

SECOND ST. COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SECOND STREET COMMUNITY
OFFICE

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A Note from the Community Office:



A Whole-Child Approach

On our last Professional Day, the staff spent part of the day talking about a whole-child approach to education. The ACSD's (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) and Whole-Child Action Plan Guide explains:

"A school committed to the whole child, not only in words but in actions, is one where the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional needs of students are intentionally addressed throughout classroom curriculum, instruction, and assessment, staff development, school culture, and family and community engagement. ... Like every student, every school has unique histories, resources, interests, and needs that an effective whole child approach will reflect."

We looked at the 5, research-backed areas, that the ASCD says children need in order to thrive. Children need to be:

Healthy Engaged Safe Challenged Supported

In fact, we **ALL** need to feel these things, in order to thrive.

What do your children need to feel healthy, safe, engaged, challenged and supported?

What do **YOU** need to feel these things?

A Community School embraces this approach, as it focusses on the whole child, which means we understand that children are part of many communities: their family, their friends, their culture, their traditions, their neighbourhood, and more. That means each child is unique, and each needs different things in order to thrive.

Community Schools put the child in the centre, and they continually try to create ways to enhance social and emotional development, health and wellbeing, lifelong learning, and community development. Here is a diagram that illustrates the Community School Approach in BC:



A Community School has extra opportunities, extra relationships and extra hours; this means that meeting the needs of diverse learners and their families, is even more possible.

Here is a link to a video about Burnaby's Community School approach. You might find it helpful and interesting:

<https://youtu.be/4prPbZU5Jo0>

When you think of your own family's need for these 5 things, what does that look like for each family member?

What unique gifts can you bring to this community? You can add to the rich diversity here. We welcome you, and all of your gifts.

Together Strong,

Gayle Beavil

Second Street Community & Parent Advisory Council (CPAC)

Monthly Meeting *Everyone is welcome!*

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

DATE: **Monday, October 16**
TIME: **6:30pm**
PLACE: **Community Room (upstairs)**

Coffee and snacks will be provided



To join virtually, click on TEAMS link or QR code: [CPAC General Meeting Link](#)

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

At these meetings:

- Strengthen the school community and neighborhood through conversation and connection with other parents and the community members
- Hear from the Principal and Community School Coordinator to find out what students are engaging in
- Learn how you can support the students' activities and learning
- Get answers to your questions about school and learning
- Help make decisions about what happens at the school

Follow Second Street Community School on **Facebook** and @SecondStSD41 **on Twitter**.

Questions about Council? Go to secondstreet.burnabyschools.ca and click on the "**Community Council**" tab.

Email to contact us at: secondstreetschoolcouncil@gmail.com



Let's Build Community!

All parents and community members are welcome to join
Community School Coordinator, Gayle Beavil, at

"CommuniTEA TIME"

Wednesday, October 18th

9:00 am – 10:30 am

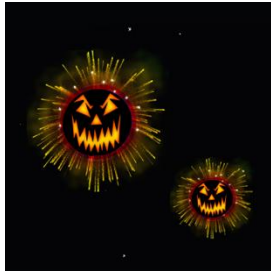
In the Second Street Community Room

**Join us, for coffee, conversation and community connections.
Toddlers are welcome.**

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Coretta Scott King

Second Street is excited to announce,
HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS



Tuesday, October 31st

8:15 pm

School Playground



Once again, Second Street Community School will be hosting a community fireworks display on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st. We are fortunate to have a member of our community, Shane Culver, donate his time to provide us with a professional pyrotechnics display.

The Community School Council and Eastside Opportunities Society generously donate money towards this event. We also would like to request a minimum donation of **\$5.00 from each Second Street family** to help cover this cost. Donations can be made on School Cash Online, Burnaby.schoolcashionline.com or send cash to the Community Office.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled community evening. There will be caution tape and safety boundaries on the field. Please stay safe and have fun! (Please note, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 years to possess or set off fireworks of any kind (Burnaby City By-Law).

Volunteers:

To make this family event successful, we need volunteers to help with the safety and security and serving hot chocolate. If you are able to help us with this event, please complete and return the form sent home this week and return to the **Community Office by October 19th**.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!





Our 2nd Street Community Council is, again, hosting a **PURDY'S CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER** to support our classroom and school activities.

We are asking each family to sell at least **ONE** box of Purdy's Chocolate bars **OR** to make a donation (suggested donation amount is \$25.00). Donations can be made on [School Cash Online](#).

