

Rosser Elementary School
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Dear Families,



Welcome back to a new school term and to a brand new year... 2018. I hope that you all found time to spend with family and friends this holiday season and that your children are rested and ready to engage in new activities and new learning.

As we enter a new year, we are invited to reflect on the old one and learn from the challenges and the mistakes as well as the successes and celebrations. We also wish to take the time to look ahead and honour, as well as welcome, the changes to come.

One such change is the wonderful addition of our new music teacher, Mrs. Theresa Lui. Mrs. Lui brings with her a wealth of musical and teaching experience, talent, and knowledge and we are excited to welcome her to our Rosser community.

On January 15, we also are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Christina Smith who has been on maternity leave. Mrs. Smith will be teaching the grade one and two students in Division 4 and is looking forward to being back teaching and to developing relationships with this great class of students.

Of course, with Mrs. Smith returning, we will be saying good bye to Ms. Courtney De Keruzec. Ms. De Keruzec came to us in September and quickly became an integral part of our school community. Her dedication towards her students and her collaborative spirit have been so welcomed and she will be missed. We honour the work that she has done here at Rosser and wish her well as she moves into her new position at Brentwood Park Elementary.

With change comes new learning, new ideas, and new experiences for everyone involved and we embrace the changes that this new year brings.

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

~Socrates

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SCHOOL NEWS



OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKET WINNERS...

Holly Jolly Christmas Basket: Cindy Z. - Div. 5
Toys & Games: Gregory L. - Div. 3
Sweet Treats: Sam J. - Div. 1
All Things Comfy: Koby N. - Div. 4
Confed Train Basket: August B. - Div. 4
Furry Friend Pet Basket: Ms. Morris
Movie Night: Hillary L. - Div. 2
Chevron Basket: Michelle M. - Div. 2
Canucks Tickets: Laura (YMCA) & Mason W. - Div. 4

Congratulations to all the winners !

Our PAC raised a total of \$1105 from this event. Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped support this event.

A big THANK YOU to our Rosser School Parent Council for another amazing Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who came out to help for this amazing event.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT UPDATE

On Wednesday - January 22nd our students will be attending "Shakespeare's Dream" the 2nd series of our Young People's Concert.

Monster Theatre presents an exciting new adaptation of Shakespeare's most popular comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream. William Shakespeare must have a new play written for the Duke's wedding TOMORROW! Love, fairies, friendship and confusion abound in this silly, dreamy musical comedy featuring puppets, shadow magic, and talking donkeys!



Kindergarten registration begins on February 1, 2018 for the children born in 2013. Please come to the office between 9:30-11:30am or 1:00-2:45pm to register, and bring the following documents:

- 1) **Your child's** birth certificate or passport.
- 2) **Your child's CareCard** (personal health number).
- 3) **Proof of guardianship** (parents' or guardians' names as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order).
- 4) **Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student** (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card).
- 5) **Proof of residency of the parent or guardian and student.** This must include the following, with the parent's name and current address:

One of these items: proof of ownership of dwelling; long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident.

And one of these items: BC hydro bill, BC cable bill, BC driver's licence, BC registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards.

OR

Two of these items: proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident.

- 6) Immunization records
- 7) A completed [Burnaby School District Student Information Registration Form](#) (also available at the school office).
- 8) A completed [Burnaby School District Medical Information Form](#) (also available at the school office).

SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENTION!

PARENTS OF GRADE 7 STUDENTS

GOING TO ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER!

Ecole Alpha Open House for Parents & Students
Wednesday-January 24th
6pm - Small Gym



Effective in the new year our Staff parking lot door will remain permanently closed and can only be accessed by staff members entering the building.

Students and parents will only be able to access our main school door located on Triumph Street.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

PAC Meeting

Our next Parent Advisory Meeting will be held on **Tuesday - January 9th at 6:30pm** in the Library. Please join us! All parents are welcome to attend.



DIVISION 5 - CLAY SNOWMEN

Division 5 worked with clay to create a snowman. The grade twos had the option of doing another snowman (like last year) or they could make a gingerbread person.

Once the clay had dried out it was fired in our kiln. Students then glazed this 'bisque' before it was fired for a second time.



Students made scarves out of felt. When the clay was cooled and out of the kiln the students added googly eyes, pom poms, and the scarves. The snowmen had their twig arms added.

