



ÉCOLE SPERLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Bulletin #2



Days to Remember:

OCTOBER

- 4 Neon Day by Student Council
- 5-7 Gr. 6 Camp
- 10 Thanksgiving Day (No school)
- 12-28 Coat Drive
- 14 Hot Lunch Day
- 19 Photo retakes
- 21 Pro-D Day (students do not attend school)
- 26 School-wide pumpkin patch (pm)
- 28 Hot Lunch Day
- 31 Halloween Assembly @ 9:30am



We've Started with Spirit!

The first week we had an exciting and productive start to our school year. We introduced the new Re-designed Curriculum the first week when students worked in grade groups on an enquiry based activity on the theme: I Wonder.



September has come and gone already and we are in full swing! I am sure everyone is adjusting to their busy schedules at school and at home and as parents, you are coordinating activities, setting schedules and getting back into the hectic pace of providing as many opportunities for your children as you can. At the school, cross country season has begun, our grade 6 classes are preparing for Timberline Ranch, and students have started to take on leadership roles (student safety patrol, primary lunch time monitors, office monitors, morning messages, recycling, etc). It is wonderful for all involved when students take an active role in their school community through either participation or service. We encourage all students to find a way to become involved in activities within the school. An active, involved person makes a positive contribution to their community!

The staff of Sperling looks forward to an exciting and rewarding school year working with you and your children.

K. Floyd

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPERLING'S PUMPKIN PATCH!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help at our school-wide Pumpkin Patch which will be taking place the afternoon of Wednesday, October 26th. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Or email Mme Floyd @ karen.floyd@sd41.bc.ca. Thank you!



Student Supervision

Please be aware that, unless your child is in a registered after school activity, or occasionally working after school in class with their teacher's permission, student supervision before 8:50 and after 3:01 is parent/guardian responsibility.



Staff members are only available to supervise during school hours and we ask that you please arrange for your children accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

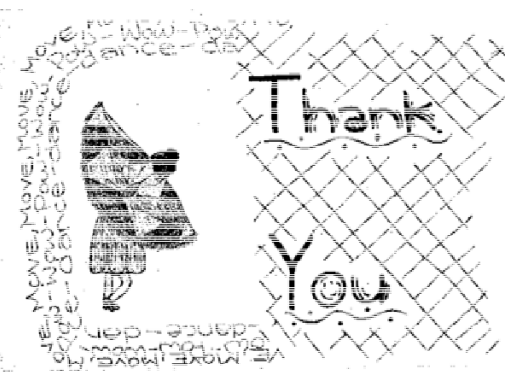
NUT AWARE

We are a peanut/nut aware school. There are many students in our school who have a severe allergy to peanuts and/or tree nuts. To respect the health concerns of our students and community members, please avoid sending food with nuts and/or nut ingredients in snacks and lunches. Healthy alternatives include soy beans, raisins, celery or carrot sticks. We thank you for your cooperation.



POW WOW DANCE WEEK!

Div. 1 shared their thoughts about their experience with talented Shyama Priya, an Aboriginal Pow Wow dancer.



Dear Shyama Priya

Thank you for teaching us the extraordinary Dance of the Butterfly. I loved how fast you did the moves like the spin high knees and the criss cross. I really really liked your regalia with so many bright and wonderful colours. I think that you are an amazing Pow Wow dancing teacher!

From,
Drake

P.S. What are your dancing shoes made of?

Dear Shyama Priya,

Thank you for teaching us about the powwow dancing and spending time teaching us the moves. I really like the dance especially the end! I am not good at the spinning move but I like the shuffle part. I really enjoyed the Butterfly Dance. Thank you Shyama for your time to teach us. I wonder how much time did you spend on the dance?

From,
Joshua

Dear Shyama Priya

Hi! Thank you for coming to our school and teaching us the dance of Butterfly. I think your culture is very interesting because it has such beautiful and powerful dances. The Regalia you wear is very colourful and pretty. This dance is very tiring but fun too. The shuffle part is pretty since it represents the butterfly. Thank you for teaching us.

From,
Victoria

Thank you to all of the volunteers at the Book Fair!

At the time of this printing, the Scholastic Book Fair is doing very well. The money earned from this fundraising event will go towards paying for the plastic sheets that we cover all of the paperback books with, as well as more book tape, reading club prizes and certificates, boxes of spine labels, and library books that I purchase from other suppliers.

I would like to say a big "thank you" to all of the wonderful parent volunteers who helped us run this event: Vivian Shen, Aline Grobocopatel, Yoko Watase, Iva Vincialek, Joyce Tan, Kelly Gill, Marco Biron, Shelly Zhao, Jane Chang, Linna Zhang, Oleg Degtyarenko, Xin Zhang, Katharine Sheppard, Estelle Peterson, Chelsea Zhang, Jiping Zeng, Erin MacNeill, Denise Lau, Erico Arnst, Ping Wang, Olive Chan, Reza Nilli, Corina Andreoiu, Sheeba Faqih, Ryan Sun, Wendy Zhang, Kelly Pang, Juliana Medeiros, Tina Liew, Susan Crossley, Rebecca Barnes, Rachel Fan, Lenora Mendez, Xin Zhang, Liang Liang Wang, and Jin Qin.

I would also like to thank the student volunteers who helped set up the fair and assisted with the line-ups in the hallway: Andre Wong, Triton Smith, Marie Spencer, Bridgit Li, Zayana Samji, Alexa Brasslet, Jacquie MacLean, Anya Liu, Jaya Parmar, Makenzie Campbell, Kaitlyn Johnson, Elise Chen, and Vijay Tupper.