- **If your family sells a box of Purdy's chocolate bars:**

The Purdy's chocolate bars will go home to each participating family on **Wednesday, October 18th**. We ask families to return the money to the Community Office by no later than **Friday, October 27th**. Please indicate on the [ONLINE form](#) which box of chocolate bars you would like sent home to sell.

NOTE: Students may sell a second box of chocolates however, money from the first box must be received by the Community Office before a second box is given out.

- **If your family makes a donation:**

Please send a minimum donation of \$25.00 in an envelope (with your child's name & division number on it) to the Community Office **or** pay on **School Cash Online**. If you send a cheque, please make it payable to [Second Street Community School Council](#).

- **Prizes!**

For every box of chocolate bars you sell or donation made, a draw ticket is entered for a chance to win one of the GRAND PRIZES (e.g. a gift certificate to Chapters or Cineplex Theatres). There will also be prizes for the top Primary and top Intermediate sellers.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN!



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Information Children is putting on a free workshop in-person at

McGill Library on October 16th from 11-12:30, **Unshackling Mom Guilt**. There is free childminding for children 18mo - 5 years on request. call 778-782-3548 or email info@informationchildren.com to register.



Burnaby Public Library has Babytime at four locations.

Meet families and share songs, bounces and stories with your baby! **No registration** is required, **come early or stay late** for some extra social time. For locations and times click on McGill, Cameron, Tommy Douglas and Bob Prittie branches on the [BPL event page here](#).



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Unshackling Mom Guilt

Monday October 16th
11 am-12:30 pm
in-person at the McGill Library
4595 Albert St Burnaby

Free childcare for kids 18 mo-5 years available upon request

Life in the first weeks, months, and years of a new child can be full of joy, fears, excitement, sadness and often, an underlying feeling of guilt. Moms take on a great deal of a family's emotional labour, and it's common to feel like you aren't doing enough or doing it wrong. Join us for a non judgemental look at these feelings and discuss ways in which we can be more gentle with ourselves and learn how to let go of some of the loads we carry.

Sign up
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Online Storytime

Join us on Zoom for a 30 min Storytime filled with songs, puppets, felt-stories & easy art activities!

October 2023
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:30-6pm



Sign up
<https://tinyurl.com/ynrdavmx>

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Join Information Children's **Online Storytime every Tuesday and Thursday** this month for 30 minutes of songs, stories, puppets and more! Join at 5:30-6pm **-perfect for the kids as you get dinner ready!** To register, call 778-782-3548 or email info@informationchildren.com



FamilySmart™
Together-Centred®

Family Smart offers excellent workshops every month on a multitude of mental health subjects - things like emotional regulation or ADHD. Families watch a video on the subject and

then have the opportunity to discuss and learn with other families. Workshops are online and free. For a listing of upcoming events, times and registration, [click here](#).

If you are a newcomer parent with children 3-5 years and would like to learn strategies on how to encourage language and literacy skills, Pacific Immigrant Resource Society (PIRS) is offering Immigrant Parents as Literacy Supporters (IPALS) starting October 27th to December 15th. This is a free program, bus tickets and great learning materials are provided! For more information or registration check out the attached poster or contact Rabia at rkaihan@pirs.bc.ca

As children develop their self-identities, they should also be learning acceptance of themselves and others—that each of us are alike and each of us are different, and that we are all valuable in our own way. You can convey this message of acceptance by highlighting the ways in which children are alike and different from their peers. Help children see the richness in their diversity (source: WGBH Educational Foundation). Learn more @feelingsfirst.ca.

- Celebrating Diversity
- Encourages critical thinking
- Increases empathy and acceptance
- Helps reduce radical bias
- Encourages positive self-identity

As a caregiver, you can reinforce kind behaviour in your child and set the stage for them to handle more emotions and decisions. Children learn most effectively through demonstrations of kind behaviour, opportunities to practice kindness, and attentive and patient caregivers. (Source: Healthy Families BC). Learn more at @feelingsfirst.ca.

- What you can do to encourage kindness in early childhood
- Model Behaviour you want to see.
- Create opportunities for kindness.
- Practice kind conversations.
- Give praise for good behaviour.
- Respond calmly if your child is unkind.
- Create clear family rules around kindness.



CPAC BULLETIN BOARD

Check out how you can help at Second Street, what the council is up to and how you can help fundraise for our school.

