



# NEWSLETTER

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** *At Suncrest School, our mission is to create a respectful, safe, supportive community in which each student reaches full potential in order to empower all to become life-long learners and contributing world citizens.*

Dear Suncrest Community,

It did not seem too long ago when I remember talking about my excitement about the beginning of the upcoming 2016/2017 school year. I remember looking forward to seeing the excited faces of the children coming to Suncrest Elementary (sometimes for the first time). I was excited to see the learning that was about to take place, to experience the teaching of the new curriculum, to continue building positive relationships with those at the school, and to experience once again the strong community that is so characteristic of Suncrest. And not to disappoint, this year has included all of this and more.

The end of the year has come all too quickly. June has sped by and with it great events such as Sports Day, and our Year-End Recognition and Grade Seven Leaving Celebrations. As always, our Sports Day was an event that highlighted the strength of our community. Grade Sevens and teachers worked together to plan, set-up, and run a fun-filled day of activity for the rest of the students. We thank Ms Silva and Mr. Li for their extra work in coordinating the day's events. We also thank our dedicated parent volunteers who ran our concession, provided a healthy snack to all students, coordinated student Sports Day lunches, 'jumped in' anywhere it was needed, and quickly cleaned up after the day's events. Not even bouts of rain could dampen the positive, vibrant and enthusiastic community spirit of the day.

The end of year celebrations have highlighted the achievement of our students, their involvement in the school, and their service to the community. The opportunities provided and the well-roundedness of our students are things that make Suncrest Elementary such a positive place to be. We wish the Grade Seven students bright and exciting futures as they depart Suncrest Elementary School. They have made such an impact on our community during their time here and we will miss them. I know they will continue to spread their positive spirit to their new schools.

With the end of this school year, a number of staff will be transitioning to new assignments and places. We say a fond farewell to Mrs Lee, Ms Mackie, Ms Kim, Ms Coleborn, Ms Hopkin, Ms Yip and Mrs Nguyen-Serrano who will be moving on to new assignments within the Burnaby School District. We also say goodbye to our long time ELL teacher, Ms Wilkie, as she moves to work closer to her home on Salt Springs. Each of these staff members have made such an impact on the lives of Suncrest students. Your positive presence within the Suncrest community will be dearly missed and we wish of you well at their new schools.

Next year we will be welcoming Ms Driussi as Suncrest Elementary School's new principal. We also welcome Mr. Grant to our primary teaching staff. Ms Silva will be working with a classroom of her own also in the primary. During the summer, we will be welcoming a few more staff members to fill a few more assignments at our school. I am sure that the new staff will bring wonderful new perspectives and ideas to make Suncrest even stronger.

Thank you to the staff and students who worked hard each day to create a wonderful place for students to learn and grow their potential. I would also like to thank all the parents and community members who work so tirelessly at school to enrich the lives of all of our children. A special thanks must go to the PAC Executive, Robyn Stubbs, Sandra Benholm-Cheung, Rozsika den Haan, and Ashley Sandquist; and the Hot Lunch Coordinators, Winnie Fuggersberger, Hilda Graumann and Sukhjinder Dhindsa, for their work throughout the year.

My three years at Suncrest have been wonderful years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the warm and welcoming spirit extended by those at Suncrest. It is hard to leave such a wonderful school and community. Suncrest has definitely earned a special place in my heart. I am looking forward to the new opportunity at Parkcrest Elementary School but I will miss Suncrest. Thank you for the impact that you have left on me.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Lee

## Our Growing School

The news must be out there and Suncrest Elementary is a positive place to be!

Over the time that I have been at Suncrest, the community around the school has steadily grown and with it Suncrest Elementary School as well. In the 2014/2015 school year, Suncrest Elementary had about 210 students. In the 2017/2018 school year, we will be closer to 300 students.

To accommodate the growth within the community, the Burnaby School District has granted us two new divisions and teachers for the coming school year. This growth will be facilitated through the conversion of some of our storage and itinerant spaces, and the distribution of our Computer Room and movement to in-class, mobile computing. The Burnaby School District will begin this conversion work immediately in the summer and those classrooms will be ready to receive students in September.

## Information about the Beginning of the 2017/2018 School Year!

The 2017/2018 School Year will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. School will be in session from 8:55 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on this day.

The first full day of school for students Grades 1-7 will be on Wednesday, September 6th. School will be in session from 8:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please remember to provide your child with a recess snack and lunch.

## Information for New Kindergarten Students about the Beginning of the 2017/2018 School Year!

As you may know from the information as discussed at the Welcome to Kindergarten event and included in your Welcome to Kindergarten packages, the Kindergarten Program follows a gradual entry model.

Sign up for Welcoming Kindergarten Conversations will occur on Tuesday, September 5th from 8:55-10:00 a.m. in the gym. These conversations with the kindergarten teachers will be scheduled between September 6th to 8th.

This will be followed by the gradual entry program that will facilitate a positive transition for our new Kindergarten students into the Kindergarten Program.

## School Supplies List

In an effort to make the supply lists conveniently available to you at all times, and to save paper and the environment, students will not be receiving individual paper copies of the supply lists. Instead the supply lists will be posted on our website.

## Parking



As you have seen, the Burnaby School District is working to improve the safety and flow of the school's parking lot. The temporary 'island' has been in place to clarify and reduce the lines of traffic coming and going in the parking lot. As long as drivers obey the parking signage and do not park 'illegally' in laneways, this change has made the flow through the parking lot safer for children and families and smoother for drivers.

In the future, the Burnaby School District will continue to make changes to the parking lot. Changes that may occur in the future include the installation of a proper drop off zone in the lower portion of the parking lot, and increased roadway marking and signage.

The completion of much of the Rumble Street road improvements and the additional parking included in front of the school has also improved the situation in our parking lot. However, if you are parking on the opposite side of Rumble Street, we remind you to use the proper marked crosswalk when crossing the road.