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Newsletter #

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School Growth Plan – Areas of Focus

- *Reading Comprehension*
- *Social Responsibility*

Committee members:

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Individual Highlights:

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NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF MUSIC!!

O Canada!

On Thursday, April 23, the South Slope Choir was asked to sing O Canada at the unveiling of the new logo for the 150th celebration for Canada`s confederation at Burnaby Village. The Honourable Shelly Glover, Minster of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages made this special announcement and afterwards, our choir sang beautifully! (see picture below) It was a special privilege for the students and they were able to keep their shirts as well as receiving other Canadian `swag` for their performance!

Talent Show

Auditions for the Talent Show take place From May 4 to 8 in the music room. Any students from Grades K to 7 are welcome to come and audition for the show which will take place on Thursday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m.

St. Michael`s Hospice

The choir performed two shows at St. Michael`s Hospice on Thursday, April 9. All the staff and residents were so impressed with their beautiful voices, and behaviour. They look forward to their final performance at the Volunteer Tea in June! Don`t miss their final show of the year!

Class Placement

Class placements for the 2015 -2016 school year will begin in June.

In June the enrolling teacher and the Resource teacher sit down and fill out a post it note for each child. On the note will be important information about what type of classroom and support would best benefit the child.

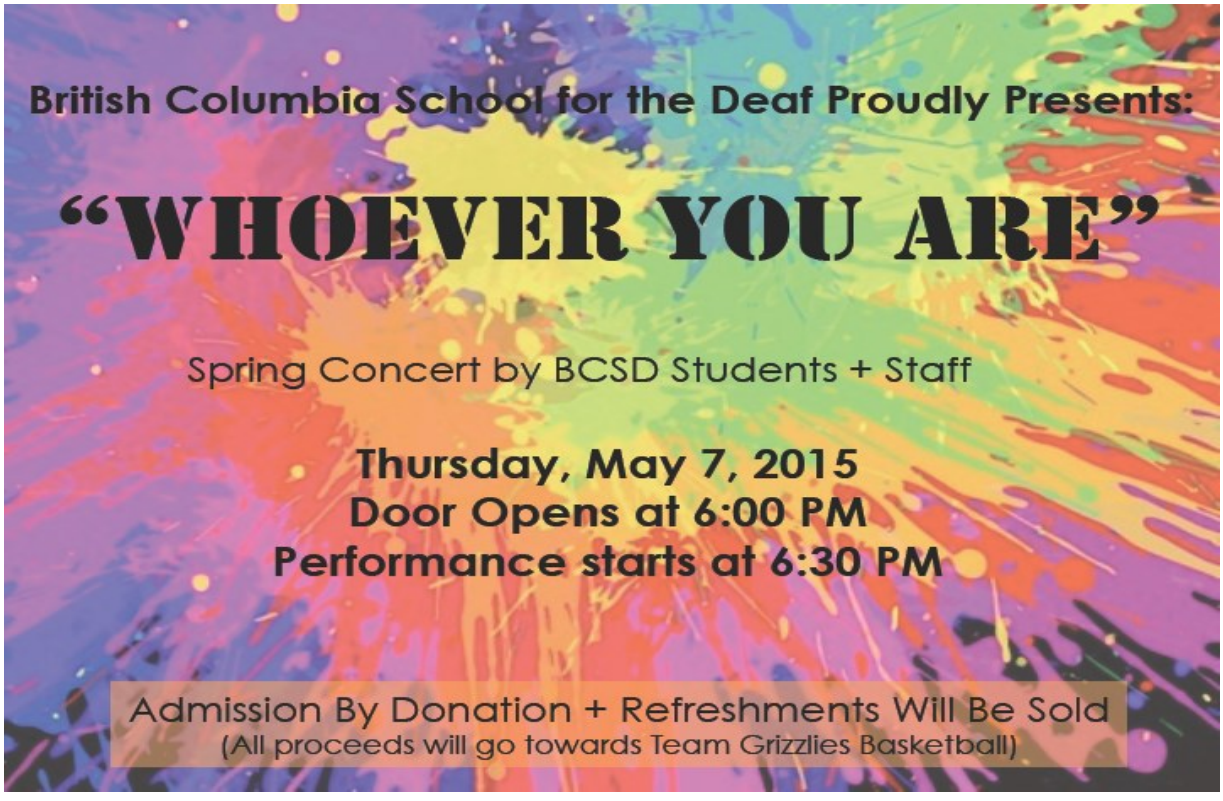
We also list needs, friends, kids to separate and kids that work well together. The note will have up to eleven different variables listed.