👉 **Check out the “Job Jar” for volunteer opportunities:**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iUWOuuxBr5sK7LFDmpWI6fm2g_NACA6C4FkJtWbzDE/edit

In addition to volunteering, the following are on-going ways to contribute to our school.

- **Refundable Containers** - Drop off empty containers at an Express Return-It Depot and credit the school using: **604-296-9029**
- **YOGA MATS** - Donate your old/unused yoga mat so we can create a class set of sit pads for when our students learn outside. Drop them off at the Community Office.
- **Cash for Clothes** – Have clothes you are getting rid of? Drop off bagged clothes to Second Street School Community Office. The school earns money for each bag donated to our school.

Come to our monthly CPAC meetings. Upcoming meeting dates:

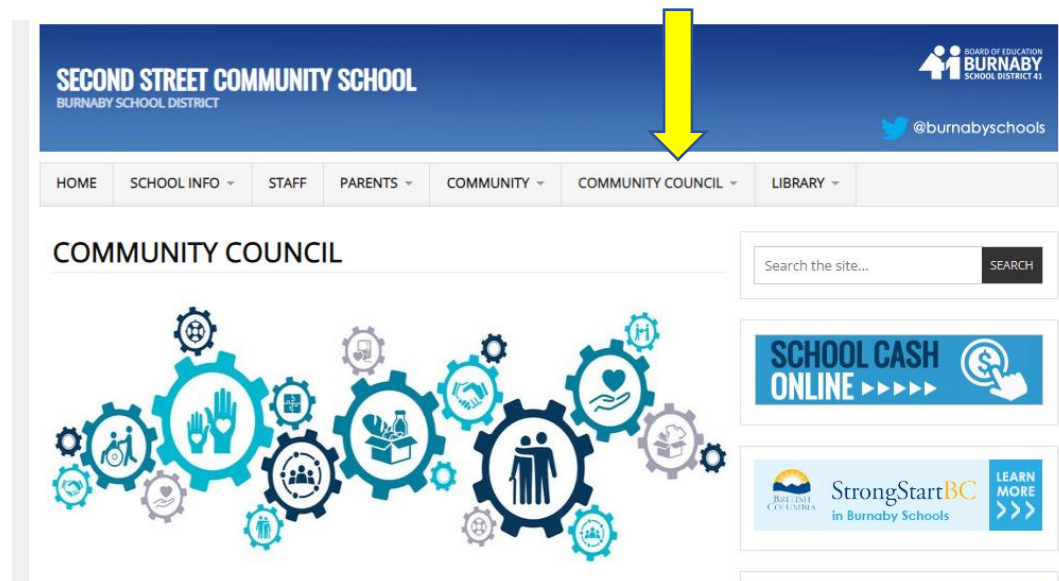
Monday, October 16th 6:30pm

Monday, November 20th 9:30am

Monday, December 11th 6:30pm

Click [here](#) to view September Meeting Minutes.

And be sure to check out the [Community Council](#) tab on our webpage and [Facebook](#) page.



The screenshot shows the website for Second Street Community School, Burnaby School District. The header includes the school name and logo, and a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, SCHOOL INFO, STAFF, PARENTS, COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY COUNCIL (highlighted with a yellow arrow), and LIBRARY. Below the navigation menu, the page title is "COMMUNITY COUNCIL". There is a search bar with the text "Search the site..." and a "SEARCH" button. Below the search bar, there is a graphic of interlocking gears with various icons inside them, representing different community activities. To the right of the gear graphic, there is a "SCHOOL CASH ONLINE" button with a play icon and a "LEARN MORE" button with a play icon. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "StrongStartBC in Burnaby Schools" with a "LEARN MORE" button.



October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3	4 Picture Day 	5	6
9 Thanksgiving School Closed 	10	11	12 9:30 am Adult Yoga starts 7pm Adult Zumba starts	13 Popcorn Day 
16 Coats for Kids truck @ school CPAC (Parent Council Mtg) 6:30pm	17	18 CommuniTEA 9-10:30 am 	19 Pizza Day 	20 Pro D Day No School
23	24	25	26	27
30	31 Halloween Fireworks Display 			

Upcoming Dates:

- November 13 – Remembrance Day Holiday NO School
- November 17 – Popcorn Sale
- November 20 – CPAC Meeting at 9:30am
- November 20 – Gingerbread Raffle Begins
- November 24 – Professional Day NO School