

SECOND ST. **COMMUNITY SCHOOL** **NEWSLETTER** **FEBRUARY 2024**

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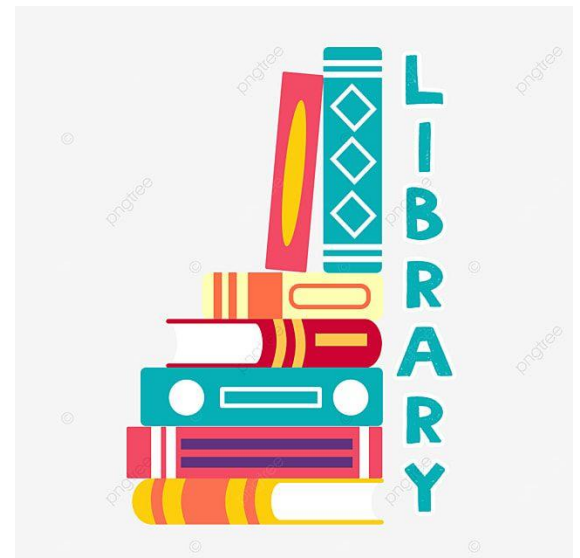
A Note from the Community Office

The Burnaby Public Library – So Much More Than Books!!!

This week is Literacy Week, and we had the pleasure of having Alex Anaya-Paiero, the Children’s Librarian from the Tommy Douglas Library at Edmonds and Kingsway, as our special guest at our CommuniTEA Time this week. He told us about the amazing programs, resources and events at the Public Library, and we were blown away by the richness of what is there, and the kinds of services the library provides.

THE LIBRARY HAS ...

- ☞ Free use of computers
- ☞ Comfy spots to curl up with a great book
- ☞ Free printing up to \$5/month – colour or B/W
- ☞ Family Board Game Nights
- ☞ A Teen Advisory Board
- ☞ Spring Break and holiday programs
- ☞ Adult programs
- ☞ A teen-only room! For homework, games, connecting.
- ☞ English Conversation Circles
- ☞ Digital Art programs
- ☞ A Book Club
- ☞ Storytimes **AND MORE!**



YOU CAN BORROW....

- 📖 Books, of course!
- 📖 Kids, teen and adult books in several languages
- 📖 WIFI Hotspots
- 📖 Birding Backpacks
- 📖 Light therapy lamps
- 📖 Tech toys like Spero & Makey-Makey AND MORE!

AND...

All programs are FREE!

You can borrow items for 28 days!

No late fees!

Automatic renewals (if no one else has requested item)!

Also, one-on-one appointments are available if you call, or go into the branch, and arrange. A librarian could help you with a specific technology issue, or set of resources, for example. Looking for parenting resources? Tips to talk to your kids about grief? How to handle screen time? How to attach documents to emails? What to put on a resume?

Have a library card yet? If not, head on in!

Please go to their wonderful website for current information on programs and happenings. Our public libraries are such a great resource. If you haven't been for a while, head in and hang out. There is something for the whole family. Here is a link to their website:

<https://www.bpl.bc.ca/>

WE LOVE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Together Strong,

Gayle Beavil

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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, February 12th**

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



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

"CommuniTEA TIME"

Guest Speaker Session:

How do we parent when we are *exhausted*?

with

Sahar Sanai

Non-Violent Communication Facilitator

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9:00 am – 10:30 am

In the Second Street Community Room



Join us to share stories and solutions, and to gain some tips on what works – for our kids *AND* for us.

Coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Toddlers are welcome.

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

Coretta Scott King



**PARENT
LEARNING
EVENT 2024**



**BURNABY
FAMILY LIFE**
A PLACE TO GO... A PLACE TO GROW!

Building Meaningful Connections with our Children



 **February 24, 2024 9:00am - 1:00pm**

 **Burnaby Mountain Secondary**

Join us for PLE 2024, a half-day workshop to explore real-world approaches to building meaningful connections with your child.

-  Perspectives from youth, children, and parents
-  Insights from contemporary research on child development
-  A family-focused approach centered in empathy and compassion



In this technology driven and fast paced world, if you find it harder to make those moments of genuine connection with your child this event is for you!

Free Childminding available for children
from 2 years to 10 years!
(Limited spots available)

Healthy Nutritious Breakfast will be
served!

Subsidies available
1/2 price tickets through January 31st.



Tickets
\$15



Workshop led by:

Susan Montabello, Adjunct Professor SFU, Educator and Administrator
with more than 25 years of experience working in Burnaby Schools
Noam Samet, Safe School's Specialist - Burnaby School District

Learn more or register today:

<https://www.burnabyfamilylife.org/parent-learning-event>

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITES

6-12 YEARS

GROWING TOGETHER

Explore your family heritage with arts and crafts and piece together your family tree. Bring your family pictures and history for extra personal touch!

WHEN

Sunday, February 18
1:30 - 5:30 PM

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LEARNING

12-17 YEARS

SPARKS OF UNITY

Youth and parents team up for a chance to win **\$100, \$50, or \$25 cash prize**. Build a fun buzz wire maze and solve it as quickly as you can (instruction and tools will be provided).