As parents, you are encouraged to share important information about your child's learning with his/her classroom teacher. Your child's current teacher will, in turn, pass along the information during the class loading process.

At this time, we are requesting that letters detailing a specific teacher request or non-combined classes **not** be forwarded to the school. If you have special information you would like the staff to consider, please make an appointment with Mrs. Nakatsu to discuss your child's placement next year.

The team, consisting of non enrolling teachers, classroom teachers and administration, work carefully to balance the classes. Once we have balanced the classes, we then ask all the teachers to come in and review their classes with their collaboration colleagues' classes (for example all the Grade 4/5 teachers meet and review).

This approach allows for a discussion on class composition and ensures that the needs of all learners are met.



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHILDRUN

ChildRun is turning 30! Please join us in supporting BC's only children's hospital by participating in ChildRun on May 31st, 2015.

ChildRun is a family fun event that raises funds for pediatric oncology research and treatment areas at BC Children's Hospital. As Vancouver's largest family fun run, runners and walkers of all ages and abilities will participate in either a scenic 5k route through Queen Elizabeth Park or a 1k Fun Run followed by a carnival celebration.

Many schools participate in ChildRun because it's a wonderful way for kids to learn about community service by helping kids from all over our province. Last year, over 60 school teams raised a combined total of more than $147,000!

If you haven't participated before we encourage you to join us this year. For more information about ChildRun, please contact us at childrun@bcchf.ca

Boys and Girls Basketball Team

Congratulations to the following students who participated in Basketball this term. Thanks for representing our school so well and special thanks to coaches Ms. Ridgeway, and Mr. Caruana.

Bella Aiken	Jessie Lin	Gwen Merry	Yifei He	Joanne Hong	Diya Sehgal
Aidan Rand	Geetan Rakhra	Lisa Rudyuk	Iris Au-Yeung	Kaitlyn Schenkeveld	Annie Zeng
Ashley Chang	Julie Kim	Dante Kirton	John Sapalaran	Brian Hu	Winston Leong
Ivan chen	Cole Majkowski	Raj Gill	Sean lung	Felix Chang	Connor strand-berg
Anthony yu	Cooper Adams	Jimmy yang	Colson Kroeker		

British Columbia Lacrosse Association
#101 - 7382 Winston Street, Burnaby, BC V5A 2G9

April 21, 2015

Gina Niccoli-Moen
Superintendent of Schools /CEO
5325 Kincaid ST
Burnaby, BC V3A 3Z7

Re: Women's Field Lacrosse Introductory Clinic

Dear Ms. Nicolli-Moen:

The BC Lacrosse Association and the Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Association are offering a free introductory clinic for girls ages 8-18 at the annual Dorothy Robertson Tournament taking place in New Westminster the weekend of May 9-11, 2015.

Women's Field Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in North America with many scholarship opportunities available for skilled female athletes. In British Columbia, the sport has gained momentum and we want to capture this excitement by introducing more young women to the sport.

We are specifically reaching out to elementary through high school girls who have not heard of Women's Field Lacrosse or who may have heard about the sport and would like an opportunity to try it.

We are asking for the School District's support by allowing us to distribute the promotional flyers throughout the schools at the classroom level. This distribution would take place the first week of May.

I have attached the flyer for your perusal. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 604-897-9895 and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sue Kinna
BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women's Field Lacrosse

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS AGES 7-18

CATCH AND THROW…

GIVE WOMEN'S FIELD LACROSSE A GO!!!

Your Community Lacrosse Association is offering a fun filled afternoon for girls aged 7-18 who are interested in learning more about Women's Field Lacrosse.
Grab a friend and enjoy a fun, FREE introduction to the sport of Women's Field Lacrosse

When: Saturday, May 9th, 2015
Time: Drop-In from 12:00-2:00 PM
Where: Queen's Park Turf Field
(beside Queen's Park Arena) 1st St/3rd Ave, New West
What to Bring: You and your friends (and appropriate footwear)! We will provide all of the equipment.

Women's Field Lacrosse is a non-contact sport played with 12 players per team.
Ball movement and effective stick-handling are key elements of the sport.
Lacrosse is Canada's National Summer Sport!

WHY PLAY LACROSSE?

