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At Second Street Community School, we are committed to be a respectful, joyful, and safe learning environment where we all strive to be our best.

Community and Friendship

"Books help us understand who we are and how to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean..."

In recognition of Sue Montabello's retirement, a former 2nd Street Principal, we have installed a Community Book Exchange on the playground on 16th Avenue. These libraries not only encourage people to read, they're open 24 hours a day every day of the year and foster a sense of community while providing a meeting spot for neighbours to connect and share their favourite books. Our Community Library was built and painted by Cariboo Students who formerly attended 2nd Street. We encourage families to take or leave a book (or more) as you like to keep our reading collection rotating.





In recognition of EastSide Opportunities Society's 20th anniversary, they have installed a Buddy Bench on our playground. A Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster kindness and compassion. They aim to promote friendships and ensure every child has a place on the playground. At 2nd Street, we are proud of our inclusive school climate and believe that this Buddy Bench represents our continued commitment to ensuring all children have an opportunity to make new friends. Congratulations EastSide!

Class Placement September 2017

At this time of year parents begin thinking about their child's class placement for next year. Please know that our staff members work together to thoughtfully place students in classes based upon school staffing.

When determining your child's placement, a variety of factors are considered. For example: the number of students in each class, a balance of gender, academic and social strengths and needs, learning styles, friendships and special interests. We use our professional judgment, existing data, and discussion as we create classes, keeping in mind the considerations listed above. It is the responsibility of the school staff to arrange classes so that each student has a positive learning environment.

We are happy to consider written requests for class placement that describe the academic, social and/or physical needs of your child. **Please do not request a specific teacher**. These requests must be submitted by Friday May 26, 2017. Please note that these letters are shared with the teaching staff when classes are created. As always, classes will be finalized in September. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Harding by email to <u>mark.harding@sd41.bc.ca</u> or by phone at 604.664.8819.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Do you have a child born in 2012 who is ready to start Kindergarten in September? Do you live in the Second Street Community School attendance area?

Please check our website <u>http://www.sd41.bc.ca/registration</u> for important information regarding the required documents. Contact the office if you have any questions and to set up a time to register your child at 604-664-8819.

PIONEER TEA

We are hosting our annual Pioneer Tea on Friday, May 5th from 1:00 –2:30 in the Gym to recognize the seniors in our community. If you are able to help out with this event by helping to set up, clean up, or providing sandwiches or baking, please phone 604-664-8821. Please also remember when you are baking that we are a nut-free school. Also, feel free to invite senior neighbours or grandparents to this event. (Please have them RSVP by phoning the school.)



2nd Street Community Council invites you to attend their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. Learn about Second Street's academic and social programs, meet and connect with parents and other community members and staff, take advantage of the opportunity to have your voice heard. Parents and all community members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. This evening Council positions will be elected.

Childcare can be provided upon request. Please contact the Community Office at 604-664-8823 by Monday, May 8th.

2ND STREET'S COMMUNITY SHRED DAY & Hotdog/Hamburger BBQ – Saturday, May 13th



Join us at the Choices Market parking lot at the Burnaby Crest (8683 10th Ave, Burnaby) between 10:00 – 2:00 on Saturday, May 13th, 2017 for our Community Shredding Day. Money raised will go towards 2nd Street's technology. (Please see the flyer in the following pages of this newsletter for more information.)

Our grade 6s are also having a Hotdog/Hamburger BBQ fundraiser for their grade 7 camp next year. Combos which include a hotdog or a hamburger, chips and a drink for only \$5!

SPORTS DAY SPIRIT DAYS

Our next spirit days will focus on Sports Day. We will have four separate spirit days, one for each colour. Monday, May 15th is RED SPIRIT DAY; Tuesday, May 16th is BLUE SPIRIT DAY; Wednesday, May 17th is GREEN SPRIT DAY; and Thursday, May 18th is WHITE SPIRIT DAY. Listen to the daily morning announcements for reminders as to what colours to wear. Show your school spirit by wearing the sports day colours on our spirit days!





SUMMER FUN REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer Fun programs will begin on Sports Day. Please watch for more information to come next week. There will be some subsidies available.

SPORTS DAY - MAY 19TH



Sports Day is coming soon! Please be on the lookout for more notices to come home soon regarding further details about the day. Please also note that those students who ARE NOT on the Hot Lunch program will have an opportunity to order a pizza lunch for that day. Notices to order pizza lunch will be sent home separately.

We are also always looking for volunteers to help out with the snack station

and with the concession. Please phone the school or return the volunteer form (which will be attached to the lunch order form) if you are able to help out!

SECOND STREET READING BUZZ

Congratulations to the following students who have completed 25 nights of reading:

Ava – div. 2 Diya – div. 4 Julianne - div. 5 Julia – div. 6 Liam – div. 7 Katerina – div. 7 Ishaan – div. 7 Nisha – div. 7 Tyler – div. 7 Kayla – div. 9 Jemarcus – div. 9 Christine – div. 9 Nicholas – div. 10 Adrian –div. 13 Jujhar – div. 14

Congratulations to the following students who have completed 50 nights of reading:

Jasleen – div. 3 Hannah – div. 6 Nikky – div. 11 Ethen – div. 11 Joubin – div. 11 Joowa – div. 11 Adrian – div. 13 Tricia – div. 13 Preston – div. 14 Nararyan – div. 14



LOST & FOUND

The Lost and Found bin/coat rack has been relocated to the upper floor close to room 211



Please take a moment at some time over this month and also in June to look through the Lost and Found for any clothing items that might belong to your child. At the end of the school year all the unclaimed items in the box will be donated to charity.

