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### **School Growth Plan**

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

### **Individual Highlights:**

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2. Burnaby's Got Talent
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3. Community Events for May
4. Library News

### **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back South Slope and BCSD families. We are entering another busy, final school term. Now that report cards have gone home, please ensure that you return the signed envelope to your child's teacher. This is our proof that your child has given you his/her report card. If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding the progress that your child is making, you are welcome to book an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss any questions you might have. If your child's teacher has requested a meeting with you, please call the school at 604-296-9062 to arrange a meeting.

Now that spring is officially here and with the days getting warmer and longer, I would like to make sure that parents are aware of a couple of things. Fresh air and extra exercise are always encouraged, and it is great to see so many students staying after school to play at the playground. What parents may not know is that there are no supervisors after school hours. While the school office is open until 3:30 and staff are generally available should there be an emergency, there is no active supervision on the playground. At 3:30 custodians begin locking doors and initiating their clean up rounds which include washrooms, classrooms, and preparing for evening groups. This makes access to the school challenging. For younger children a parent or guardian needs to be available; for older students, parents need to be aware that they are unsupervised. At times, high school students also like to return to see their Grade 6 and 7 peers and use the basketball courts and facilities. We have requested that they wait until the younger students have cleared out after 3:30. However, it is public space and therefore all community members are welcome to use the school equipment. When used respectfully, everyone should be able to coexist.

In the past few weeks we have also noticed an increase in the use of scooters, skateboards, pogo sticks, bicycles, mopeds etc. These toys are not allowed on the school grounds DURING school time 8:30 – 3:30. If students are riding bikes, scooters, and skateboards to and from school, they are expected to wear helmets. Just like wearing a seatbelt, we expect children to grow up understanding, following and role modeling safety precautions. I appreciate your support and understanding. Let's work together to keep our kids healthy and safe.

M. Perez

### **ALICE IN WONDERLAND NEWS!**

Rehearsals for our musical Alice in Wonderland are going well! Please pay for your child's t-shirt (\$12) online, or cash or cheque, but please return the BLUE form to the school for sizing.

Tickets will be going on sale soon! We are asking for payment by donation, and please be aware that we will sell out quickly so get your orders in early! Your child/children, who are in the play, DO NOT need a ticket! ALL students need to be in their classrooms by 6:15 p.m. on BOTH performance nights. (Wednesday, May 9 and Thursday May 10) In order to produce a fantastic show, your child needs to be there for both nightly performances. If you can arrange with other parents to drop off and pick up on the night you don't attend, this will help open up more seats each evening. The show should be finished by 8:00 p.m. each night. The cast characters will need to be here earlier and will be given different instructions as to their arrival time.

Teresa Jukich-Fierro  
Head Teacher



Hi all, Welcome back. We have two weeks until Burnaby's Got Talent. If you could send out the info below through website or newsletter that would be great. Thanks,

## Burnaby's Got Talent – April 16th



Burnaby's Got Talent 2018 is here! The District Student Advisory Council's signature event will be taking place on April 16th at Michael J. Fox Theatre. This annual showcase of Burnaby's finest talent will feature all manner of singing, dancing, beat-boxing and more! Tickets are \$5, and you can pick them up from your local DSAC representative at any high school or purchase them here! All proceeds from the event will be going to the Burnaby Centre for Mental Health and Addiction, a charitable organization that helps those in the community. Come out on April 16th to support your school's talent or just to see some amazing performances! The spotlight is waiting! BUY YOUR TICKETS BEFORE WE SELL OUT!

EVENTBRITE LINK: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/burnabys-got-talent-tickets-33178964175?aff=eac2>

FACEBOOK EVENT LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/events/164032461048569/>

## Are you leaving South Slope/BCSD next year?

It is only the beginning of April but we have already started planning and organizing for the 2018-2019 school year. If your child will be leaving our school community, please visit Mrs. Jang at the school office to inform her about your anticipated move. This will help the staff to better plan for September 2018. We are currently registering for the 2018-2019 school year. If you know of any school aged children in your neighbourhood who intend on joining us at South Slope/BCSD, please let their parents know that registration is currently taking place.





## 2018 Play to Learn OPEN HOUSES

For children newborn to 3 years and their parents or caregivers. Join us for a fun and interactive session exploring a variety of learning activities, and enjoy a performance, meet early childhood education experts, and connect with the school community, and other families. It's free!

<b>APRIL 5</b> 9:30-11:30am Maplewood Community School 4547 Ingersoll Street	<b>APRIL 12</b> 9:30-11:30am Cascade Heights Elementary School 4943 Smith Avenue	<b>APRIL 19</b> 9:30-11:30am Boney Crest Community School 2296 Burnabybrook Crescent	<b>APRIL 26</b> 9:30-11:30am 23rd Avenue Community School 2614 23rd Avenue
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Community Partners: Recreation & Cultural Services, Burnaby Parks, Burnaby Public Library, YMCA Child Care Resource & Referral, and more health.

More early learning programs:



[www.burnabyschools.ca](http://www.burnabyschools.ca)



### Our Safety Partners:

- Abbotsford District #34
- Burnaby District #41
- Central Okanagan District #23
- Chilliwack District #33
- Coast Mountains District #82
- Coquitlam District #43
- Kootenay Lake District #8
- Langley District #35
- Maple Ridge District #42
- New Westminster District #40
- Nicola-Similkameen District #58
- North Vancouver District #44
- Pemberton District #48
- Powell River District #47
- Prince George District #57
- Prince Rupert District #52
- Quesnel District #28
- Richmond District #38 **NEW**
- Surrey District #36
- Vancouver District #39
- Vancouver Island West District #84

### Getting Students SET™ for Safety St. John Ambulance is the Safety Partner of choice for BC School Districts

School districts across British Columbia have chosen St. John Ambulance as their Safety Partner to train their students to be emergency ready.

