

# SECOND STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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*Word on the Street*

## Happy Holidays!

We are deeply grateful for each of you and all that you bring to our school community as we close out this year and celebrate the holidays. This community is truly special. It has been a joy to see the care and dedication you bring to our school every day—from volunteering your time and talents, to organizing events and fundraisers, championing initiatives that make a difference for our students and families, and stepping up to support one another in countless ways.

We couldn't imagine a better example of this care and dedication than the wonderful Santa Claus Breakfast that took place yesterday. The gym was packed with children, families, volunteers, and two very special guests all the way from the North Pole! It was a beautiful expression of the true meaning of community. Seeing families enjoying breakfast served by parents and community volunteers, many of whom, like our returning principal Mr. Brian Shuster and family, have been contributing to this day for many years, really warmed the heart. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate.

A big thanks goes out to the many volunteers and donors who made this happen, including community partners Wholesale Club Kingsway, Safeway on McBride, Superstore Coquitlam, and Denny's Kingsway, all of whom donated the supplies to make the breakfast possible. A big thanks as well to School Trustee and Second Street Alumni Mr. Larry Hayes, Mr. Josh Downer and the Salvation Army Band for providing the beautiful music, Mr. Jesse Lindt for volunteering to do all of the photography for the event, and the many other volunteers who contributed their time and energy.

This season reminds us to pause and reflect on what matters most: the connections we build and the support we share. Here at Second Street Community, those connections shine brightly. Whether it's a greeting in the hallway, a helping hand extended, or an simple act of kindness, you all make our school a warm and welcoming place for every student to thrive.

As we look ahead to a new year, we are excited about what we will accomplish together. But for now, we hope you find time to relax, laugh, and make wonderful memories with your loved ones (and maybe even finish wrapping those last-minute gifts!). As you do, know how much your efforts and presence have contributed to making this a truly connected and supportive community.. Here's to a bright and joyful 2025!

With gratitude and cheer,

*Bryan and Gala*





*Christine Hyde  
Librarian*

# Book Nook!



## **BOOK WALK 2025**

Please come help us celebrate the kickoff to Literacy Week with a Book Walk on Monday, January 27th anytime between 10:00am-4:00pm. The walk, showcasing the story, *How I Became A Pirate* by Melinda Long and illustrated by David Shannon, starts at the fence close to 1st Street on 16th Avenue. As you start walking on the sidewalk towards 2nd Street, you will see pages of the book mounted to the fence to be read and enjoyed. Continue the walk along 2nd Street, until you reach the end near the Kidslink Building.

## **SUPPORT OUR BOOK SWAP**

On Thursday, January 30, the Second Street library will be hosting a book swap once again! At the book swap, every student in the school will be able to take at least 1 book home to keep.

We are asking for your help. If you have any gently used children's books and novels at home that your family no longer wants, please donate them to our book swap. We will make sure they find a happy new home! We need all levels of children's books, but are particularly short on chapter books and early teen novels.

All students will be able to participate in the book swap, even if they did not donate any books. Please drop off your donations to the library between now and January 29th. The readers of Second Street thank you in advance!

# Basics for Babies

Division 12 would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to our class charity drive. Thanks to your generosity we have collected over 300 diapers, 75 food items, clothing, handmade beanies for newborns and a handful of miscellaneous items, like bottles and soothers.

Your kindness makes a meaningful difference in our community!



*Ms. DeKeruzek  
Teacher  
Grades  
One and Two*



Anne and Charisse  
Co-Chairs

# CPAC Notes

## FUNDRAISING

**SAMOSASALE:** New this year, we are having a Samosa Day on **Thursday, January 23**. It's like Pizza Day but with Samosas! Keep your eye out for the order form so you can pre-order your lunch AND pre-order take-home samosas too.



**POPCORN SALE:** Next popcorn day is **January 17**. Buy a bag of popcorn for \$1 and consider buying one for a friend!



**SPIRIT WEAR:** We will be doing a school-wide sale of our spirit wear. T-shirts and hoodies with our school logo in black and limited edition blue! Order forms will be coming out later in January for items to be delivered by March.



## GENERAL MEETING:

Join us at our next meeting (everyone is welcome!): January 20 at 9am. Come hear what's happening, share your thoughts, connect and see how you can get involved. The meeting will include a mini workshop by Sahar - Second Street parent and Non-violent Communication facilitator. Coffee/Tea & Treats. Toddlers welcome.

## GRATITUDE

The school-wide pancake breakfast was a lot of fun. Thank you to the local businesses and community member who provided the finances to support the event. As well, a big thanks to those who came to share their skills, time and energy with us. Special thanks to Santa & Mrs. Claus for being a part of this special event.





