

SECOND ST. COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

SECOND STREET COMMUNITY OFFICE

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A note from the Community Coordinator

It has occurred to me lately that the act of trying hard things does not always get the appreciation it deserves! There is so much value – for us, and our kids – in making attempts at new and difficult challenges, and that even in the *trying* there is value, whether we succeed or not. **Sometimes, even though it is with the best intentions, we deny our kids the benefits gained from doing hard things.**

Sometimes, as parents, we hover around and worry about our children so much that we deny any real freedom, responsibilities, exploration, and agency, because we are there, trying to protect and watch, cushion and mold.



A new term I heard recently was “Lawnmower Parent”! Although it is kind of an amusing term, it is meant to describe we parents who, rather than simply hover over our kids in attempts to curate their environment, lawnmower parents instead, simply go ahead and mow down all possible obstacles in their kids’ paths -- completely clearing the way for them! Unfortunately, I saw some of this in myself, and maybe you do, too.

While we, as parents have the best intentions (such as trying to reduce struggle by making life easier for our kids than we had it, trying to have them avoid the hurt of heartbreak and disappointment, trying to have them avoid lack, by making everything more accessible for our children, etc.), we are inadvertently causing more harm than good, because of course, **without obstacles, we cannot develop the skills to get over them!**

If our kids haven’t developed the skills to overcome, what happens when they face hardships? How do our kids then develop the important quality of resilience?

As educators, we are noticing an increasing number of children who don’t seem to have the grit or the will to persist at hard things. The continual smoothing out of obstacles and bumps in the road does not do our kids any favours. Rather, we want our kids to do hard things and succeed at them. **We even want our kids to attempt to do the hard things and perhaps even fail, as failure (and what we do with the failure), is where the richest learning is.**

We want our kids to take the skills and information they gained from trying, to the next challenge they face. Each challenge becomes a learning opportunity, and each learning opportunity becomes a period of important growth. These repeated attempts and even failures (followed by reflections on the learning from those times), build the skills needed to be successful in life and to live a life of meaning and choice. When we have meaning and choice, we can use our strengths and gifts where we think they are best suited. **An array of skills, from an array of challenges, will enable our children to decide how they want their life to look, and what kind of life will hold the most meaning for them.** The life skills that they gain will enable them to be adaptable, flexible, knowledgeable and, most importantly, resilient. **There is growth in the failing.**

What was a failure you have had that taught you something?

What obstacle have you overcome and what skills did that build in you?

When has a lost opportunity, or heartbreak, led you to something better?

Together Strong,

Gayle Bevil

The Spring Food Bank Challenge

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank's (GVFB) Spring Challenge is an opportunity for the communities served by the GVFB to come together, in a fun way, to support our neighbours. The Spring Challenge unites communities in the name of friendly competition.



The area that collects the most funds per capita will win the challenge... and a fun prize... 50 pairs of tickets to Foodstock, the GVFB's fundraiser festival, June 23, 2024 at Swangard Stadium.

Please make your donation by May 31st to the Burnaby School District #41 fundraising page by clicking on the link below:

<https://events.foodbank.bc.ca/team/burnaby>



Join the free **Summer Reading Club** for kids of all ages at Burnaby Public Library!

Registration starts on Monday, June 17 at any BPL location or you can sign up online. Read anything, anywhere, any way, and in any language. Being read to also counts!

Check out activities for kids at the library this summer at all locations.

At the end of the summer kids can come in for their Summer Reading Club medals!

Have questions? Need reading ideas? Call us at 604-436-5400 or email eref@bpl.bc.ca.

This video (tinyurl.com/readingtipsBPL) has tips for reading with kids to get you started.

"CommuniTEA TIME" *Volunteer Celebration*



Wednesday, June 12th,

9:00 am – 10:30 am

In the Second Street Community Room

This is a special teatime to honour all of you who have volunteered and supported the school.

Everyone is welcome - parents, community members, etc.

Come and enjoy some special snacks and some surprise treats.

Let's gather together so we can celebrate you, and say thanks!



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



JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING
Ms. Gayle Beavil

THUR 13 JUNE

2:00 - 3:30 PM

We will be gathering to celebrate Gayle's **retirement** from the Burnaby School District and wish her the best as she embarks on her next exciting journey.

Drop into the Second Street School **Community Room** to wish her well, share memories and enjoy refreshments.

For those who would like to give a gift, please consider a donation to The Supporting Burnaby Youth Society in Gayle's honour. Donate directly (<https://sbys-bcf.org>) or drop off cash/cheques

(made out to Supporting Burnaby Youth Society) at the Community Office for this event.

Dance Party!



Let's send off Mrs. Beavil in style by doing one of her most favourite things...dancing! **On Friday, June 14 between 2 to 3 pm** the CPAC will have music blasting and freezies for sale as we celebrate Mrs. Beavil and all she's done for our community. See you there!"

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.



