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School Growth Plan – Areas of Focus

- Reading Comprehension
- Social Responsibility

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Why Music Education Rocks!

An excerpt from Sarah Caron's article

They say that music is the universal language. Regardless of where you are from or what your background, a good melody is something that everyone can enjoy and understand. There must be something behind that, right?

For children, music provides many, many benefits. Experts agree, there are lots of good things about letting your child learn to play an instrument. Here are 10 reasons why your child should put down the remote and pick up a musical instrument.

1. IT WILL BOOST THEIR BRAIN POWER

Want to give your child a mental advantage? Music can do that. "More and more studies show a correlation between higher academic achievement with children who are exposed to music," says children's music specialist Meredith LeVande of MonkeyMonkeyMusic.com. "Music simply stimulates parts of the brain that are related to reading, math, and emotional development."

2. IT WILL IMPROVE THEIR MEMORY

Where did that shoe go? That's a question asked far too many times in far too many households with kids. Help

your kids remember more (and learn more!) with music. "Further research has shown that participation in music at an early age can help improve a child's learning ability and memory by stimulating different patterns of brain development," says Maestro Eduardo Marturet, a conductor, composer and musical director for the Miami Symphony Orchestra.

3. IT HELPS THEM SOCIALLY

Picking up an instrument can also help your child break out of their social shell too, experts say. "Socially, children who become involved in a musical group or ensemble learn important life skills, such as how to relate to others, how to work as a team and appreciate the rewards that come from working together, and the development of leadership skills and discipline," says Marturet, who also oversees the MISO Young Artist program in South Florida, which allows young musicians to hone their musical skills as part of a professional orchestra.

4. IT'S A CONFIDENCE BUILDER

Are there any areas of life that aren't enhanced by having good confidence? Probably not. And if you want your child to develop their confidence, learning to play a musical instrument can help. "They find that they can develop a skill by themselves,

that they can get better and better," says Elizabeth Dotson-Westphalen, a music teacher and performer.

5. IT TEACHES PATIENCE

We live in a world of instant gratification, but *real* life demands having patience. When you are playing in a band or orchestra (and most musicians do), you have to be willing to wait your turn to play otherwise the sound is a mess. That inadvertently teaches patience. "You need to work together in a group to make music," says Dotson-Westphalen.

Each week your child(ren) receive 90 minutes of music instruction from our fabulous music teacher, Teresa Fierro.





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When should we keep Children home from School?

Wet, rainy weather is increased absences are synonymous with the winter season in all schools but parents often ask when they should keep their children home from school. Below you will find a guide to help you decide whether it is appropriate for your child to be at school. Sending a sick child to school creates a challenging situation for schools because there is the risk that illnesses can be passed on to other children and staff.

Keep a Sick Child at Home if You See the Following:

Fever. This is one symptom that automatically rules out school, no questions. (Anywhere from 37.6 degrees or higher is the usual guideline used by most schools.) Your sick child should be fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours before you send him back to school.

- **Diarrhea.** This could be a sign of a viral infection, so it's best to keep your child at home. It's also important to keep rehydrating him with an oral rehydrating solution when he has diarrhea, and the best way to do that is by keeping him at home.
- **Vomiting.** Aside from the fact that your child won't be comfortable, he could vomit again (in our house, one bout of vomiting is usually followed by another). Keep him home until he has gone 24 hours without throwing up -- though some parents and doctors say it's fine to send a child to school if he hasn't vomited since the night before.
- **Cough.** This depends on how severe the cough is. Coughs can spread infection to other students. A serious cough can also keep a child from getting a good night's rest, which means he'll be too tired for school in the morning. As a general rule, if your child has a serious cough, particularly if it's accompanied by breathing troubles, call your doctor and keep him home. But if it's just a mild cough and he has no other symptoms, he can probably go to school.
- **Rashes.** Skin rashes could be a sign of a contagious infection, such as impetigo. You should have a rash evaluated by a doctor before sending your child to school.
- **Pinkeye (conjunctivitis).** This infection can quickly and easily spread from one child to another, as many parents of grade-school age children already know all too well. Keep your child home until the doctor says he is no longer contagious.

Send Your Child to School if You See the Following:

- **Stomachache.** This one can be tough to call. If he doesn't have diarrhea and isn't constipated, tummy trouble could be caused by any number of things from anxiety to food poisoning. If the stomach pains seem minor and he has no other symptoms, send him to school. Later, you can talk to him about any emotional issues that may be on his mind.



- **Ear infection.** As with coughs, you should evaluate all his symptoms before making the call. If he has mild ear pain, he'll likely be fine; but if he's clearly uncomfortable, he will have trouble concentrating in class anyway and should be kept at home. And if there are any other accompanying symptoms such as a fever, it's a definite sick day.
- **Runny nose.** Let's be realistic: If you kept your child home every time he had the sniffles, he'd miss a lot of school. Use your judgment. If he has a runny nose but seems otherwise fine, then it's probably okay for him to go to school.

The bottom line: Trust your instincts. If your child seems lethargic and just not himself (if he's not interested in playing, that is often a big clue), keep him home and monitor him for any signs of illness.

