



## NEWSLETTER

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### **Message from the Principal**

The end of the first term is drawing near and holiday preparations are well underway. Staff and students are preparing for the Christmas Concert, “Jingle Box Jukebox”. There will be both an afternoon and evening performance of the concert. Seating is limited so we encourage families to attend the afternoon concert if possible. As in past years we will issue two tickets per family for the evening concert performance. The tickets are free of charge and will be sent home prior to the concert. We will have a very limited number of “extra” tickets available for the evening performance which will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Please let the school know if you do not need tickets for the evening performance as these tickets will then be added to the “extra tickets” pool. If you have a number of friends and family who would like to see the concert please consider attending the afternoon performance. Please check the school webpage or calendar in this newsletter or school website for dates and times of all our holiday events.

In keeping with our values of kindness, compassion and caring for others our Leadership students, with support from sponsor teachers and the school community are collecting non-perishables for the local food bank and organizing the “Angel Project”. The Angel Project ensures that each child in the community receives a gift at Christmas. The Angel Project cards with the gender and age of a child are on the tree by the office. The project runs from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to the strong support of our community, preparations are under way for both the Pancake Breakfast and holiday arts and crafts activity. The Pancake breakfast is a highlight for the children! Not only can they eat their weight in pancakes and wear their pajamas to school, they also meet a special visitor who stops by to check with the teachers about who was naughty or nice!

This year’s arts and craft activity is making wreaths. Thank you to Mandeville gardens for their ongoing donation of greens for our holiday crafts. We are grateful to our parent community and who support all of these special activities that make Glenwood such a wonderful place to be.

As we approach the season of winter storms, please note that the school website has a “weather alert” button which will link to school closure information in the event of inclement weather. Information will be distributed to local media, both radio stations and morning news programs as well.

The end of the first term of the school year is an occasion to celebrate student learning. Every child is on an individual learning path that looks different for each child. Every child has areas of strength, and processes information in different ways and at different rates. Report cards provide an opportunity to acknowledge your child’s strengths, their success in all that they have achieved and their many accomplishments. Learning is a combination of hard work, perseverance, practice, making mistakes, having fun, exploring questions and delighting in accomplishment. Celebrate your child’s achievement and growth!

Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the school or your child’s teacher if you would to schedule a meeting.

In closing, this is my final newsletter as the Vice Principal of Glenwood Elementary. After 30 years as an educator I feel the time has come to enjoy a less frantic pace and spend more time enjoying family and friends. I feel very fortunate to have enjoyed such a rewarding career and blessed to end my career working with the wonderful children, families and staff at Glenwood. Working with children, helping them learn both academics and how to negotiate the complex challenges in life has been a joy and privilege. I would like to thank you for your kindness, understanding and support. I know that you will warmly welcome Mr. Reg La Plante, the new Vice Principal of Glenwood as he assumes his duties at Glenwood in January.

Have a wonderful holiday! Warm wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Lori



## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

As the first school term draws to a close I would like to briefly review the plans that are in place to ensure the safety and protection of the children in our school. The following is an outline of our emergency preparedness procedures:

### **Emergency Folder**

There is an emergency folder in every classroom. The folder contains a class list, emergency procedures and medical information for any students who have specific medical needs such as a life threatening allergy. The folder also contains a map of emergency evacuation routes. Teachers on Call are made aware of the Emergency folder and its location in the classroom.

### **Medical Alert Posters**

Some students at our school have life threatening allergies. There are medical alert posters in staff only areas. The posters contain information required to address life threatening emergencies and contact information. Please inform the school if your child has a life threatening condition such as anaphylaxis.

### **Fire Drills**

There are regularly scheduled fire drills throughout the year. In early September, prior to the first fire drill of the year the staff discuss the evacuation procedure as well as various scenarios. Teachers explain the process to the students prior to the first drill at the beginning of the school year so that the students not afraid and are familiar with what is expected in the evacuation process. We are able to evacuate the building in a matter of minutes.

### **Earthquake Drills**

Early in the school year the Earthquake drill and evacuation procedure is reviewed with staff. Discussion includes the role of each staff member as well as various scenarios that may occur. Staff are made aware of the location of earthquake equipment and supplies. Teachers discuss the drill procedure with students prior to the drill.

The school and community work together to ensure that there is an adequate supply of drinking water and emergency first aid supplies.

In the event of an earthquake the building will be evacuated to the south west corner of the lower field. If the earthquake is minor and there is no structural damage students and staff may return to the building. Students and staff will remain outside if there is a concern regarding the structural integrity of the building.

Students will be released to parents or those whom the parents have designated on the emergency form which is sent home at the beginning of every school year. Students who have not been picked up by dusk or dinner time will be escorted, by staff, to Burnaby South Secondary School which is a reception centre for elementary schools in our zone. The two reception centers for residents are Bonsor Park and the Cameron Community Centre. Emergency information will be broadcast on the radio and tweeted on twitter.

## Lockdown Drills

Lockdowns occur when there is an immediate threat to the school, such as an intruder in the immediate area, a bear on the grounds or a potential threat in the nearby community.

Lockdown procedures and scenarios as well as roles and responsibilities are first discussed with staff. Teachers explain the drill procedures to students prior to the drill. In the event of a lockdown or lock down drill the main doors, classroom doors and the office doors are locked. No one will be allowed access to the building until the R.C.M.P. have determined that it is safe to end the lockdown, or the drill is over.

Please do not knock on the doors or windows during a lock down. Staff will not open the doors until the lockdown ends. Do not call your child's cell phone. Students will not be able to share information. All information is coordinated by the RCMP.

