the month.



Anyone who wishes to apply to attend a school other than their catchment school must register at their catchment school and fill out a "Cross District Transfer" form or an "Out of District Transfer Form" during the month of February. **February 28 is the deadline for applications.**

Language applications are also **due by February 28.**

For more information, please check out our website: [CLICK HERE](#)

LOVE THE WATER? CHECK OUT WATER POLO! www.burnabywaterpolo.com

Do you enjoy swimming? Do you like team sports? Try water polo! It's a great way to develop your water skills and it's a lot of fun as well!

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our Winter program runs from January to April. Practices and games are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays 3-5PM and Sundays 8-10AM.

Not sure if you'd like it? Come give the game a try. Boys and girls are invited to join us for one of our free introductory water polo clinics on Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20 or 27, 2018, 3-4PM, at Bonsor Pool. Please call to reserve a spot as space is limited.

Contact Zoran at 778-328-2657 or email us at burnabywaterpolo@gmail.com for more info.

BOX LACROSSE

Lacrosse season runs March to July

CANADA'S NATIONAL SUMMER SPORT



For more information contact:

Club Registrar: Susan Kirkby 604-312-6181

Email is preferred registrarbmlc@gmail.com

DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about writing a story or poem for this year's **WORDS WRITING PROJECT.**

It might be chosen to be printed in the 2017/18 WORDS Anthology!

Submit your written work to your teacher by February 15, 2018



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information for Families of Elementary Students - Dec 2017

As we wind down this year, there is much to look forward to in 2018! We've put together a newsletter of some important District information and some unique community opportunities too!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view this newsletter - topics listed below.

District News

- > French Immersion Program Info Evening
- > Secondary School Open Houses
- > WORDS Writing Project
- > Burnaby Community & Continuing Education

Sports/Activities

- > Try Girls Ice Hockey
- > Intro to Box Lacrosse & Regular Season Registration
- > Thunderbirds Cross Country/Track & Field
- > Try Water Polo
- > Chess2Inspire Junior Championship Tournament 2018

Other Community Resources

- > Transit Service Changes
- > Child care Resources
- > Seeking Foster Parents

For additional community resources, please check out the community page on the District website. [CLICK HERE](#)

Balloholics Youth Basketball

Balloholics provides 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.

Registration for the Winter Session of Balloholics youth basketball has begun. We look forward to the many new faces we see have registered so far. Please check the website for further details and to register: <http://www.balloholic.com/programs/winter-session/> or email [in-fo@balloholic.com](mailto:info@balloholic.com)