# Coming Up in January @ Second Street!

- Jan 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Knitting Club 12:00 Community Room 
- Jan 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Girl Guides 6pm
- Jan 7th to 14th - Hip Hop 
- Jan 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - A.C.T.S. 3pm
- Jan 13th, 20th, 27th - Radiant Life 3pm Gym
- Jan 14th - Hip Hop Community Performance 
- Jan 14th, 21st, 28th - Creative Drama 3pm Community Room
- Jan 15th, 22nd, 29th - More Sports 3pm Gym
- Jan 15th, 22nd, 29th - Go Girls 3pm Community Room
- Jan 16th - Young People's Concert #2
- Jan 17th - Popcorn Day 
- Jan 20th - CPAC Meeting 8:45 Community Room
- Jan 22nd - Communi-Tea 9:30 Community Room 
- Jan 23rd, 30th - 9:30 am Adult Yoga
- Jan 23rd, 30th - 3pm Lego and Games 
- Jan 23rd - 6:30 DSACC Meeting 
- Jan 24th - Sports Jersey Day
- Jan 27th to 31st - Family Literacy Week
- Jan 27th - Family Literacy Info Night 7pm Zoom 
- Jan 31st - Celebration of Learning Assembly

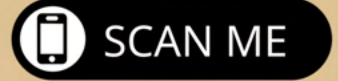
## Calling all Grade 7 Parents!

This year we are pulling together parents interested in being part of organizing the Grade 7 Leaving celebration in June. Starting early in the planning will give us a chance to tap into creativity, opportunity, and efficiency. We will have our first meeting on Tuesday, February 4 @ 7pm and will host it virtually. Email [redhouse.a@outlook.com](mailto:redhouse.a@outlook.com) for the meeting link or if you're interested but can't attend at the meeting.



# VOLUNTEER JOB JAR!

Tasks big & small in our Job Jar - to let our community know where the school could use some help, we keep a virtual job jar where we put details of volunteer opportunities - big and small. Come join us in community, make connections and find a way to be involved.



## Ongoing Fundraisers @ Second Street



# Refundables

Go to any Return-it Express Depot to drop off your refundable containers and use the school phone number (604-296-9029) to have the refund go towards the school.

# SPIRIT WEAR



Did you know that you can buy Second Street School Spirit Wear (black hoodies or t-shirts with the school logo) throughout the school year?

\$16 - t-shirts, \$36 - hoodies

Cash, cheque & 'school cash online' accepted

Go to the School Community Office to purchase yours (while supplies last).





# CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CARIBOO HILL

8580 - 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Burnaby, BC V3N 1S6

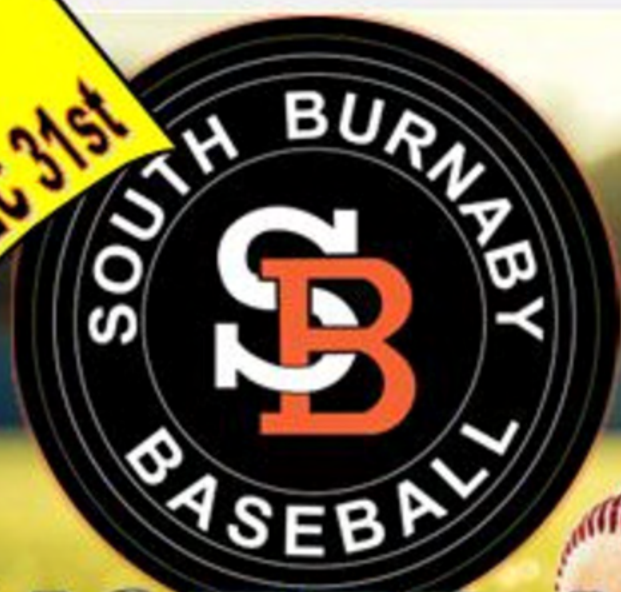
Tel: 604-296-6890

## OPEN HOUSE COURSE INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 Location - LARGE GYM Time - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Please join staff members from École Cariboo Hill Secondary School for an informational evening about programs and courses offered at the school. This will also be an opportunity to have a tour of the school, meet school staff and ask any questions you may have about the opportunities and experiences available.

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| 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Cariboo Hill Course Information Presentation (Large Gym)  |
| 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm | Advanced Placement Program Presentation (Cafeteria)   |
| 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Department Displays - (Large Gym): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cariboo Hill Secondary, District Programs &amp; Burnaby Online Program (K-12)</li><li>• School Tours Available</li></ul> |
| 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm | French Immersion Program Presentation (Cafeteria)   |

**EARLY BIRD  
PRICING UNTIL DEC 31st**



# REGISTER NOW

**[WWW.SOUTHBURNABYBASEBALL.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHBURNABYBASEBALL.COM)**

**REGISTRATION OPEN  
NOV 11, 2024 - FEB 28, 2025**

**Spring programs available for  
youth ages 3 - 18 years old.**

Join one of the oldest youth baseball clubs in BC. Dedicated  
to youth sports since 1952

Member of BC Minor Baseball Association

# What to Expect with Weather-Related School Closures in the District

## How are decisions made?

All schools will remain OPEN unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances –such as a power outage – that make it impossible to open for instruction.