These pieces of art were presents for the students' families. I hope they enjoy them.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

As staff and students continue to work on our school goals, we are asking for input from families as well. You are your children's first and most important teachers and we value the insight and ideas you have regarding your children's learning.

Our first school goal is focused on the processes, ideas and engagement in **writing**.

Our second goal is focused on **social and emotional learning**, supporting students with the strategies and tools to recognize their emotional responses to things and to self-regulate.

Please think about your child or children with regard to each of these areas and focus on these questions:

- What do you notice when you watch or work with your child?
- How is your child doing in the areas of writing and self-regulation, and how do you know?
- What are your child's strengths in writing and in social emotional learning, specifically self-regulation
- What would you like to see your child get better at in these two goal areas? What does your child need in order to further develop his or her learning?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We will continue the conversations at PAC meetings and *Coffee and Conversation* times, but I invite you to email me as well with your thoughts and responses to these questions. Your voice is so important as we work together to support your children.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Rosser Elementary

Winter 2018

Exciting new programs are coming your way, available for registration on Tuesday December 5, 2017!

Lego™Mania, 5-10 yrs

Children are given the space to work together to build, create, learn and use their imaginations while exploring structural concepts using Lego®.

\$19.90, 5 sessions

Th, 3:15-4:45pm Feb 15 462613



Valentine's Chocolates & Crafts, 5-12 yrs

Join us and celebrate Valentine's Day making yummy treats and festive crafts that you can keep or give to family and friends.

\$13.50, 1 session

Th, 3:15-4:45pm Feb 8 462605



Yoga for Kids, 5-10 yrs

Through regular practice of yoga poses, children develop strength, flexibility, inner discipline and self-awareness. Basic poses are learned which can help develop other sporting skills.

\$23.40, 4 sessions

M, 3:15-4:15pm Feb 19 462639

How to Register

Online: burnaby.ca/webreg

Or register at any Burnaby recreation facility. Fees must be paid when you register. We accept cash, cheque, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX or your bank debit card.

Watch for Spring programs, available for registration on Tuesday March 6, 2018



For information please contact:

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COMMUNITY NEWS

DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about writing a story or poem for this year's **WORDS WRITING PROJECT**. It might be chosen to be printed in the 2017/18 WORDS Anthology!

Submit your written work to your teacher by February 15, 2018



LOVE THE WATER? CHECK OUT WATER POLO!

www.burnabywaterpolo.com

Do you enjoy swimming? Do you like team sports? Try water polo! It's a great way to develop your water skills and it's a lot of fun as well!

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our Winter program runs from January to April. Practices and games are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays 3-5PM and Sundays 8-10AM.

Not sure if you'd like it? Come give the game a try. Boys and girls are invited to join us for one of our free introductory water polo clinics on Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20 or 27, 2018, 3-4PM, at Bonsor Pool. Please call to reserve a spot as space is limited.

Contact Zoran at 778-328-2657 or email us at burnabywaterpolo@gmail.com for more info.

Balloholics Youth Basketball

Balloholics provides classes for students in a fun environment from 5 years old to grade 9 in a year round program. Our coaches are trained and students learn the FUNdamentals of basketball in a modified games format. Classes are located throughout Burnaby in elementary and secondary schools. The program is designed to follow the LTAD model for sport in Canada.

Registration for the Winter Session of Balloholics youth basketball has begun. We look forward to the many new faces we see have registered so far. Please check the website for further details and to register: <http://www.balloholic.com/programs/winter-session/> or email info@balloholic.com



2018 INTRO TO LACROSSE PRESENTED BY BURNABY LAKERS MINOR LACROSSE

Boys and Girls born during 2008-2013 are invited to learn the basics of Lacrosse. Choose Friday, Saturday or Sunday sessions starting January 26, 2018. To REGISTER NOW go to www.burnabylacrosse.com and choose the "Intro to Lacrosse" information/registration box. (Includes five 1 hour sessions). Register for Intro to Lacrosse and receive a \$20 discount off the 2018 Burnaby spring/summer box lacrosse season below!

2018 SPRING/SUMMER BURNABY BOX LACROSSE SEASON

BURNABY LAKERS MINOR BOX LACROSSE SIGNUP IS OPEN!

Go to www.burnabylacrosse.com to sign up for the 2018 Burnaby Box Lacrosse regular season! New players please register in person, the dates are posted on the website. Spring/summer box lacrosse season runs from March/April to June/July depending on age groups.