THANK YOU

South Slope and BCSD Elementary School would like to take this time to Thank the Burnaby Firefighters Association once again for their generous donation of granola bars, breakfast cereal and juice for our snack/breakfast program.

We truly appreciate their ongoing generosity to our South Slope and BCSD Elementary students.





PRIMARY DAYS OF MUSIC!

On Tuesday, March 13, the Grade 2 students in Divisions 8 and 9, as well as Divisions 6 and 7 students will be travelling to Edmonds Elementary to participate in the Primary Days of Music. Four other schools will also be joining us for a morning of beautiful singing and moving. Unfortunately, the gym at Edmonds cannot hold parents as well, so our students will be presenting their songs at the assembly on Monday, March 12 in the afternoon. You are very welcome to join us to hear your wonderful children!

BASKETBALL 2017—2018

South Slope/ BCSD Elementary are please to acknowledge the efforts by the Girls and Boys basketball teams this year. These students spent the last 7 weeks demonstrating their teamwork and fair play skills as well as developing their tactical awareness and building their self-confidence. Many of these skills which revealed themselves both on and off the court.



Our season closed with the boys' team participating in the District Recreational Playday hosted by Burnaby South.

Unfortunately, the girls team was unable to attend their Playday due to conflicts with the student-led conferences however they will be join forces with the boys' team to compete against the school staff. Good luck students! You will need it J

Congratulations to all of our players for their commitment and hard work!

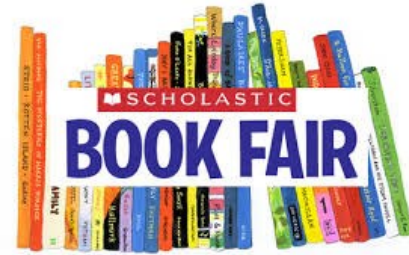
Grade 6 boys	Grade 7 boys	Grade 6 girls	Grade 7 girls
Christian	Dawson	Alex	Anisa
Jeremy	Ashton	Kaitlyn	Zoei
Justin W	Eric	Zaria	Felicia
Logan	Ezekiel	Aisha	Jaya
Nikhil	Matthew		Cleo
Maximo	Naam Dev		Carolyn
Szymon	Justin M		
Zach			

News from the Library:



Home Reading Club: On February 22nd we reached 150 nights of reading. Students and staff will be recognized at our Celebration of Learning assembly on March 12th. Pick up your forms any time from the library. Thank you for participating and keep on reading!

Scholastic Book Fair: During our recent Book Fair we raised \$1500 towards new resources for the library! Thank you to all of you who visited the Book Fair and an especially big thank you to the volunteers who helped make the fair possible



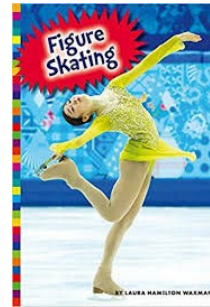
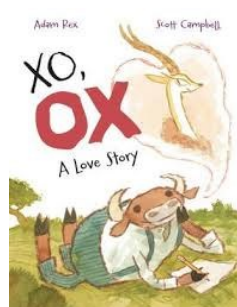
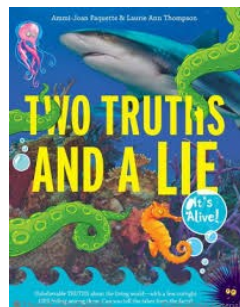
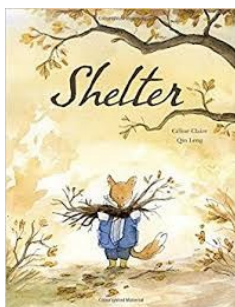
Division 7 has been coming to the library to work on digital storytelling using our iPads. We are using the Toontastic app to help us learn about story elements such as setting, characters, conflict, climax and resolution. First the students played with the app and used it to retell well known fairy tales. Next students completed storyboards for their own original stories. Now students are working on recording and animating their stories using the app. We can't wait to see their final projects. Stay tuned to the library blog to watch some of their great stories.

Division 6 has also been working of the Science curriculum, students Earth and the moon cause observable patterns that affect living and non-living systems. Now they are using motion animation movies that affects living and non-living things of animation (take a picture, make a variety of materials to make our iPads and the Lego Movie app. the library blog soon.



on a special project in the library. As part have been learning about how motions of ble patterns that affect living and non- ing what they have learned to create stop show how the moon changes and how it on Earth. We are learning the principles a small change, add speed) and how to use sets and characters. Students are using Our completed movies will be posted on

Here are some of the new books that have been added to the Library. Come and check one out anytime!



Check out the library blog for more updates throughout the year. You can access it from the school website under the Library tab or go to: <http://goo.gl/hLjNEP>

The Burnaby School District is seeking applications for the casual, on-call positions of **Crossing Guard** and **Student Supervisor**.

Successful applicants will have:

- Grade 12 education
- demonstrated ability and experience in working with children

The ability to work throughout the District and be available for shifts every day school is in session is a definite asset.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to:

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 grae.emerson@burnabyschools.ca





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