Many thanks to all who participated in this event. I really appreciate the level of support that our school community provides. I would be unable to host a book fair without your help! I will be having a French Book Fair at the end of November or early December, and I will send out another request for parent volunteers in November.

From Ms. Hunger



SPERLING CROSS COUNTRY TEAM IS OFF AND RUNNING TO A GOOD START!



The Cross Country team has had two meets already at Burnaby Lake.

The students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and effort that made us all very proud. Every member of the Cross Country team participated and had a great time, running in the beautiful fall sunshine! Thank you parents for driving team members to and from the meet. We love the extra cheers!

CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DAY



In the morning of Sept. 30th, teachers were outside taking an experiential workshop of the pedagogy of nature learning. Teachers explored practical activities and lessons focusing on creatively using our outdoor school grounds with our students.

In the afternoon, teachers continued collaborating and planning in their grade groups on the Redesigned Curriculum.

Thank you Cascadia Nature for mentoring our staff on the beauty and wonder of the natural environment around us.

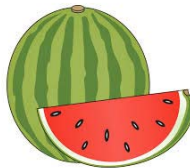
Terry Fox Run

Sperling students participated in the 36th Annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, Sept. 22nd.

This year we had BC Hall of Fame's Andrea Neil, kick us off with her inspirational story. Students had a very special opportunity to see some of Terry Fox's running gear that he wore everyday during the Marathon of Hope.



Thank you to all the parent volunteers who ensured student safety en route. After their run, students enjoyed fresh watermelon. A big appreciative thank you to our Hot Lunch Moms for supplying all the watermelon!



SAFETY BEFORE CONVENIENCE

As our school population has increased this year with many new students and a larger staff, our parking lots



have again become a safety concern. Parents are asked to drop their children off on Adair (**after the orange cones**), along Sperling Ave. (school side) or on Hycrest Ave.

Our parking lots are designated for staff members only and there is not enough space for parents to park or drop off when bringing children to school. It is also very unsafe for students and parents to be walking through the parking lot as staff members are arriving and trying to park.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR "WALKING SIDEWALK"

20 minutes on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning from 8:35 - 8:55am.

Please contact Lauri at chair@sperlingpac.com.



Cell Phones/School Phones

It has recently become very common for students to have personal cell phones at school. Our position is that these cell phones are intended for, and should only be used for, safety. With that in mind, we ask for your support in reinforcing the following guidelines:

- Cell phones (or any expensive items such as iPods) are here at your child's own risk in terms of loss or breakage
- Cell phones should remain in student's backpacks in the cloakroom during the day, including recess and lunch
- All cell phones are to be turned off during the school day

If students need to use the telephone during the day to make **important** phone calls to parents, they may ask their classroom teacher for a phone pass that allows them to use the office telephone.

Students who do not follow these guidelines may have their cell phones confiscated until the end of the school day.



A REMINDER TO PARENTS: LUNCHES

Please remember to include spoons, and forks in your child's lunch or recess snack.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide utensils for students.



Community News...

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 over-due 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 October 2, 2016.



LOVE THE WATER? CHECK OUT WATER POLO!

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our program runs from Sept to April. Practices are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays from 5-7 pm. Games are played on Sundays with locations to be announced.

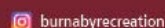
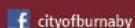
Not sure if you'd like it? Come give the game a try. Boys and girls are invited to join us for a free introductory water polo clinic on Saturday, October 1 or 8 from 5 to 7 pm. Please reserve a spot as space is limited. Contact Zoran Maletic at 778-328-2657 or email contact@burnabywaterpolo.com for more information or visit www.burnabywaterpolo.com

Flip Through Your Leisure Guide



Now available online at burnaby.ca/active

- » Printed copies available in our centres
- » Registration starts for most programs



BURNABY CAPRICE SYNCHRONIZED SWIM CLUB

Burnaby Caprice Synchro offers synchronized swimming programs for all levels of athletes, for younger boys and girls just learning the sport to those competing on the national level. Synchronized swimming is a wonderful mix of swimming, music, dance, gymnastics and drama. It develops water orientation, balance and aquatic skills. Synchro also promotes cardiac, respiratory and muscular fitness while focusing on improving the athlete's strength, power, endurance and flexibility.

We believe in a "holistic" or "whole person" approach to athletics; at Burnaby Caprice, we incorporate a STEPS approach:

- Synchronized skill development
- Teamwork
- Expression through music and movement
- Physical fitness and personal growth
- Spirit and sportsmanship

We are having a FREE come-try-synchro at Eileen Daily Pool on Wednesday, October 5 from 730-830 pm. To register for this program contact Eileen Daily Pool.

The next 10 session come-try-synchro starts on October 8. For more information go to our website or e-mail the club info@bcssc.org
<http://www.bcssc.org>

Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9-15, 2016

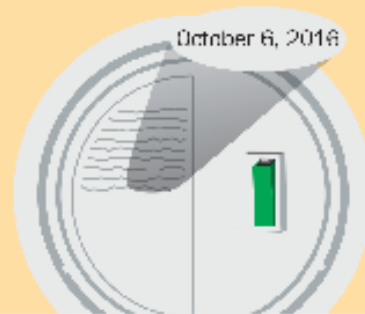
Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

1

Remove the
smoke alarm
from the wall
or ceiling.



October 6, 2016



2

Look at the
back of the
alarm for
the date of
manufacture.

3

Smoke alarms
should be
replaced 10
years from
the date of
manufacture.



4

Put the alarm
back on the
ceiling or wall
if it is less than
10 years old.



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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non-profit fire service
organization.