



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.*

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Dear Suncrest Elementary School Community,

Even though we are just starting out the 2017 calendar year, the students and staff of Suncrest are in the thick of their learning in their school year. February brings with it a number of events and opportunities for students to participate in and for parents to join us. Please read on in the newsletter to find out about some of these items.

Also, as we are returning to school after the break and find ourselves 'midway' through the school year, we would like to take some time to remind the community about some important safety aspects around the school. This includes reminders about traffic safety as your child travels to and from school, reminders Suncrest being a Peanut-Free School, and reminders to help to keep your child dry and comfortable as they head outside for recess and lunch.



We hope to see our community member join us for a few of our February events.

Mr. Lee
Principal - Suncrest Elementary School



Chinese New Year's Celebration on Tuesday, February 2nd

You are invited to join us in the gym for our Chinese New Year's Celebration on Thursday, February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Performances will include stories told through Shadow Puppets, songs and poems, a lantern dance, and the music and excitement of the Lion Dance performed by our students as they celebrate the coming of the Lunar New Year.

Remember to wear your red to celebrate the occasion.

School Registration for the 2017/2018 School Year begins February 1st

When Can I Register My Child and Do I Need An Appointment?

Registration for the 2017/2018 School Year begins on Wednesday, February 1st, 2017. Parents may submit their applications for registration at the school office during the following school office hours:

8:30 - 10:15 a.m.

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

No appointment is necessary for registering your child at Suncrest Elementary, however, if your child has special learning or health needs you may want to arrange an appointment with the school so the school can be more prepared to meet your child's needs in the coming school year. You can arrange your appointment by calling the school office (604-664-8862).

How Do I Know What School To Register My Child At?

Students new to the school district, including kindergarten students and Burnaby residents who are not currently enrolled in a Burnaby School District school should register at their catchment area school as determined by their residential address. A student's catchment area school can be found using the School Locator Tool on the Burnaby School District website.

What Do I Need to Bring to Register My Child?

- 1) **Proof of birth date for the student** (birth certificate or passport)
 - 2) **Proof of guardianship** (parents' or guardians' as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order). Note that a notarized custodial guardian appointment is not the same as a guardianship order granted by the courts
 - 3) **Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student** (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
 - 4) **Proof of residency of the parent or guardian and student.** This must include two items, at least one being from Category A below:
 - Category A:* proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident
 - Category B:* BC hydro bill, BC cable bill, Provincial driver's license, provincial registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards
 - 5) **Immunization records**
 - 6) A completed Burnaby School District [Student Information Form](#)
 - 7) A completed [Burnaby School District Medical Information Form](#)
- Note:** Severe Health Concerns require additional forms. These can be obtained from the school that you are applying to attend.
- 8) **Copy of the student's most recent school marks** (including summer school), such as:
 - a) an official copy of marks from the student's Permanent Record Card; or
 - b) the student's most recent report card; or
 - c) a transcript of academic record; or
 - d) a transfer form with marks
 - 9) An **emergency telephone contact number** of a local person who is available during school hours
 - 10) **The name and telephone number of the family doctor or medical clinic**

Can I Apply To Register My Child At A Burnaby School Outside Of My Catchment Area?

Burnaby students wishing to transfer to a Burnaby school other than their catchment area school should complete a *Cross District Transfer Application Form*. This form needs to be signed by the administrator of their catchment school. **Please note:** Students must be registered in their own catchment area school even if they are applying for a transfer to another Burnaby School.

I Live In A City Other Than Burnaby, How Can I Apply To Register My Child In A Burnaby School?

Students who reside outside of the City of Burnaby can apply for registration into a Burnaby School using the *Out-of-District Transfer Application Form*. **Please note:** Students must register in their own city's catchment area school even if they are applying for a transfer into a Burnaby School.

2017/2018 School Registration (Continued)

How Does The Burnaby School District Application Selection Process Work?

Applications to schools are reviewed by the Burnaby School District and school registrations are granted in priority order as described within the registration link on the Burnaby School District website. Within each registration category priority placement will be given to applications received in February 2017. Any applications received by a school during the month of February 2017 are given the same priority. If there are more applicants in a particular registration category than available spaces, then registrations in that category will be determined by a random draw.

Are There Other Learning Opportunities Within Burnaby?