Also at the office there are smaller miscellaneous items such as keys, jewelry, eye glasses, and more.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AND EARLY DISMISSAL THIS MONTH

On Friday, May 19th is Sport Day and there is an early dismissal at 2:00 pm. Also don't forget that Monday, May 22nd is Victoria Day and the school will be closed.



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION - THURSDAY MAY 25TH



Our Welcome to Kindergarten afternoon will take place on Thursday, May 25^{th} in the Gym from 1:00 - 3:00.

All Kindergarten students who have registered for school in September at 2nd Street Community School and their parents are invited to attend.

Invitations were handed out upon your child's registration. If you don't have yours please contact the school office at 604-664-8819 or come by to pick one up.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, May $25^{\text{th}}.$



Combined-Grade Classes Learning Together

Each child is guided to succeed within their grade appropriate learning outcomes

Burnaby School District is committed to creating balanced classes that focus on a student's individual learning strengths and the needs of the whole child. Additional factors that influence the formation of classes include shifting enrolment, class size/composition, and school staffing. Often, particularly at the elementary level, schools will form combined-grade classes.

In a combined-grade class, students from different grades are grouped together in a classroom with one teacher (eg. Grade 2 and Grade 3). Combined-grade classes are common in Canada. In fact, a Canadian study on classroom organization found that one out of every five Canadian students is enrolled in a combined-grade classroom. This means, it is very likely that your child will be in a combined-grade class during their elementary years.

Do children "learn" differently in combined-grade classrooms?

Children learn and mature at different rates. Intellectual, social, physical and personal development is not grade level dependent. In every classroom, combined-grade or single-grade, there is a wide range of children with varying skills and abilities. Teachers are aware of these individual differences and structure learning activities within the curriculum, according to the needs of each learner.

Students in combined-grade classes are not held back to the level of younger students nor are they expected to handle work beyond their ability. Whether a child is an advanced learner, or requires additional learning support, each is guided to succeed within the grade appropriate learning outcomes.

There are also social benefits to combined-grade classes. Research shows that combined-grade classes:

- allow students to learn from one another
- encourage students to work together
- provide models for younger students
- help older students see what they have already learned
- promote social responsibility
- help students to become independent
- foster a positive attitude towards school

How do teachers "teach" in combined-grade classes?

The combined-grade structure does not make a difference in how a teacher teaches students. Teachers of combined-grade classrooms are familiar and knowledgeable about the curricula for the grades and subjects they are teaching.

Learning has shifted away from memorizing facts to a more holistic approach that focuses on engaging the learner through a lens of inquiry-based learning, critical and creative thinking. This approach lends itself well to combined-grade classes where the emphasis is on teaching students how to evaluate ideas, make judgements, transfer and apply knowledge, understand processes and access information.

How can I support my child's learning?

Children in all class formations thrive when parents are involved in the learning process. Here are some ways to become involved and help your child learn:

- Take an interest in your child's school work and activities
- Monitor their homework
- Communicate with the teacher
- Offer to volunteer in the school

Parent involvement





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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gayle Beavil Community School Coordinator New contact # 604-836-3290

In the office on: Monday-AM, Tuesday, Wednesday–PM, Thursday, Friday-PM

> **Penny Hamulas** Office Assistant

In the office from: Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 2:30pm



Did you know we have a school Twitter account? We do!

Follow us @SecondStSD41

Get a glimpse into our classrooms and school and see all the great learning that is happening!

Second Street Community School

PARENT AND NEIGHBOUR MEETING – May 9th

Community Council – EVERYONE WELCOME[©] Annual General Meeting – Elections will be held

These are monthly talk times for all parents and neighbours of Second Street Community School.

> DATE: Tues., May 9th, 2017 TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 PLACE: 2nd St. Community Room

RESEARCH SHOWS children's success in school INCREASES when parents are involved and interested!

At these meetings:

- Join other parents and make connections. This makes the neighbourhood stronger!
- Find out what students are doing and how you can support them
- Ask questions about school and learning
- Help make decisions about what happens at the school

All 2nd Street parents and neighbors are invited to this meeting! Enjoy coffee, tea, and treats too! Childcare is available, too!

Senior's Tea

47th Annual Pioneer Tea



Second Street Community School Gymnasium 17th Avenue and 1st Street, Burnaby, BC

Friday, May 5, 2017 1:00—2:30 PM

For more information Phone 604.604.8821

Please enter the school through the doors/ramp on 17th Avenue if stairs are a problem.

Feel free to bring a friend.

R.S.V.P. to Gayle at 604.836.3290 or Penny at 604.664.8821 at 2nd Street Community School EVERYONE WELCOME !







