

Cameron Elementary School: safe, respectful, supportive and compassionate

March 2026 Newsletter

<https://cameron.burnabyschools.ca>

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Cameron Community,

February marked the halfway point of our school year. At our last assembly, we shared the mid-year slideshow, which highlighted the many wonderful learning opportunities our students have already experienced. Throughout February, our school also engaged in activities focused on kindness and acceptance, many of which were led by our student leadership group. Pink Shirt Day served as an important reminder for all of us to reflect on our daily habits, consider how we treat one another, and strive to embrace and celebrate each other's uniqueness.

With the sunny days we've enjoyed recently, the sound of birds returning, and new buds appearing on the trees, it truly feels like we are turning toward brighter days. We hope your family has a restful and rejuvenating spring break. We also encourage you to take some time to look over the second formal report with your child and celebrate their growth and achievements this term. We are incredibly proud of our students and all they have accomplished.

As noted in previous emails, parents will now access report cards online through their MyED accounts, under the **Published Reports** section. Please remember to download and save or print your copies, as only the current year's reports will remain accessible. In April, we will have another opportunity to celebrate student learning during our Student-Led Conferences, taking place on **Wednesday, April 22nd**.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break. The first day back will be **Monday, March 30th**. On behalf of the entire Cameron staff, thank you for your continued partnership and support in your child's learning journey.

Take care,
Michael Nielsen
Vice-Principal



BASKETBALL

Cameron students represented us very well once again this year with skills, spirit, and sportsmanship finishing the season with great results at their playdays.

A big thank you to coaches, Ms. Wyatt, Ms. Cameron, and Mr. D' Agnolo!



FEBRUARY

The Cameron community celebrated our families in February. Classroom lessons, displays, an assembly and a community walk are some of the ways we shared how much we love our families. Students had the opportunity to learn about the many different types of families we have here at Cameron school.



After our celebration of family diversity assembly, we went on a community walk.



LITERACY WEEK



Cameron celebrated the importance of literacy with many activities in the week of January 26-30. Reading is always encouraged every day at home as it is one of the best ways to continue to grow as a learner. Our week finished with an assembly including our teacher's annual 'Reader's Theatre' performance.



SHOEBOX PROJECT

For the third year, as part of our Kindness Campaign, Cameron Student Leadership organized a collection of shoeboxes for a local Women's Shelter. We are so proud to say that 67 shoe boxes were delivered! What an amazing way to show members of our community that you care about them in their time of need. Thank you so much to all the teachers, students and their families for making this amazing campaign such a success! Your generosity and kindness will make a difference in the lives of women in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you to Ms. Larsen for her leadership in organizing this important campaign.