## When will I know?

We do our best to communicate school or District-wide CLOSURES by 6:30am.

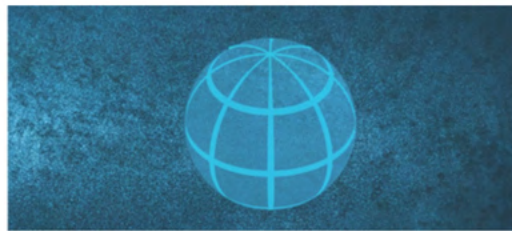
Please note, no announcement will be made that schools are open except under extreme circumstances.

## How will I know?

The information about closures will typically be posted on both the District website and X/Twitter account. However, please keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, such as a power outage. Generally, only closures or delays are announced. Another way to learn about school closures is through local news stations (online, radio, and TV).



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News Media

## What about student safety and family choice?

Student safety is a responsibility we share with families. Please walk your child to the door of the school if you are unsure whether or not the school is open. If for any reason you feel that your student cannot travel safely then please, as you normally would, notify the school that your child will be absent.

## What if schools are open and the weather gets worse throughout the day?

If weather conditions deteriorate throughout the day and create a concern for the safety of students returning home, a decision may be made to dismiss students early. This will be communicated to parents in the best way possible through the school's normal communications channels.

## How will adult education students be informed?

If weather conditions result in a decision to cancel evening classes, notice will be posted on the Burnaby Community & Continuing Education website ([www.burnabyccce.ca](http://www.burnabyccce.ca)) by mid-day.

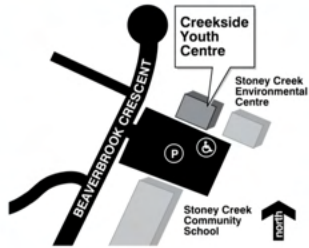
## Where can I learn more?

Additional information can be found in our [Policy Statement](#) (3.20).



# BURNABY YOUTH CENTRES

Youth have access to wifi, computers, gaming systems, pool tables, foosball tables, open gym nights, card and board games, TV and more!

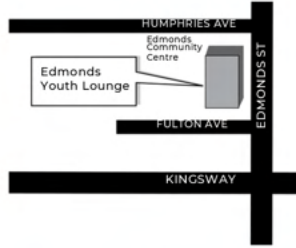


### CREEKSIDE

2720 Beaverbrook Crescent  
(Stoney Creek School site)  
604-294-7607

[Burnaby.ca/CreekSideYouth](http://Burnaby.ca/CreekSideYouth)

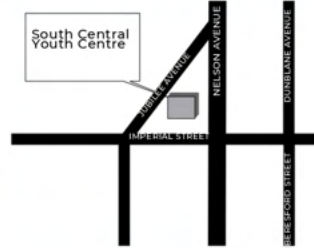
Access Features  
wheelchair ramp, washrooms



### EDMONDS YOUTH LOUNGE

7433 Edmonds Street  
604-297-4841

[Burnaby.ca/EdmondsYouth](http://Burnaby.ca/EdmondsYouth)

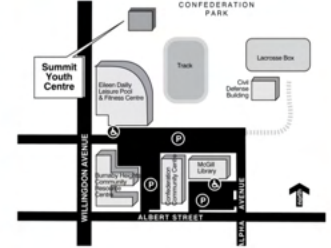


### SOUTH CENTRAL

6749 Nelson Avenue  
604-297-4497

[Burnaby.ca/SouthCentralYouth](http://Burnaby.ca/SouthCentralYouth)

Access Features  
wheelchair ramp, washrooms



### SUMMIT

200 Willingdon Avenue  
(North parking lot behind Eileen Dailly)  
604-268-1369

[Burnaby.ca/SummitYouth](http://Burnaby.ca/SummitYouth)

Access Features  
wheelchair ramp, washrooms

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# WE'RE HIRING



Start a rewarding career with the City of Burnaby and make a difference in your community. We're hiring recreation clerks, recreation leaders, contract instructors, aquatic staff and building service workers. Be a part of providing facilities and services that support a safe, connected, inclusive, healthy and dynamic community.