Burnaby schools offer many opportunities for students to learn and be inspired to reach their potential. For additional details on applications for transfers, language programs and other available specialty programs please see the registration link on the [Burnaby School District website](#). Please note that language and other specialty programs may have different registration procedures and deadlines.

Please Help!

If you know students who will be of kindergarten age for the 2017/2018 School Year (that is born in 2012) or older students who may wish to apply to come to a Burnaby school, and may be unaware of the opening of school registration in February, please direct them to the registration information on the Burnaby School District website or have them contact their catchment school office.



THIS IS A REMINDER THAT SUNCREST IS A PEANUT-FREE SCHOOL

Suncrest Elementary has many students who have anaphylactic allergic (life threatening) reactions to peanuts, and this year, these students are found in many of our classrooms. For some of these students, even consuming small amounts of peanuts or peanut products can be harmful, and this may occur through incidental cross contamination. Preventing anaphylactic allergic reactions for these students is a community concern. For this reason we ask that families do not send products which contain peanuts or peanut products as ingredients to school within their children's snacks, lunches or special treats (such as birthday or holiday treats). We also insist children with anaphylactic allergic reactions not to share their snacks or lunches in order to prevent inadvertent consumption of allergens.

Please note: Some classes have students with anaphylactic allergic reactions to other types of nut and nut products (e.g. tree nuts, hazelnuts). The teachers of these classrooms will let their classroom communities know about allergies that may occur within their classrooms.

Families of students with anaphylactic allergic reactions should ensure that the classroom teachers are aware of their child's allergies and should provide EpiPens to the school. The teachers at Suncrest Elementary School take steps within their classroom try to prevent anaphylactic allergic reactions and have trained with the administration of EpiPens should an allergic reaction occur.

If parents are looking for safe alternatives to nut products, resource will be available at the office. Please be on the lookout for signs similar to the ones shown above as reminders to keep all of our students safe. Thank you for your efforts in keeping all of our students safe.

Suncrest Student Go Outside For Recess And Lunch In Almost All Types Of Weather



As you already know, students at Suncrest Elementary School go outside for recess and lunch in most weather conditions. This included the cold and snowy periods in December and January. Because most children came to school well clothed and equipped for the weather, they were able to enjoy the weather, the exercise, and the time outside of the classroom. Eventhough we are hoping that the worst of the weather is behind us, continue to watch the weather and ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather (and possibly the changing weather conditions) so they can stay warm, dry and comfortable.

On occasion the school will determine that the weather is inappropriate for student safety. For example during the past two months there were occasions where the conditions were deemed too icy or too wet and slushy for students to go outside. On these occasions, students were granted an inside day. These conditions, however, do not occur often.

If for any reason, you cannot provide appropriate clothes for the weather, please confidentially approach your child's teacher or the school office and the school will see what support we may offer in getting some appropriate clothes for your child.

Send An Extra Set Of Clothes – Just In Case

Even though students may be properly dressed for the weather, slips or falls may happen or overenthusiastic puddlejumping may overwhelm boots or shoes. In cases such as these, the student often visits the office where Ms Boleak will assess the situation and make a call home for dry clothes if required. To avoid a potentially inconvenient phone call for dry clothes, consider sending an extra set of clothes (including socks and shoes) to be stored at school.



PAY ATTENTION FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY

A few seconds of your time isn't worth the risk

Lately the school has noticed that there have been many community members (students and parents) who are not using the designated crosswalk to cross to the south side of Rumble Street. Rumble is a very busy street and crossing at locations other than the designated crosswalk places them pedestrians in greater danger. Parents should cross with their children at the crosswalk.

As well, for community members who may need to cross Patterson Street to go to and from school, we advise that you cross at the intersection of Rumble and Patterson. Our crossing guard, Ms Kumagai, will help you cross there. Crossing Patterson at Irmin Street is dangerous because that intersection is uncontrolled and the line of sight going up and down Patterson Street is poor for drivers at that location.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! The Fair is a significant fundraiser for the school and classroom libraries. We earn a commission from all sales that is used to purchase books for the school. The Fair will be here from Monday, February 27 - Thursday, March 2 and will be open from 12-1 and 3-4 each day. Volunteers run the cash desk and keep the Fair tidy.

If you'd like to help out, please drop by the library to sign up; a schedule is taped to Ms. Ho's desk. Alternatively, you can send an email to Eadie.Ho@sd41.bc.ca. Thank you and hope to see you there!