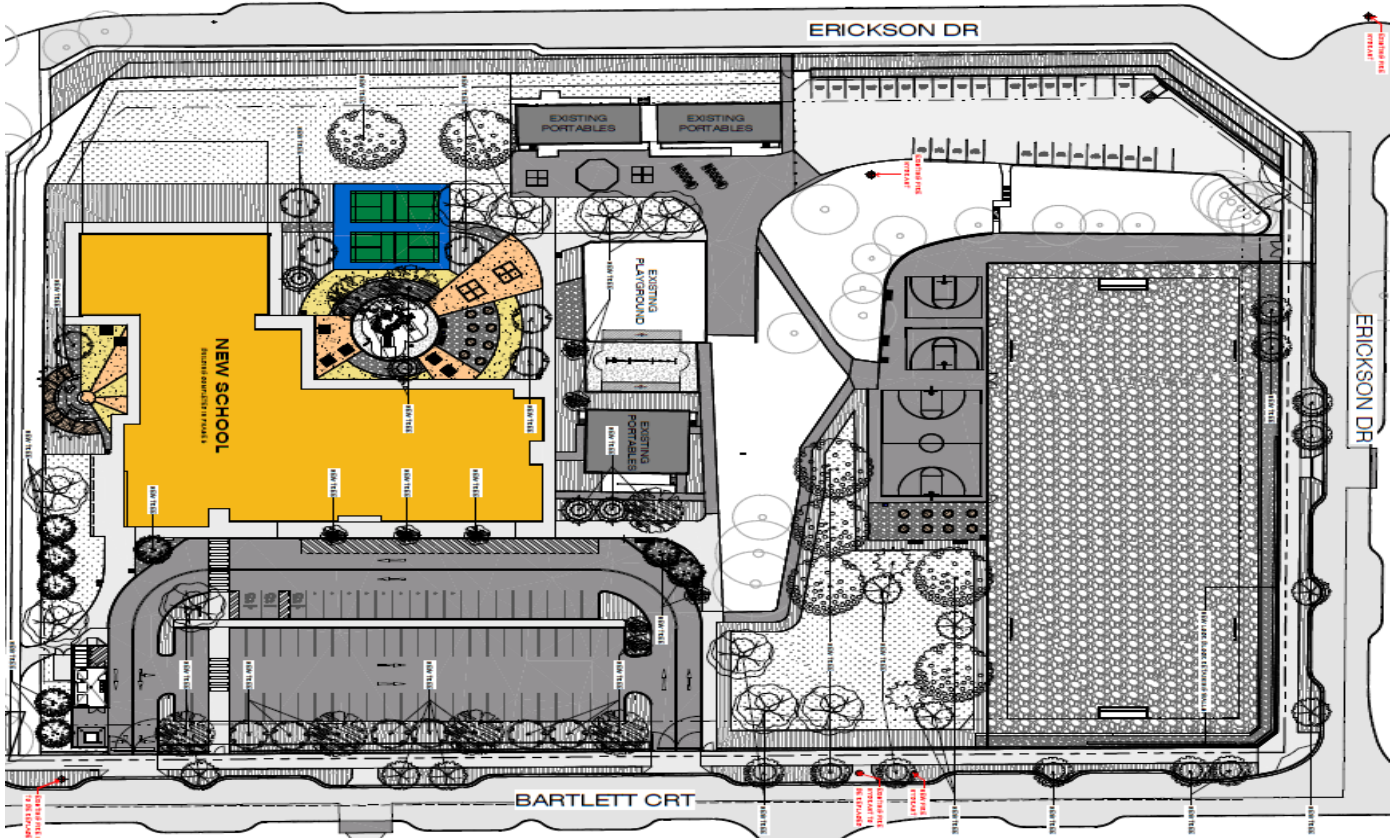
DRUMMING

We started the new year off with Drumming Workshops for all our students led by a professional drummer, Jordan Hanson. We had workshops the first week back in January and also finished the week with a performance by Jordan for the whole school. Jordan Hanson studied music in West Africa, Cuba, and Brazil. Currently Jordan teaches at the School of Music at the University of Victoria, but he has taught programs from coast to coast and been the subject of over 50 national and international radio and television features.

Thank you to our PAC who helped partially cover this experience at our school!



Cameron Elementary - Construction Design Photos



Cameron Elementary - Construction

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the recent conversation about our new school build. There were many excellent questions and thoughtful points raised, and we truly appreciate the strong engagement from our community.

We have recently learned that construction is now more likely to begin mid May of this year. The project is currently out for tender, and the building permit is in its final stage of completion.

We are excited about what the new building will offer our students and families, including:

- **State-of-the-art heating and cooling systems**
- **A new all-weather field located on the current school site**
- **New basketball courts and an additional sports court**
- **A new playground**
- **Washrooms accessible directly from the playground space**
- **Multiple breakout spaces throughout the school**
- **A multi-purpose room**
- **An Indigenous Learning Hub connected to an outdoor learning space**
- **Approximately 80 parking stalls to support future growth**
- **Separate washrooms located in early primary classrooms**
- **Two full before/after school child care spaces**

Following Spring Break, staff will begin working on a recess and lunch plan to ensure students continue to have ample opportunities for play in appropriate spaces during construction. This may include occasional use of a local park or community facility.

We are also reviewing our bell schedule to ensure alignment with next year's school calendar while supporting appropriate break times for students.

Unfortunately, Cameron will not be a summer school site this year due to the upcoming construction. An alternate site is currently being explored. We are also actively working with Stoney Creek to expand some of their community programs in order to increase access and space for Cameron families.

Thank you again for your continued support and involvement as we move forward with this exciting project.