The CPAC* wants to extend a thank you to all of the support at Sports Day. Thank you to The Gandham Family for donating the daal and samosas, to Buy Low Foods for donating the hot dog buns and to Johnny Pop's for donating over 50% of his profits. We raised over \$1400.

Thanks to this event, other events throughout the year and the generosity of our supporters, we met our overall fundraising goal! In 2023/24, we raised over \$10,000 and received grants valuing \$7800.

These funds go directly back to the school** - both in the classroom (including field trips, in-class experiences, music equipment, classroom supplies & literacy resources) and out of the classroom (including community events, swimming, grade 7 leaving & upcoming outdoor classroom).

And a giant thank you to all of the volunteers***, including our CPAC executive, who helped make this happen.

***Community & Parent Advisory Council** - a group of parents and community members actively working to enhance the school experience. Follow us on [Facebook](#).

****Learn more about these allocations at our CPAC meetings** - next one is in September

*****Looking to help out?** Check out our [Job Jar](#).



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**
- **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. **Please only donate clothes or linens as appliances, toys etc. are not accepted.**

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

Early Years Toy/Clothing Swap



Friday, May 24th 10:30am-1:30pm
2038 Rosser Avenue
Burnaby, BC

This is a FREE event!

You don't have to have an equal number of items that you donate to take items home. The idea is that you **bring what you can and take what you need.**

Toy exchange info: Toys and books should be in **good condition and clean.** If toys have multiple pieces, please ensure that all parts are together in a bag or container and labelled.

Clothing exchange info: Clothes should be **gently used and clean.** No ripped, torn, or stained items. Preferably sorted by size. Maternity clothes will be accepted.

We are unable to accept baby furniture, baby equipment, or potty seats.

We may not be able to accept some donations if we've already received too many of certain items/sizes.

Donations can be dropped off between 9:30am and 2:30pm on May 22nd, and May 23rd, or you can bring your donations with you to the swap on May 24th.

Contact Renée Austin for more information
renee.austin@cameray.ca

Limited
underground
parking stalls for
Cameray are
available

2024 SFDS SPRING FAIR

MAY 25, 10AM



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

FACE PAINTING

SLIDES

OBSTACLE COURSE

PONY RIDES

PHOTO BOOTH

STORYTIME

FOOD TRUCKS

RAFFLE

VELCRO WALL

ARTS AND CRAFTS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

AND MANY MORE

@Rene Memorial Park across St. Francis de
Sales 6656 Balmoral St., Burnaby

Join us on May 25th 2024 for a day
of fun, entertainment, food and music.
Entrance is Free!



QR CODE



Cariboo Hill Dry Grad Fundraiser



Get your tickets with
this QR code!!!

PIZZA PARTY/SILENT AUCTION EVENT

Join us for a Pizza Buffet
and bid on valuable auction
items generously donated by
local businesses.

**Help us raise funds to
support Cariboo Hill's Dry
Grad Celebration**

Me-n-Ed's
PIZZA PARLORS

**THURSDAY, MAY 30
6PM TO 9PM
7110 HALL AVE
BURNABY**

\$20 Pizza Buffet includes Caesar Salad,
Garlic Bread and Pop.

Details on how to get tickets and
auction items available will be sent by
email soon.

Invite your friends an family to the
amazing event.

SOME OF THE GENEROUS DONATIONS THAT WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF DURING THE EVENING

- StrongSide Conditioning, New Westminster, Teaser Package (6 weeks) value \$384, Starter Package (3 months) value \$768 Stronger Package (3 months) value \$999
- Vici Learning, New Westminster, Tutoring Package (4 Sessions) or Study Club (for 1 month) value \$200
- 2 GoodLife Fitness, 1 month passes and gym bags, value \$160 each
- Wine Basket, courtesy of Trailside Physio, New Westminster, value \$150
- Gift Basket from Katrina Chen, MLA, value \$150
- Vivowell Nutrition In Home Chef Services value \$140
- Gift Basket from Ken Pho, Royal Pacific Realty, value \$100
- 2 Guys with Knives Gift Card (meals to go), value \$100
- Gift Basket from a Cariboo Parent, value \$100
- 2 Intro Packages, Sea 2 Sky Wellness, New Westminster, value \$69 each
- MORE ITEMS COMING...

Play to Learn

Learn to Play

IMAGINE explore
discover
CREATE
play
REFLECT
connect
SHARE
wonder
inspire
invent
learn



UNPLUG & PLAY!

Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 10:00am to 1:00pm

Join us for a free, fun, family friendly event! Great for kids 0 to 6!

- **Live Music with Will's Jam** <https://www.willsjams.com/>
- **Learn about Burnaby's early years programs and services**
- **Enjoy free activities**

**Edmonds Park
7433 Humphries Avenue
Burnaby, BC**



Free Summer Program for Families!

Learn about healthy eating, physical activity, and building long-lasting habits as a family in Generation Health. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is FUN and interactive!

