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Newsletter #3
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School Growth Plan – Areas of Focus

- Reading Comprehension
- Social Responsibility

Individual Highlights:

1. Report Cards
1. Nut Allergies
2. Jingle Bell Light
2. Pancake Breakfast
2. Holiday Extravaganza
3. Dr. Yong Zhao
4. Herring Sale
5. Families Wanted

Principal – Mrs. J. Nakatsu Head Teachers – Mrs. Fierro and Ms. Zivic
Vice Principal – Ms. M. Paris Secretaries – Ms. T. Jang and Ms. K. Block

Report Cards 2015 - 2016

You will be receiving your child's first report card next week. It will be an exciting time for some as it will be the first report card for some families.

The Burnaby School District and the Burnaby Teachers' Association have worked together to prepare a new report card format for Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate students. The goal of this work is to provide a report card that is parent friendly, while communicating significant aspects of the student's progress which meet legislated and district reporting requirements. Our aim is to provide a consistent reporting format for parents of children from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Report cards are written with the provincial learning outcomes in mind.

The Learning Outcomes (<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/>

[irp/lo_db.htm](#)) are linked to all assessment and the building blocks of our curriculum. Learning Outcomes assist us in the setting of learning activities and the application of appropriate teaching and assessment strategies. They guide us towards best teaching practice. Our job as educators is to promote a learning environment that encourages and enriches our students so they become successful learners and prosperous citizens. When we apply the Learning Outcomes and attach an enriched curriculum to them, education can become a very powerful experience for the learner and the teacher.

Report Cards are designed to inform and assist not confuse and harm. They are never a tool to

encourage punishment or for that matter reward. They are a reflective tool. They are

always designed to inform a parent and assist a child as they build a connection between where they are today and where they hope to go in the future.

If you have specific questions about your child's progress, please contact your teacher by email or contacting him/her by phone. Information is available on our website at: <http://southslope.sd41.bc.ca>



Nut allergies at South Slope/BCSD



Several of our students have sensitivities to nut products. Please note that we are a "nut aware" school which means that our teachers will teach the children about specific allergies/sensitivities in the classroom and will use appropriate signage to communicate with families; however, we cannot guarantee that classrooms are nut free.



Jingle Bell/Light



Next week, our students will participate in the third annual Jingle Bell/Light Walk. On Wednesday, your family will receive a flyer from the school asking for donations to the Food Bank. The students

will return on Dec. 4 to pick up the food..

Last year we collected over 50 boxes of food for the needy and we hope to exceed that total this afternoon when we collect food from our

community. We thank you for your support of the students' initiative!

The community tea to recognize your efforts will be held on Wednesday—Sept. 16th.

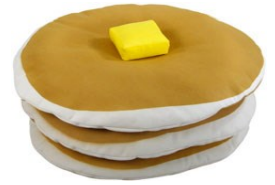


Hot Lunch program on December 17th

There will be lunch as usual for the lunch program for December 17th. Staff and parent volunteers will be serving pancakes from 9:30 – 11:00 that morning.

Thank you to Mrs. Pearson and leadership students for helping to organize the breakfast.

Annual Pancake Breakfast – Volunteers



This wonderful event is held at many Burnaby schools and South Slope/BCSD staff has decided that we need to join the fun for a third year!

On the morning of December 18th, starting at 9:15 am, two to three classes at a time will be invited to enjoy pancakes, milk and juice in the gymnasium. Students are encouraged to wear pajamas to school that day!

We will need parent volunteers, starting at 8:00 am, to help us with the event. If you'd like to flip pancakes, dispense syrup, set the tables or entertain the students, please call our secretary, Mrs. Jang, at 604.296-9062 or email her at teri.jang@sd41.bc.ca to let her know you'd be willing to help.

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza



HOLIDAY SHOPPING Tuesday, December 15th

Do you have shoes that you have never worn, children's toys that your children have never used, or gift items that you have received but do not suit your tastes or needs? (No stuffed animals please!) As a fundraiser at South Slope/BCSD,

we are asking our families to donate these items to the school to be sold at our first Holiday Shopping Extravaganza!

Each item should be **new or nearly new** condition. We will price items affordably so that children (and adults) can purchase gift items for the

holiday season. We will even have gift wrapping services at a nominal cost for those who need it.

Donations will be accepted in the Atrium from November 23th – December 11th before school or afterschool.

Burnaby DPAC and SD41 Present:

Dr. Yong Zhao World Class Learners

When: Wednesday, 25 November 2015
Session begins at 7:00 pm

The Details

Where: Michael J Fox Theatre
7373 Macpherson Avenue, Burnaby

Who: Parents and Staff of SD41

PRE-REGISTRATION MANDATORY

Yong Zhao currently serves as the Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon, where he is also a Professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy, and Leadership. He is also a professorial fellow at the Mitchell Institute for Health and Education Policy, Victoria University. His works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education.

He has published over 100 articles and 20 books, including *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Dragon: Why China has the Best (and Worst) Education System in the World*, *Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization and World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students*.

He is a recipient of the Early Career Award from the American Educational Research Association and was named one of the 2012 ten most influential people in educational technology by the Tech & Learn Magazine. He is an elected fellow of the International Academy for Education. His latest book *World Class Learners* has won several awards including the Society of Professors of Education Book Award (2013), Association of Education Publishers' (AEP) Judges' Award and Distinguished Achievement Award in Education Leadership (2013).



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<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/18651947477>

5th ANNUAL HERRING SALE

Saturday, December 5th



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MEND 7-13

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