Sean Gaster

Messages from the PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

Dear Cameron Community,

Your PAC was pleased to recently host our second movie night of the year, which was a great success thanks to your support. Through our fundraising efforts, we helped keep drumming workshop costs low for families, purchased mini whiteboards for each class and purchased additional playground equipment for each classroom.

Coming up, watch for our Neufeld Farms fundraiser, Garden Works gift card sale, monthly Treat Days and our year-end BBQ – more details soon.

Finally, we would like to hear from you. In the coming weeks, you will receive a SURVEY, and we sincerely encourage you to take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback will help guide how we operate, how we communicate, the types of fundraisers we offer, and how funds are allocated to best support our school community.

Thank you for your continued support !

Chair - Rami Touffaha

Vice Chair - Jesse Corrigan

Secretary - **VACANT**

Treasurer - Ramin Marghi

Social Coordinator - **VACANT**

DPAC Liaison - **VACANT**

Emergency Preparedness - Nargis Andish

Special Projects Coordinator - **VACANT**

Communication Coordinator - Tina Sun & Ginnelle Sussums

Fundraising Coordinator - Leanne Bentley

Members-At-Large - Leila Marghi, Melissa Wilson, Stefanie Touffaha



Many of these roles can be supported REMOTELY, with periodic in-person events. Reach out with questions to Cameronchair.pac@gmail.com. We will strive to answer in a timely manner.

Future Meeting Dates:

April 16

May 21 (AGM)

June 18 (Year End)

Our Next PAC Meeting:

(All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!)

Thursday, April 16 , 2026 @ 7:00 pm in the school library

-----*Keep in touch*-----

If you'd like to contact us, please send us an email at

cameronvolunteer.pac@gmail.com

Messages from the PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

REMINDER: Ongoing Fundraisers

The Cameron Community can help raise funds by participating in the campaigns that are on-going:

Loveable Labels

The best-selling laundry safe labels are available, and 20% of all sales is donated to Cameron PAC! Click [here](#) to access the site and place orders!

Cobs Bread

Mention *Cameron Elementary* when purchasing items and a portion of your purchase will go towards our school!

Express Return-It Depot

Return-It has changed their program for donations to schools. If one would like to contribute to the school, amounts from a personal Return-It account be selected online for donation to “**Cameron School**”.

Nellie’s Cleaning Supplies

Based in North Vancouver, Nellies Cleaning Supplies are a simple, planet friendly way to clean. 20% of all sales will go to our school! Click [here](#) to order

Pedal Heads Spring and Summer Fundraiser 2026

Use code: CAMERON26 to get \$25 off for you and earn \$25 for Cameron PAC! Valid on Spring or Summer Bike, Swim & Soccer camps. Spring Registration opened January 20th. Summer Registration opens April 7th!

TCBY Treat Days

Afterschool Treats delivered right to your child’s classroom! Order frozen yogurt or sorbet for TCBY treat days on [Munchalunch.com](#) (happening monthly).



7825 Edmonds Street, Burnaby
Open 10 am - 5 pm daily

We are a Burnaby based non-profit society. To date we have donated nearly \$900,000 to Burnaby public schools. We fund out-of-school and after-school programs for kids, youth and families, who could not otherwise afford such programming.
Come see what we have in store - drop off any donations and stay to shop!

School Schedule

School starts each day with a warning bell at 8:55am. Students should arrive as close to our starting time as possible to this time as we are unable to provide supervision before or after school.

Please be sure to make arrangements for your child for before and after school supervision.

Morning	8:55am	Classes begin.
	10:15am	Recess break begins.
	10:30am	Recess break ends.
	11:55am	Lunch break begins.
Afternoon	12:05pm	Students may go outside
	12:40pm	Classes begin for the afternoon.
	2:48pm	Students dismissed to go home.



Absences and Lates

Please contact the school before 8:45am whenever your child is absent from school or will be arriving late, preferably by email to Cameron.Info@burnabyschools.ca, otherwise by phone 604-296-9005 Option 2.



Please provide the following information: Child's First & Last Name, Teacher's name or Division, Dates of absence or, if late, estimated time of arrival.

If we do not hear from you and your child is absent, we will attempt to contact you. Please keep us informed of changes in phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.

