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School Growth Plan

- *Areas of Focus*
- *Reading Comprehension*
- *Social Responsibility*

Individual Highlights:

1. Class Placement
2. News from the Library
3. Healthy Kids
3. Celebrate 150 years
- 3.. Musical ride
4. Do you like swimming
4. Hockey for Girls



Principal – Mrs. M. Perez Head Teachers – Mrs. Fierro and Ms. Zuvic
Vice Principal – Ms. M. Paris Secretaries – Ms. T. Jang and Ms. K. Block

Year End Information

Grade 7 Leaving ceremony

The Grade 7 students will be celebrating the end of their elementary school chapter at an evening event organized by the parents. This event will take place June 22, 2017 and will be limited to parents and students in Division 1.

We will also have a Grade 7 leaving ceremony on June 23rd at 9:30 am. We want to pass on our best wishes for our Grade 7s as they go on to grade eight: Harison Gaudet (BCSD), Pedro Cabanas, Dominic Correia, Sheldon Hauck, Andy Hong, Claire Hsu, Zahra Jawid, Spike Keane, Ringo Leung, Ethan Meek, Tommy Norn, Davyd Rudyuk, Pavan Seehra, Ashton Tennock, Esther Wang, Justin Wang, Nathan Wight, Brandon Wong, Cole Yu and Zoriana Zuvic.

Staff Changes

At this time we will be saying good bye to several of our staff. Each and every one of them will be missed by all. We are thankful for their care and efforts in supporting our students. Congratulations to Mrs. Audrey Cameron (BCSD) as she will be retiring. Mrs. Cameron has been with BCSD since the School opened in 1992. She will be missed by everyone. We would like to wish Ms. Guzzo all the best as she continues her career as a Kindergarten teacher at Rosser Elementary in Burnaby. We will also be saying goodbye to Ms. Olic and Ms. Suarez who will be finishing their temporary contracts with South Slope at this time. Thank you to Mr. Anderson for filling in while Ms. DeReus went on a Maternity leave, we wish you both luck. We were fortunate to have Mr. Zanatta return to South Slope for the second time this school year, he will be completing his time with us at the end of June.

We also welcome back several staff members who were away for a variety of reasons and new staff who will be starting in September. Welcome back to Mrs. Pitman our counsellor, Mr. Niece, EA and Ms. Binns our new classroom teacher. There may be more changes over the summer but for now we welcome these people back.

First day of school for 2017

The first day of school for this next year will be Tuesday September 5th. This is an important day for students to attend because we count the students and organize our classes during the first week. Please contact the school office if you will be absent or you are moving. Students will be dismissed at **10:00 a.m.** on this first day. Parents are welcome to join us in the Atrium for coffee and to mingle.

Our school office will be open during August 28th – 30th for new registrations. All children in Grades one to seven will return to their last year's classroom at 9:00 am on Tuesday September 5th. Students will remain in these temporary classes until Friday, at which point class organizations will be fine-tuned. New students will report to room 201 with Mrs. Fierro on Tuesday and will be put into temporary classes for the remainder of the week. Wednesday regular school hours 9:00 – 2:00 and 9:00 am to 3:00 on Thursday and Friday.

MORE YEAR END INFORMATION

Kindergarten students

Our New Kindergarten students will not attend classes this first week. The Kindergarten teachers will be meeting with the children and their parents throughout the week. Parents will receive a letter in the middle August with their scheduled interview time and all the other details of our Kindergarten gradual entry program.

Thank you PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)

South Slope and BCSD have had a number of special events, performances, field trips, workshops and special lunches, all thanks to the hard work and support of our PAC. Our PAC is made up of a core group of dedicated parents and we hope that even more parents will join us next year. Whether you can volunteer to serve pan-cakes or to attend meetings, everyone is welcome. Many hands make light work. Thanks in particular to our new and outgoing executive. Many of the things we enjoy as a school would not be possible without their dedicated work. Please see the parent tab on our website to keep informed about PAC activities.

School Supplies

Supply lists will be included with your child's report cards and will also be posted on our school's website. Kindergarten teachers will send home information regarding supplies and any other important details. Students are not required to bring their school supplied to school during the first week. Please send supplies with your child once they are in their permanent classes. Individual teachers may request additional supplies that pertain to their programing in September.

Gauss Top Scores

In May many grade 6/7 students and grade 4/5 students took on the challenge of writing the Gauss and Able Math competitions. These competitions are designed and administered by the University of Waterloo and are aimed at encouraging all students to test their mathematical abilities and intelligence. Congratulations to all of the students who worked hard and persevered in writing this test in May. Top Gauss students will be recognized at a school assembly on June 19th.



