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School Growth Plan – Areas of Focus

- *Reading Comprehension*
- *Social Responsibility*

Individual Highlights:

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Principal – Mrs. J. Nakatsu
Vice Principal – Ms. M. Paris

Head Teachers – Mrs. Fierro and Ms. Zuvic
Secretaries – Ms. T. Jang and Ms. K. Block

SCHOOL GOALS—2016/2017

At South Slope/BCSD, the school Planning Council have identified the following as our goal areas for this year.

READING GOAL

We will continue to provide structures and implement initiatives that support early intervention for students that are not yet meeting or approaching Expectations in reading. Student participation in activities that simultaneously Promote the development of reading for understanding and reading to acquire Knowledge will be emphasized.

OBJECTIVES

Increases the number of students fully meeting or exceeding expectations in reading comprehension. A targeted group of primary students has been identified. Focus on improving the quality of student responses to reading.

HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

The Literacy Committee has developed a process for tracking students' reading Achievement levels. Reading data and student assessments are collected in the fall. The information collected will aid in identifying individuals and groups of students that require reading intervention and inform instructions.

Open communication and a supportive parent community is key to improving student learning. Communication takes the form of back and forth books, notes in day planners, conversations over the phone, email and informal and formal meetings.

Parents are welcomed at special events, celebrations of learning, assemblies, Parent-teacher interviews, student-led conferences and PAC meetings.

TERRY FOX RUN

On Thursday, Sept. 29th the students, parents and teachers warmed up in the gymnasium and then participated in the Terry Fox run. The children either walked or ran the charted course for about 45 minutes. Some children completed more Than eight laps around their course. We thank everyone who took time to take part in this important annual event. Special thanks to Mr. Brown and Mrs. Cheung for coordinating the run this year.



New Staff at South Slope for 2016/2017

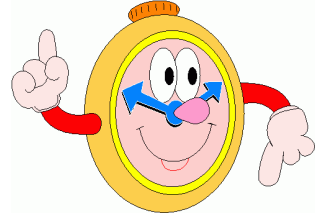
The last three weeks at South Slope have been busy ones as we organize our classes for the year. Initially, there were challenges in getting our students into We thank you for your patience and understanding as the process evolved.

The short-term challenges will benefit your children as both our primary and Intermediate students are now in smaller classes for this school year.

We would like to welcome Mr. Rodgers who will be joining Mr. Hunter in LSS.

Tips for Arriving on Time

- ⇒ pack backpacks in the evening instead of during the morning rush
- ⇒ get your child to bed at a reasonable time so he/she will have an easier time waking up in the morning
- ⇒ Have your child set an alarm clock in his/her own room
- ⇒ Save screen time for after school hours



Student Safety

Regular attendance is an essential part in determining student success at school. It is so important that our students come to school on time and attend each day. In doing so They are able to become an active part of the classroom learning community and are much more comfortable interacting with their classmates. Experience has clearly shown us that students who attend school regularly learn to read and write faster and are better problem solvers.

We ask you to note the following attendance procedures:

Absences—please leave a message on the school's voicemail at 604-296-9062 before 9:00 am or send a quick email to Teri.Jang@sd41.bc.ca if your child will be absent from school that day or has an appointment during the day.

Late arrivals—all students who arrive late for school must check in at the office before going to their classroom. If tardiness persists for more than a few days, a call will be made to the home to see what supports can be put in place to have your child at school on time.

Leaving during the day—if a student is leaving during the day or for the afternoon, he/she is asked to use the sign out log located at the from office.



South Slope/BCSD Parent/Guardian Volunteer Interest Form

One of the best ways to support our children in school, outside of reading with him or her, is to be involved at the school! We welcome any time and effort you feel you are able to give – no amount is too little. With our small school population, parents and family play a key role in enhancing our children’s educational experience. You make a difference! Please **check or circle all the tasks that interest you.** (All Coordinators will receive instruction and assistance from PAC.) **PLEASE RETURN FORM.**

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My Name: _____ Child Name(s) _____ Div(s) _____

Email Address: _____ My Phone Number: _____

Parent Representative for Each Division Each division has 3 parent reps – for emergency, phone tree, traffic safety. For traffic safety, each division will have a month to watch traffic	o Organizing a “Phone Tree” for your child’s division (collecting phone numbers in order to make a phone tree for your division for emergency situations in September or early October)
	o Organizing Traffic Safety Shifts (arranging parents from your division to watch traffic flow in front of school during 8:50-9:00 and 3:00-3:12)
Scholastic Book Fair Students and their parents can buy Scholastic books during the Book Fair	o Help (setting up, cashier, etc)
Winter Pancake Breakfast Pancakes and juice served to school population by parents on Dec 17	o Coordinator
	o Help (setting up tables, cooking/serving pancakes)
Staff Appreciation Lunch Celebrating staff efforts in June	o Coordinator
	o Help (setting up tables, decorations, serving food, etc)
Money Counting Program Helpers count monthly when hot lunch money comes in. There are other times of the year where volunteers are needed.	o Coordinator (counting orders, ordering milk, checking the numbers of milk upon delivery, etc)
	o Help (counting money, checking the orders, etc)
Library Shelving books, etc.	o Help Librarian Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – am please circle
PAC Fundraisers (ie—Subway, Chocolates etc)	o Coordinator (counting money, grouping orders, sort orders on delivery day)
Yearbook	o Help (counting orders, count money, deliver to classrooms)
Earthquake preparedness	o refresh water annually, check dates on emergency rations
Grade 7 school leaving committee	o plan Gr. 7 leaving celebration (food, décor, and/or fieldtrip)

Burnaby Public Library's Fresh Start 2016

In celebration of our 60th anniversary, Burnaby Public Library want you to "Be Curious..." and start borrowing again! Here's an opportunity to have the overdue fines owing on your library account waived. Visit the service desk of any Burnaby Public Library branch between Monday, September 19 and Sunday, October 2, 2016, and we will waive the late fees currently owing on your library account, up to a maximum of \$100. This is a one-time special amnesty for fines accrued prior to September 19, and is only valid between September 19 and

Looking For Child Care? Let TheYMCA Child Care Resource & Referral HELP!

We provide families with child care information & referrals to local facilities. From explaining your options to assisting with child care subsidy processes, we're here to help!

Contact us at:

Metrotown Community Resource Centre
 4460 Beresford Street
 Burnaby, BC
 604.294.1109

Don't Wait — Check the Date!
 Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15, 2016 Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

- Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.
- Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.
- Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

Additional Safety Tips:

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and firepreventionweek.org.

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