[Burnaby.ca/Careers](http://Burnaby.ca/Careers)



## Discover the Perfect Gift for Nature Lovers!

Naturally Burnaby – a stunning photographic journey through Burnaby's natural beauty – will be available for purchase in December. Don't miss out on the chance to bring the wonders of nature into your home or gift it to someone special!



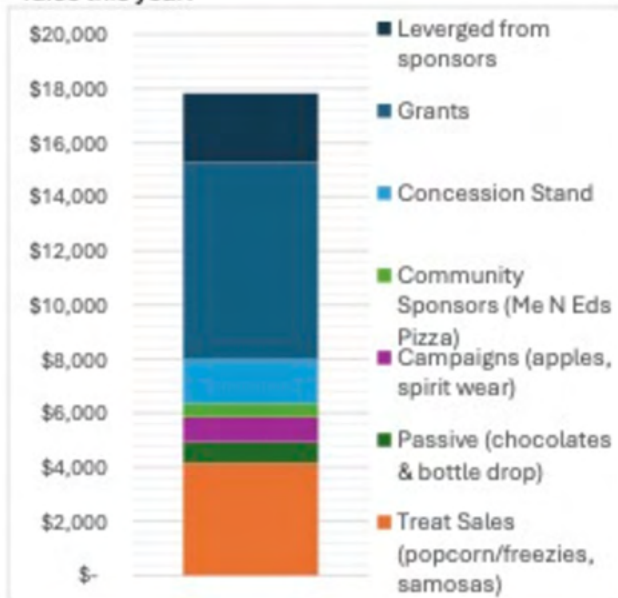
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# CPAC FUNDS: WHERE FROM & WHERE TO

## WHERE \$ COMES FROM

CPAC gets funds from a variety of places, including monthly treat sales, grants we apply for, sales campaigns for certain products, and sponsorships that we leverage from our community. Below is a visual of some of our funding sources and our estimate of what we will raise this year.



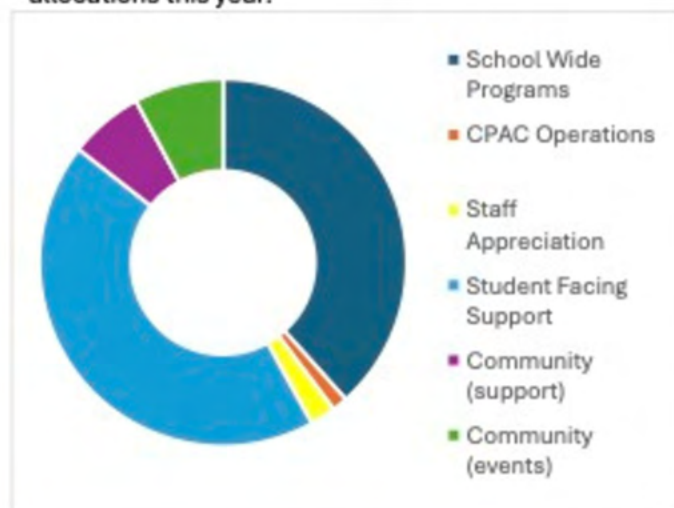
THE MORE MONEY WE CAN RAISE, THE MORE WE CAN ALLOCATE TO THE SCHOOL.

## WHAT WE FUND

This year, CPAC will be supporting:

- longtime school-wide programs like hip hop and swimming,
- student-facing learning elements like field trips, experiential learning and technology,
- classrooms, including through music, library & literacy resources.

We also support community events and food security initiatives. Below is a visual of the funding allocations this year.



## WHAT WE STILL NEED

There is a lot we cannot fund this year. So, we will be applying for grants and focusing on raising money to specifically support these technology initiatives the staff requested:

1. **iPads for Learning Support Services** - we'd like to equip each classroom with an iPad (and case) to help students that need further support for their learning, even as simple as using it as a tool for translation. It's a clear need that won't be met by the district.
2. **Podcast Cart** - to broaden the opportunity to hear their voices, build confidence and enable diverse learning styles, we want to start turning morning announcements into a podcast. Having a plug and play podcast cart would help make this happen, as well as be accessible for uses throughout the school.
3. **Document Cameras/Projectors** - to facilitate learning, many of our projectors need replacing and the school technology budget is not large enough to cover it all.

We have a long list of asks - here are some other unfunded staff requests: strategy games for a game lending library, intermediate-level games for indoor lunch, a few child-safe cardboard cutting tools (\$300 each), disc golf discs, wiggle cars, and vinyl 'movement break' decals for our hallway.

If you want to support any of these school initiatives or want to hear more about how you can help, reach out:

Bryan  
([bryan.tesan@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:bryan.tesan@burnabyschools.ca)) can tell you more about the school needs.

Anne  
([secondstreetschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:secondstreetschoolcouncil@gmail.com)) can tell you more about CPAC and fundraising.



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