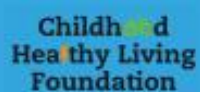
Delivered through YMCA BC starting July 2024 on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Families who join this program will receive a complimentary YMCA membership.

**Register
today!**



gv.ymca.ca/generation-health
generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca



2024 Summer Activities

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

registration starts
in June!

To make it easier for you to browse Burnaby activities, download our **Summer Activity Guide** on May 13.

Find activities for all ages by facility. Click on the activity to view a full description in WebReg (our online registration system).

[Burnaby.ca/ActivityGuide](https://burnaby.ca/ActivityGuide)



Recreation Centres

BONSOR	604-297-4597
BONSOR 55+	604-297-4580
CAMERON	604-297-4452
CHRISTINE SINCLAIR	604-320-2222
CONFEDERATION	604-294-1936
EDMONDS	604-297-4838
EILEEN DAILLY	604-298-7946
WILLINGDON	604-297-4526

Arenas

BILL COPELAND	604-297-4521
KENSINGTON	604-297-4535
ROSEMARY BROWN	604-421-3200

Cultural Facilities

BURNABY ART GALLERY	604-297-4422
BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM	604-297-4565
SHADBOLT CENTRE	604-297-4440

REGISTRATION START TIME	PRIORITY REGISTRATION for Burnaby residents			GENERAL REGISTRATION for everyone	
	Sunday, June 2	Monday, June 3	Tuesday, June 4	Wednesday, June 5	Friday, June 7
10 am					
START CREATING YOUR WISH LIST TODAY	Swimming Lessons	Recreation Activities (excluding swimming lessons)	Arts and Heritage Activities	Swimming Lessons	Recreation, Arts and Heritage Activities (excluding swimming lessons)

New Registration Process for Swimming Lessons

We are offering more opportunities for swim lesson registration, starting as early as June 2.

You can register for swim lessons 30 days in advance of the lesson start date at 10 am if you are a Burnaby resident, or 27 days in advance at 10 am if you are not.

For example, if you want to sign up for swim lessons that begin on July 2, you can register on June 2 at 10 am if you live in Burnaby, or on June 5 at 10 am if you live elsewhere.

Learn more about this change: [Burnaby.ca/SwimLessons](https://burnaby.ca/SwimLessons)



What's going on



**Sales starts
May 29
\$20 + GST**

5-18 years old

SUMMER FUN PASS

for children and youth

Stay active this summer with access to drop-in activities at recreation facilities.

Dive in for a swim, play badminton with friends or move to the beat in a fitness class and so much more.

Valid June 28-September 3, 2024. Available for Burnaby residents. (Age restrictions may apply to some activities.)

[Burnaby.ca/BeActivePass](https://burnaby.ca/BeActivePass)

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND ORIENTATION SESSION

Looking to have an awesome summer while also making a difference in the community? Come join our energetic summer volunteer team and develop leadership skills in a positive and fun environment! Volunteers will be working side by side with experienced summer camp and park leaders to create lifelong memories for children and families in Burnaby.

Register at [Burnaby.ca/SummerVolunteers](https://burnaby.ca/SummerVolunteers)

Have questions? Attend a **Volunteer Recruitment Session** to learn more.

Edmonds Community Centre
Monday, May 27 5-6:30 pm 33093

Bill Copeland Sports Centre
Tuesday, May 28 4:30-6 pm 33090

Bonsor Recreation Complex
Friday, May 31 5-6:30 pm 33091

Christine Sinclair Community Centre
Tuesday, June 4 6-7:30 pm 33092

[Burnaby.ca/WebReg](https://burnaby.ca/WebReg)

GET YOUR START HERE:

WE'RE HIRING

98.6^{km}
office 

Make a difference in your community. Recreation centres are hiring recreation clerks, recreation and aquatic leaders, building service workers and contract instructors. Be a part of providing facilities and services that support a safe, connected, inclusive, healthy and dynamic community.

[Burnaby.ca/Careers](https://burnaby.ca/Careers)

Summer Fun in Burnaby

Spray parks, outdoor pools, events and more. There's lots of fun activities in Burnaby this summer.

[Burnaby.ca/SummerFun](https://burnaby.ca/SummerFun)

 [recreationburnaby](https://facebook.com/recreationburnaby)

 [@burnabyparksrec](https://twitter.com/burnabyparksrec)

 [burnabyrecreation](https://instagram.com/burnabyrecreation)

[Burnaby.ca/Active](https://burnaby.ca/Active)





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7 Pro D Day No School
10	11	12 Grade 7 Camp Volunteer appreciation Tea Time 9-10:30 <small>Gr. 6 Immunizations</small>	13 Grade 7 Camp Mrs. Beavil's retirement party 2-3:30 Community Room	14 Freezie Sale & dance party
17	18 Musical pm	19 Musical pm	20	21
24	25 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony	26	27 Students' Last Day of School!	28