Any student who arrives late must first come to the school office to sign in and then proceed to their classroom. We expect students to arrive on time. Arriving on time helps children begin their day smoothly. Not only is promptness an excellent lifelong habit but it is also less distracting for other students.

Life Threatening Allergies



Cameron Elementary School is a "**Nut Aware**" school. There are a number of children with life-threatening nut/peanut allergies at our school. We strongly request that your child NOT bring any nut/peanut products to school. If it is essential your child bring a nut product, please let the teacher know so they can take extra precautions. Nut-safe snack ideas include: yogurt, fruit, cheese and crackers, nut-free granola bars, pasta, veggies and dip, boiled eggs and cottage cheese. Thank you for keeping our school a safe place for everyone.



- ⇒ **SPRING BREAK** - March 16, 2026 to March 27, 2026 (NO CLASSES)
- ⇒ **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** (after Spring Break) - March 30, 2026
- ⇒ **GOOD FRIDAY** - April 3, 2026 (NO CLASSES)
- ⇒ **EASTER MONDAY** - April 6, 2026 (NO CLASSES)
- ⇒ **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES** - April 22 (early dismissal at 1:45pm)
- ⇒ **Early Dismissal** - April 24 at 1:45pm
- ⇒ **PRO—D DAY**— April 27, 2026 (NO CLASSES)
- ⇒ **Class/Group Photos**— April 30, 2026
- ⇒ **SPORTS DAY**—May 15 (early dismissal at 12:45pm)

Hot Lunch Program

Please sign up through School Cash Online at <https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com/>

Full payments and partial to fully subsidized options are available.

If you are experiencing trouble signing up for School Cash, please email or call our secretary and she will be happy to help you. You can reach our secretary at Janice.Brown@burnabyschools.ca or at 604-296-9005. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dressing for the Weather



Just a reminder that students will be going outside at recess and lunch time, with the exception of extreme weather. *Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather as they will be going outside in inclement weather.*

We highly recommend a change of clothes be left at school for students.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

The cold and flu season is in full swing, and we thought it a good reminder of when it is appropriate to send your child to school and when is it not.

**** Things to consider if your child feels UNWELL ****

- ⇒ The protection of other children and the school staff
- ⇒ The ability of your child to focus and take part and learn at school.
- ⇒ The school staff cannot care for a sick child
- ⇒ The wellbeing of your child - without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk of other illnesses.



**** Please KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME if they: ****

- ⇒ Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- ⇒ Have a fever
- ⇒ Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- ⇒ Are vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be - **symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.**

Keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

(Adapted from: <https://www.vch.ca/en/when-should-i-keep-my-sick-child-home-school>)

Upcoming Activities @ Creekside Youth Centre

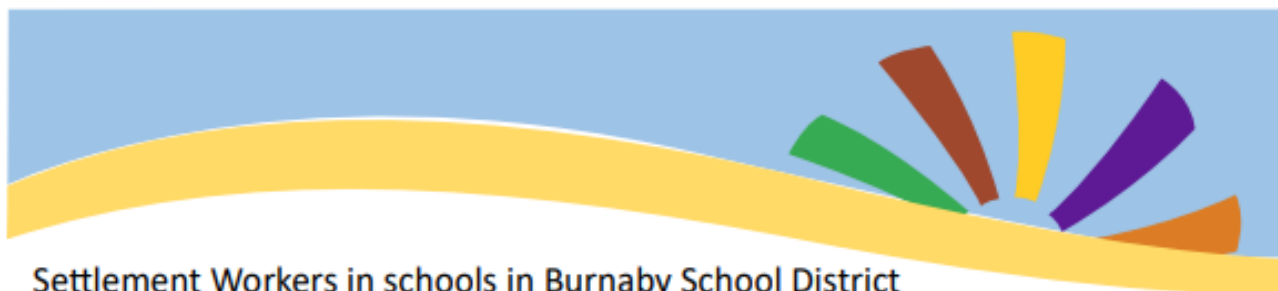
- ⇒ **Preteen Spring Break Camp:** https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/burnaby/activity/search/detail/85448?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true
- ⇒ **April 27 Pro-D Day Preteen Outing:** https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/burnaby/activity/search/detail/93748?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true
- ⇒ **DnD Youth Program:** https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/burnaby/activity/search/detail/93754?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true



Stay tuned for more details on the **NEBCA Summer Fun Rec Day Camp** that will run for 6 or 7 weeks at **Stoney Creek Community School!**

<https://funreccdaycamp.com/>





Settlement Workers in schools in Burnaby School District

English Conversation Circle

Peer Support Group

Practice speaking English with other **adult** English Learners

Open to all levels of English, parents and other adult community members are **WELCOME!**

Sept. 25 - Dec. 4

Jan. 8 - Mar. 12

Apr. 9 - Jun. 4

* Every Thursday

from 9:15 a.m — 10:15 a.m.