WHERE

Port Royal (Multipurpose 2)
Queensborough Community Centre


NEW WESTMINSTER



ADAPTED TINY TIKES

1 - 5 years \$2.00

Together, children and parents can interact with others, explore and play with a variety of developmentally age appropriate equipment & toys. Children are free, adult \$2 for this drop-in program. Some of the fun activities to spark your child's interests will include ride-on toys, climbers, soccer, basketball and floor hockey. **This playgroup is designed for children with multi-sensory needs and will include sensory items, a smaller space . Staff will be on hand to support play.**

**Mondays 2:00pm-3:30pm
Beginning January 8th**

Christine Sinclair Community Centre

\$2 drop-in / adult

Both adult and child must register at the front counter

Schedule subject to change

Children must be accompanied by at least one participating adult.
Pre mobile infants are welcome if they are in a stroller or carrier.

Register at Burnaby.ca/webreg

Call 604-320-2222 or visit any Burnaby recreation centre



FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 Twin Day 
5	6	7	8	9 POPCORN DAY 
12 Lunar New Year Celebration  CPAC Meeting 6:30pm	13	14	15	16 PRO D DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
19 FAMILY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	20	21 Tea Time 	22 PIZZA DAY 	23
26	27	28 PINK SHIRT DAY	29	

For more detailed school-wide calendar, click [here](#)

Upcoming dates:

March 8: Popcorn Day

March 14: Report Cards Published

March 15: Last Day before Spring Break (Spring Break March 16 – April 1)



Join Second Street's Community and Parent Advisory Council (CPAC)!

Attending Council meetings, events, programs and even reading the newsletters, are easy ways to be involved in the school and to support your children.

Why would you want to be involved and join the CPAC meetings?

Research says parental involvement impacts your kids' success:

*For decades, researchers have pointed to one key success factor that transcends nearly all others, such as socioeconomic status, student background or the kind of school a student attends: **parental involvement**.*

The extent to which schools nurture positive relationships with families — and vice versa — makes all the difference, research shows. Students whose parents stay involved in school have better attendance and behavior, get better grades, demonstrate better social skills and adapt better to school.

Parental involvement also more securely sets these students up to develop a lifelong love of learning, which researchers say is key to long-term success.

Children whose families are engaged in their education are more likely to: earn higher grades and score higher on tests; graduate from high school and college; develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom; and have better social skills and classroom behavior.

Research says parental involvement impacts your kids' behaviour:

Decades of research have made one thing clear: parental involvement in education improves student attendance, social skills and behavior. It also helps children adapt better to school.

In one instance, researchers looking at children's academic and social development across first, third and fifth grade found that improvements in parental involvement are associated with fewer "problem behaviors" in students and improvements in social skills. Researchers also found that children with highly involved parents had "enhanced social functioning" and fewer behavior problems.

From:

<https://www.aecf.org/blog/parental-involvement-is-key-to-student-success-research-shows#:~:text=Students%20whose%20parents%20stay%20involved,key%20to%20long%2Dterm%20success.>

The next CPAC meeting is: Monday, Feb. 12th at 6:30 in the Community Room. Join us! Let us know if you need childcare.

More questions? Contact Gayle at gayle.beavil@burnabyschools.ca

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/1iUWOuxxBr5sK7LFDmpWI6fm2g_NACA6C4FktJtWbzDE/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:

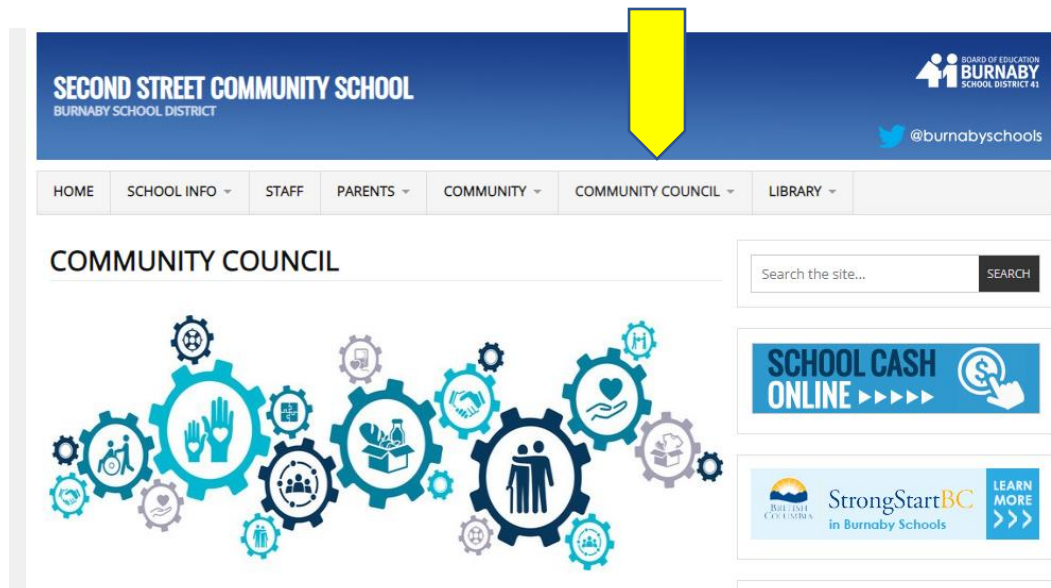
Monday, February 12th 6:30pm

Monday, April 15th 9:30am

Monday, May 13th 6:30 pm

Click [here](#) to view January 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, 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 community and education. To the right of the gears, there is a "SCHOOL CASH ONLINE" button with a play icon and a hand icon. Below that, there is a "StrongStartBC in Burnaby Schools" logo with a "LEARN MORE" button and three arrows.