September	5	First day of school
	18 – 22	Scholastic Book Fair
	19	Intake Meetings 2 – 5 p.m.
	21	Pro – D Day – No School
	25	Pro – D Day – No School
	26	Reading Club Begins!
	28	Terry Fox Run
October	9	Thanksgiving – No School
	20	Pro-d Day – No School
	23	Curriculum Day – No School
	24	DEAR Day!
November	9	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 a.m.
	10	School Closed
	11	Remembrance Day
	13	Statutory Holiday – No School
	24	Pro-D Day – No School
December	14	Christmas Concert 12:30 p.m.
	25	Winter Vacation – Dec. 25 – Jan. 5
January	8	School Re-opens
	22—26	Literacy Week
February	12	Family Day – No School
	16	Pro-D Day – No School
	22	Student Led Conferences
	23	Late Start 10:00 a.m.
March	19 - 30	Spring Vacation
April	3	School Reopens
	23	Pro-D Day – No School
May	7 – 11	School Musical
	21	Victoria Day
June	1	Pro-d Day – No School
	6	Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
	15	Sports Day
	22	Grade 7 Leaving Assembly 10:00 a.m.
	25	Recognition Assembly 10:00 a.m.
	28	Reports Home/ dismissal at 10:00 a.m.
	29	Administrative Day – school not in session

News from the Library:

250 **Home Reading Club:** It's hard to believe, but June 2nd marks 250 nights of reading. Students who complete 250 nights will be able to put their name in one of our library books later in the month in June. Please return all books by June 15th.

Thank you for participating this year and keep on reading!



All library books will be due

Wednesday, June 7th.

Please help your child remember to return their books on time.



Summer Reading at BPL:

Registration for the Summer Reading Club begins on June 16th.

This year BPL wants you to "Walk on the Wild Side" and read,

read, read. Please go to your closet Public Library for more

details and check out the link:

<http://bpl.bc.ca/kids/kids-events-and-programs/summer-reading-club>



Scholastic recently released a very interesting report about a survey they conducted about kids, families and reading for fun in Canada. Here are just some of the findings:

- Parents' reading habits play a large role in determining how often kids read: 57% of kids who are frequent readers have parents who read books 5–7 days per week, compared to only 15% of kids who are infrequent readers. (Page 14)
- Ninety-four percent of children agree that their favourite books are the ones they picked out themselves, and almost all children (92%) agree that they are more likely to finish a book they picked out. (Page 33)
- Both parents and teachers play a key role in encouraging children to read books for fun and are among the number top sources for great book ideas. (Page 37)
- Only one in three (31%) parents have heard, read or received advice about the summer slide—the loss of skills during the time when students are not in school. (Page 84)

This last point is very important. **Please remember to help your child continue reading over the summer. Take them to the Public Library and let them choose books they want to read. Set aside a time each day for reading and read yourself. Parents are their child's first and most important teacher!** To read more of this report go to: <http://www.scholastic.ca/readingreport/>

Have a great summer and see you in September!

Jennifer Araujo

Celebrate Burnaby 125 | Canada 150

Join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th and Burnaby's 125th birthday!

2017 rings in two historic occasions. This momentous year will be filled with fun events for the whole family. From special arts and cultural experiences to making our City events – such as Canada Day – even more special with a range of activities and performances. After all, it's not just every day that Burnaby turns 125 years old – or that Canada celebrates its sesqui-centennial.

Together – as a city and a country – let's make 2017 a year to remember! Visit www.burnaby.ca/celebrateburnaby

Thanks.



**Healthy Kids
Preschool Fair**

**Thursday, June 8
9:30am-12noon
Bonsor Complex
Free Admission!**

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

Visit a health nurse, play with our giant Imagination Playground blocks and take part in activities and crafts. Community agencies specializing in preschool services are on hand to answer questions.

For more information contact:
Chris McLaren at 604-297-4590.

Please have this interpreted.
請大人陪同兒童參加此活動。
Tous les adultes doivent être accompagnés par un enfant.
Por favor tenga que le traducir esto.
Xin nhờ dịch ra tài liệu này.
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Bonsor Complex
6550 Bonsor Avenue (across from Metrotown)

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Hello:

The Healthy Kids Preschool fair is for families with children 5 and under. It is a wonderful way for families to connect with all of the agencies in the community that support the healthy development for the whole children. Please help us spread the word!

Thank you
Louise



**Join us for
RCMP Musical Ride**

Friday, August 18, 5:30-9pm
Swangard Stadium | Kingsway at Boundary

Tickets: General Admission: \$10 | Children 5 years & under are FREE
Available Online: burnaby.ca/musicalride
or in person at the Shadbolt Centre Box Office (604-205-3000)

An evening of entertainment, food and fun for the whole family!
It's sure to sell out - buy your tickets today!

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Thanks to our partners:
burnaby.ca/musicalride | Supporting the Community!
Proceeds to support Honour House Society and Burnaby Neighbourhood House.
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Do you like swimming and being in the water? Do you like team sports? Looking for a great summer sport? Try Water Polo!

It's a great way to develop your water skills and it's a lot of fun too! Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our program runs from June until end of August. Practices and scrimmages are at Central Park Pool, close to Boundary and Kingsway, Burnaby.

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 at Central Park Pool.

Sunday, June 11, 10 -11am

Saturday, June 17, 11am - noon

Sunday, June 18, 10 -11am

Please call to reserve a spot as space is limited. **Contact us for the latest practice schedule at 778-328-2657 or email us at burnabywaterpolo@gmail.com**

www.burnabywaterpolo.com

Join an All Girls Hockey Team!



Burnaby Wildcats is home to over 70 female hockey players from Burnaby and New Westminster. We have teams for players from 5 to 15 years old. We play other all-girl teams in the Lower Mainland. Participate in games, practices, tournaments, jamborees and team socials!



Season goes from September to March. New player registrations

starts on July 1st. Check our website for all the info:

<http://www.burnabymminor.com/default.aspx?p=newplayer>

OR

Contact BurnabyWildcats@gmail.com for more information