In-Person Sessions at Community Room

FREE and NO Registration Required just drop-in ;)

Where: Stoney Creek Community Elementary
2740 Beaverbrook Crescent, Burnaby

Contact us if you have any questions left:

Taryn Briscoe (Community School Coordinator)

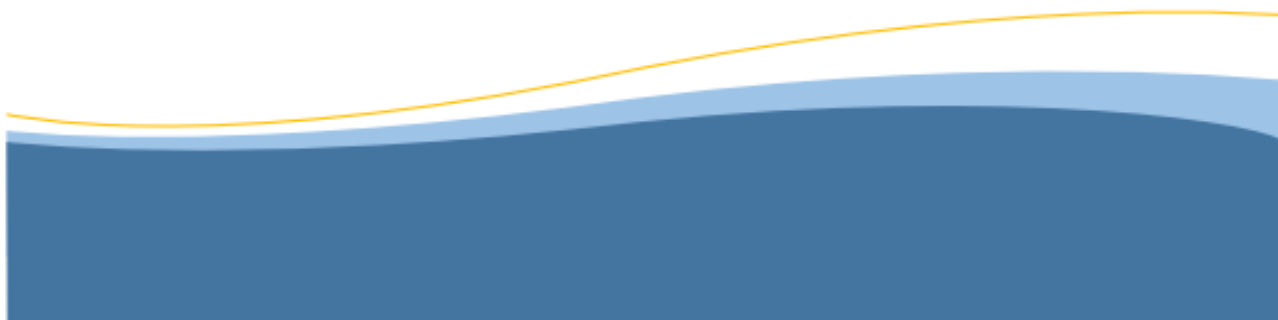
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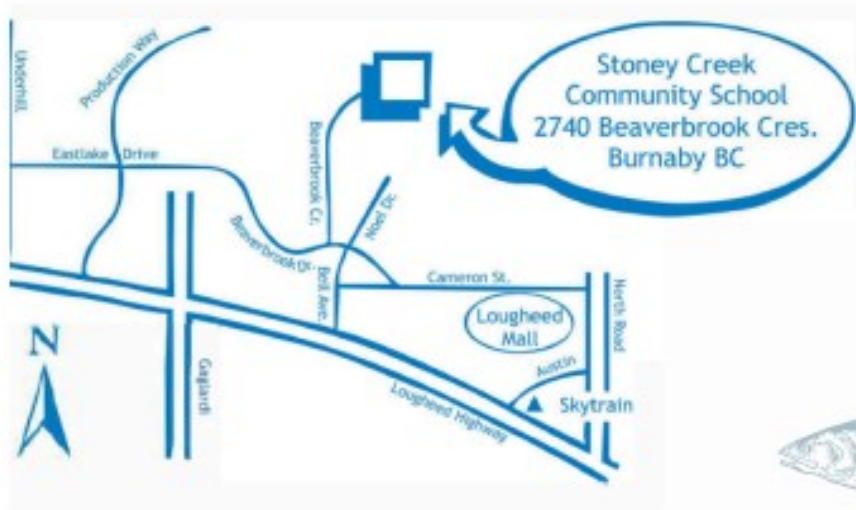


THE GREAT SALMON SEND OFF

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 10 am - 2 pm

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Kids Activities, Salmon Release, Entertainment, Food & More!