St. John Ambulance ensures the school districts are SET™ for Safety with Safety Education & Tools:

- First Aid Training
- CPR Training
- First Aid Kits
- First Aid Supplies
- Emergency Preparedness Kits
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)



"The Comox Valley School District has taken a proactive stance towards emergency preparedness for many years. We deeply value the partnership forged with St. John Ambulance and are indebted to their volunteers who have assisted us in delivering a program that has seen almost 2000 students trained in a variety of levels of first aid this year alone. We look forward to continuing this important work together."  
- Paul Berry, Comox Valley, School District Principal.



Becoming a SET™ for Safety Partner is easy and fast. Contact our SET™ for Safety Partner team directly for a complimentary First Aid & Safety Evaluation  
Carol Bergeron 250.878.0004, carol.bergeron@bc.sja.ca

## JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Saturday, MAY 12th from 10am-2pm  
Choices Market parking lot at  
Burnaby Crest  
(8683 10th Ave, Burnaby)

We will shred documents, photos, credit cards, CD's, full binders and more! We will even shred the paper clips, large clips and binder rings! Watch your documents be shredded and then recycled in seconds while helping raise funds for our Grade 7 students year end Grade 7 Camp. Totally secure and safe! Please call if you have any questions at 604-296-0029

Minimum donation of \$6.00 (per full banker's box)

### Hotdog & Hamburger BBQ

From 11am-3pm support our Grade 7s as they fundraise for Grade 7 Camp in June... Come by and get a \$5 combo: Hotdog or Hamburger Chips Beverage



Thank you for supporting 2nd Street Community School.

## South Slope School

2018

**Volleyball Skills and Omba, 9-10 yrs**  
Children join our experienced instructor and practice their volleyball skills in a fun, recreational team environment.  
\$20.00, 4 sessions  
F, 3-4:30pm  
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It is the program staff's responsibility to ensure safety and will suspend programs whenever necessary.



**Nature Club, 5-10 yrs**  
Join us as we explore and examine plants, trees, insects and animals that you might find in your backyard.  
\$41.00, 5 sessions  
Tu, 3-4:30pm May 1 6640233

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure their children are dropped off and picked up from the program. If your child is missing from the program on their own, a signed note must be given to the Program Leader at the start of the program.

\*After school programs do not run on Pro-D days of school holidays



Register online or at any Burnaby Recreation Centre. Please contact Louise Curtis at 604-296-4571 for more information.  
[www.burnaby.ca/setting](http://www.burnaby.ca/setting)

## News from the Library:



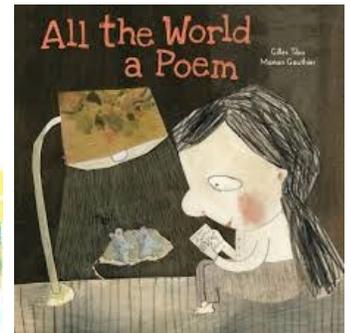
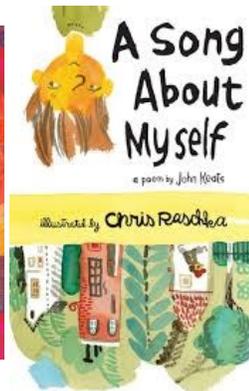
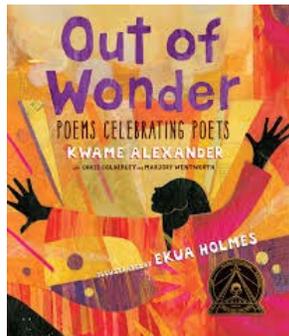
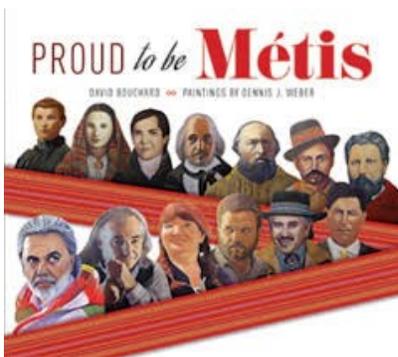
**Home Reading Club:** It's hard to believe, but On April 13<sup>th</sup> we will reach 200 nights of reading! Students and staff will be recognized at our Celebration of Learning assembly on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Why is reading for fun important? Here is an excerpt from the International Reading Association position paper on leisure reading:

“Research shows that leisure reading enhances students’ reading comprehension (e.g., Cox & Guthrie, 2001), language (e.g., Krashen, 2004), vocabulary development (e.g., Angelos & McGriff, 2002), general knowledge (e.g., Cunningham & Stanovich, 1998), and empathy for others (e.g., McGinley et al., 1997), as well as their self-confidence as readers, motivation to read throughout their lives, and positive attitudes toward reading (e.g., Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003; Eurydice Network, 2011). The benefits of leisure reading apply to English learners (ELs) who read in English as well as in their native languages.”

You can read more here: <http://literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/where-we-stand/leisure-reading-position-statement.pdf>

Pick up your forms any time from the library. Thank you for participating and keep on reading! **April is Poetry Month!** We will be reading, listening and learning poetry all month from Kindergarten to Grade 7. On April 27<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate all our learning with Poem in Your Pocket Day. Here are just some of the great poetry books we have in our library collection:



Looking for poetry inspiration on your smartphone or tablet? Check out the free Poetry Foundation app. A great way to explore poetry about almost every topic. Their website is also a wonderful place to find poetry and resources for parents and teachers: [www.Poetryfoundation.org](http://www.Poetryfoundation.org)

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