A sign will be placed in the front door window to notify the community when we are having a lockdown drill.

Please contact the school if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding our emergency preparedness.

Some additional information on Emergency planning from the Neighbourhood Preparedness Guide from PrepareBC:

- Get to know your neighbours. In the hours following an emergency such as a flood or earthquake, immediate help will come from those directly around you; your neighbours.
- Create a household preparedness plan.
- Basic household emergency kit supplies
  1. First aid kit and medications
  2. Battery-powered or hand crank radio tuned to Environment Canada Weather
  3. Battery-powered or hand crank flashlight with extra batteries
  4. At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Manual can openers. ( don't forget food for the family pets)
  5. Garbage bags, moist towelettes and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
  6. Whistle to signal for help
  7. Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger.
  8. Local maps (identify a family meeting place) and some cash in bills.
    1. Water, four litres per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation. (again, water for family pets).
    2. Dust mask to help filter contaminated air.
    3. Seasonal clothing and footwear.

**In the event of an emergency information can be accessed at:**

**Twitter:** @EmergencyInfoBC for alerts  
@ PreparedBC for readiness advice  
@BCGovFireinfo for wildland fire updates

Web: [www.EmergencyInfoBC.gov.bc.ca](http://www.EmergencyInfoBC.gov.bc.ca) for alerts

[www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC](http://www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC) for preparedness tips Download the guide, PreparedBC: Household Preparedness Guide at: [gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC](http://gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC)

## **Parent Advisory Council**

The holidays are approaching quickly and with them a bustle of activity at Glenwood!

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Christmas Market**

Our first ever Festive Christmas Market will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, allowing the children to select, wrap and give a perfect gift to someone special in their lives for a nominal cost!

Remember if you have any new or gently used items around your house that you've been meaning to pack up and send to the local thrift shop, please consider donating them to our Christmas Market.

We will gladly accept donations until December 8<sup>th</sup> for Moms, Dads, Teens, Pre-Schoolers as well as elementary aged children. (Toys, Books, Games, Household Items, Christmas Decorations, Keepsakes are all welcome!) As well as gift wrapping supplies!

If you are available to volunteer to assist at the Christmas Market, please contact Kyndrie Malmquist at [kmalmquist@pacificgatewayhotel.com](mailto:kmalmquist@pacificgatewayhotel.com)

All proceeds will benefit the Burnaby Food Bank!

#### **Seasonal Crafts**

On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> the PAC will once again be hosting our time-honoured tradition of making Seasonal Crafts. As in previous years, this event will be held during the lunch break. As we get closer to the day, look for our notices. If you are interested in helping out the morning of, have fresh greenery clippings you can donate for your garden, or can lend us a pair of clippers, please contact Yuki Omoto-Chow at [yomotochpw@rocketmail.com](mailto:yomotochpw@rocketmail.com) or Abby Wadley at [abbywadley@gmail.com](mailto:abbywadley@gmail.com)

#### **Fundraising**

We've had many inquiries over the past couple of months in regards to Fundraising and what is it we are fundraising for now that the Playground is complete.

The PAC works diligently throughout the year to assist the school and students wherever possible; whether it be with budgeted items such as Emergency Preparedness, Staff Appreciation, Grade 7 Scholarship, Seasonal Crafts or Classroom Consumables.

This year, as a request from both the school and the parent community we are working with Administration to support adding more technology to our classrooms.

A very exciting move forward for Glenwood!

If ever you have a question in regards to fundraising, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kmalmquist@pacificgatewayhotel.com](mailto:kmalmquist@pacificgatewayhotel.com)

# **Happy**



# **Holidays!**

## Community Announcements

### **FUN LACROSSE 2017**

*For new players - boys & girls ages 5-10*

5 Sessions for \$25 - **No equipment required**

**Played indoors at Charles Rummel Centre, 3630 Lozelles Avenue**

**SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY!**

[www.burnabylacrosse.com](http://www.burnabylacrosse.com) for signup information

Need more info? Susan @ 604-312-6181 or [burnabyfunlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:burnabyfunlacrosse@gmail.com)

**Friday – January 20 – February 17**

**Group #1          6 – 7 p.m.                                  Group # 2          7 – 8 p.m.**

**Saturday – January 21 – February 18**

**Group #1          10:00 - 11:00                                  Group #2          11:00 – Noon**

**Sunday – January 22 – February 19**

**Group #1          9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

### **BURNABY CHRISTMAS BUREAU REGISTRATION**

November 7<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

#### **Mondays 9am – 5pm**

Brentwood Community Resource Center

2055 Rosser Avenue

**604.292.3902**

#### **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am – 4pm**

Edmonds Community School

7651 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**604.292.3902**

#### **Thursdays 1pm – 5pm**

Cameron Recreation Center

9523 Cameron Street

**604.292.3902**

#### **Saturdays 10am – 4pm**

Brentwood Community Resource Center

2055 Rosser Avenue

**604.292.3902**

Qualified applicants will receive new toys for their children (16 years & younger).

Eligibility:

- Burnaby families with low incomes and children 16 years and younger
- Low income Seniors
- Income Assistance or family with low-income

**Working Families must provide a C-Print for EACH Adult**

**to obtain one please call: 1-800-959-8281**

**Press\* to speak to an Operator**

**If you are on Income Assistance a Release of Information from your Ministry Office will replace the C-Print.**

If you have questions or concerns please contact MJ at **604-292-3902** Donations may be dropped off at the Brentwood Community Resource Centre on Mondays and Saturdays **604.292.3902**