**Salmon Releases:
10:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**



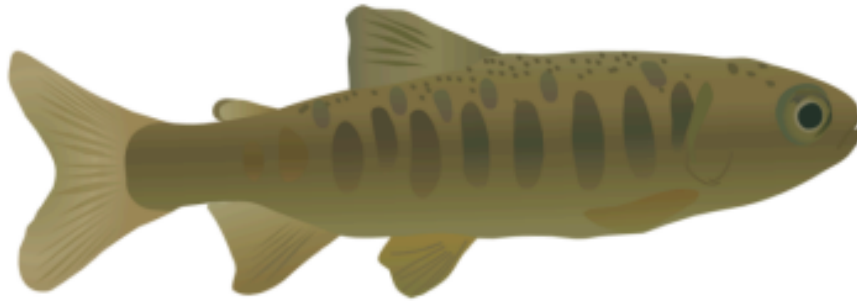
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@stoneycreek.ec



TheGreatSalmonSendOff



FISH RELEASE TIMES

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

&

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

***There will be plenty of smolts readily
available during each time slot.***

Thank You



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UBC Dental Program

Dental Treatment for Children Ages 0-12 without Dental Coverage

Children may be eligible to receive free dental care with the UBC Children's Dental Program.

- Supervised UBC dental students ("dentist or dental hygienist in training") provide dental exams and treatment
- A parent / caregiver must accompany their child to the appointments
- Appointments are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at: UBC, Noble Biocare Oral Health Centre. 2151 Wesbrook Mall UBC Campus, Vancouver.
- School bus transportation is available for families who need a ride to and from the UBC dental clinic.

If you are interested and would like more information, please call your local Health Unit.

Health Units with Dental Staff	Phone	Fax
Abbotsford Health Unit	604-864-3400	604-864-3410
Burnaby Health Unit	604-918-7605	604-918-7630
Chilliwack Health Unit (Hope, Agassiz)	604-702-4900	604-702-4901
Guildford Health Unit	604-587-4750	604-587-4777
Langley Health Unit (Cloverdale)	604-539-2900	604-530-8138
Maple Ridge Health Unit	604-476-7000	604-476-7077
Mission Health Unit	604-814-5500	604-814-5517
North Delta Health Unit (South Delta, Newton, White Rock)	604-507-5400	604-507-4617
North Surrey Health Unit	604-587-7900	604-582-4811
New Westminster Health Unit	604-777-6740	604-525-0878
TriCities Health Unit	604-949-7200	604-949-7211

June 2023



BASKETBALL SPRING SESSION 2026

SPRING SESSION 2026 News:

Spring Session our classes will continue to focus on athletic and skill development. This Spring session will feature new classes directed at team skills and playing. Lessons can only do so much until they are excited in games at full speed. Learn to Play will feature game play based on numbers and lessons on team skills : spacing, transition, and team play basics.

Happy
Easter

MONDAY
KITCHENER

Classes begin
April 13 - May 25



THURSDAY
BUCKINGHAM

Classes begin
April 16 - May 21

TUESDAY
PARKCREST

Classes begin
April 14 - May 19



FRIDAY
**TWELFTH
AVENUE**

Classes begin
April 17 - May 22



REGISTER @ WWW.BALLOHOLIC.COM

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2026 Registration OPEN



SEEKING ALL AGES!

Join our Softball Team today!

- Have Fun
- Make Friends
- Learn New Skills

- Learn to Play
- U9 - 2017&2018
- U11 - 2015&2016
- U13 - 2013&2014
- U15 - 2011&2012
- U17 - 2009&2010
- U20 - 2007&2008



For more information visit:

<https://burnabysoftball.com/player-registration/>



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GIRLS SPRING CAMP



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\$100



March 16 - 20, 2026



Burnaby Lake Rugby Club

- Female owned and operated
- Non-contact
- Develop confidence, connections and community



Register Now

www.stillcreekrugby.ca

WHY PLAY RUGBY



Why Still Creek Rugby?

At Still Creek Rugby, we believe rugby should be fun, inclusive, and accessible for every girl.

We're committed to lowering barriers, building community, and helping girls grow through expert coaching, strong mentorship, and a culture that celebrates teamwork, effort, and leadership.

Why Girls Should Play Rugby

Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in the world and is built for players of all shapes, sizes, and abilities making it inherently inclusive. It's also a values-based game, rooted in respect, integrity, passion, solidarity, and discipline, teaching life skills that extend far beyond the field. It can open doors to further education, travel opportunities and a community for life.

Register Now

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