- It's fun and easy to learn
- Meet new friends
- Minimal equipment (stick, goggles, cleats).
- Short season (Sept – Jan)
- Affordable

For more information about this free session, please contact:

Carol Soenen girlsfield@minorbellies.com

For more information about Women's Field Lacrosse in your area, please contact your nearest association:

New Westminster	**Burnaby**	**Coquitlam**	**Surrey**
newwest_female@pcfll.bc.ca	burnaby_female@pcfll.bc.ca	adanacs_female@pcfll.bc.ca	markbetts1@hotmail.com
Langley	**Ridge Meadows**	**Pt. Coquitlam**	
langley_female@pcfll.bc.ca	rm_female@pcfll.bc.ca	poco_female@pcfll.bc.ca	

british columbia lacrosse association

www.bclacrosse.com

Wednesday, May 27
7:00pm in the
Aubrey Gym

Aubrey Elementary is pleased to present

A Parent's Guide to Surviving Anxiety in Children

Sarah Mellett RN BScN MN
Shana Lund RN BScN MN

Sarah and Shana are Advanced Practice Nurses in the area of Child and Youth Mental health. They are parents as well as educators. Both have many years of clinical experience working in acute and community pediatric mental health. Now they are faculty of Psychiatric Nursing at Douglas College and conduct workshops to support parents in managing their children's anxiety.

What's we will discuss:

What causes anxiety?

Good stress vs bad stress.

How children experience anxiety

Making Anxiety our Friend

When Anxiety becomes a problem

Parenting patterns that reinforce anxiety

What Parents can do to help

How to navigate the mental health system when your child needs services

On Granville Island
May 25 -31

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS FESTIVAL

Tickets on Sale Now!

12 Fabulous Shows and more than 100 performances!

From International hits to local favourites, come join the excitement at this year's Vancouver International Children's Festival!

The super cute Pyjama Nights are back; we've got daytime and evening shows, and our Activity Village will be in full swing!

There are loads of ticket options to choose from: One Show Day Passes, Two Show Day Passes, and our great Family 4-Pack: 4 tickets to one show for only $68! Day Passes & 4-Packs include entry to our Activity Village.

Some of this year's favourites

Manx Mouse (Netherlands), Ages 6+ / *Potato Needs A Bath* (UK), Ages 3-5 / *Les Parfaits Inconnus* (QC), All ages

Check out the Festival Guide on our home page!

Hot of the presses, our 2015 Festival Guide contains everything you need to know about the Festival: show & arts activity descriptions, ticket pricing, special Festival events and where to go to get free Festival parking!

More info at childrensfestival.ca or call 604-708-5655

News from the Library:

Home Reading Club:
On April 20th we reached 200 nights of reading. Students and staff will be recognized at our next Celebration of Learning assembly on May 11th.We're almost done for the year. We will reach 250 nights on June 9th. Thank you for participating and keep on reading!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered their time to help out. We earned over $1200 in credit for resources for our library.

Check out the library blog for more information, photos and updates throughout the year. You can access it from the school website under the library tab or go to:
http://goo.gl/PPPXu Mrs. Araujo

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

Jesse Miller, Social Media expert, has confirmed he will be visiting our school on May 12th.

He will be speaking to the Intermediate students in the Library that morning. For more information about Jessie Miller…..go to http://www.mediatedreality.com/

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Saleema Noon Student Sessions Div. 1 & 2 Spellathon Retakes—Div. 2, 5, 7 and 9	2
3	4 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm	5 **All day track meet Grades 3—7 at Swangard Stadium**	6	7 BCSD Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal—9:30—11:30 And evening performance-from 6:30—8:30 pm	8	9
10	11 Celebration of Learning	12 Grade 7 tour at BBY South 10:00—12:30 am Jessie Miller—Media expert In the morning.	13 Words Celebration @ Michael J. Fox 7:00 pm	14 SS—Welcome To Kindergarten 12:30—2:00 pm Staff Luncheon-Div. 2	15 Victoria Trip Div. 4 & 16 Festival of Beg. Band-	16
17	18	19 South Slope Outdoor School @ North Vancouver—Div. 1 & 2	20 Div. 9 & 10—Aquarium	21	22	23
24	25 Me to We Bake Sale	26 BCSD Children's Festival 9:15—1:00 pm	27 BCSD House Game 12:45 am	28	29 Staff Luncheon BCSD	30
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