



KITCHENER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

Acting Principal: Mrs. J. Carson

Head Teacher: Mr. C. Phillips

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Report cards are being sent home in the coming weeks after being written in MyEducation BC for the first time. It has been an exciting and, at times, challenging endeavour as we work through learning this new platform. It is also the first time MyEducation BC has been used in our district, and as such, there have been some kinks to be ironed out. Odd spacing when printed seems to be one kink that we're unable to fix at the point, but have been assured will be corrected by the next reporting cycle.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly speak about how and why the communication of student learning is an integral part of what we do in education. Communicating student learning is foundational to knowledge acquisition and thus to student success. Teachers regularly communicate with students about their learning through formative feedback. Formative feedback and assessment provides ongoing direction to students to assist in planning and to support their learning. It is an important part of the teaching process as it allows staff to customize their teaching based on the needs of their students. Formative feedback can be communicated to students and families in a variety of ways, from informal conversations, to returned assignments, to comments on eportfolios, blogs or within Fresh Grade. Our teachers do their best to let students know how they're progressing throughout the term.

Summative assessments are used to communicate about student progress in relation to expected learning objectives and curricular competencies. Summative assessments are typically associated with assessments and report cards. They convey information to students and parents as to where the student is in their learning: what they know, what they understand and what they are able to do. When it comes to summative feedback, one of our goals is to ensure that when the information comes home, what is communicated is not a surprise.

We hope that you gain insight into your child's educational progress after reading their report card. We look forward to continued conversation and goal setting in new year.

Sincerely,
Ms. J. Carson

UPCOMING DATES

- Dec. 6: Twin Day
- Dec. 5: EDO Lunch
- Dec. 11: Division 7 Fieldtrip to Nutcracker
- Dec. 13: Christmas Concert
1:30 & 7pm Shows
- Dec. 19: Report Cards Home
- Dec. 20: Band Concert 1pm
- Dec. 21: Pancake Breakfast
Pajama Day
Last Day of School

Next PAC Meeting

Thursday, December 6th
7pm Staff Room

Please take some time to join other parents to find out more about Kitchener School, to give your opinions, ideas and to plan activities to benefit your child.

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CELL PHONES / CALLING HOME



We understand that many students need to bring their phones to school for safety reasons as they walk or take public transit independently. However, if there is not a need for your child to have their phone at school, we encourage you to keep phones at home. For those students that must bring a cell phone to school, we ask that you instruct your child to keep their phone in their backpacks from 9am to 3pm. Students are no longer permitted to have their cell phones out during the school day. If a student is found to have been using their phone, they will be asked to bring their phone to the office, where it will be locked away until the end of the day.

If a child needs to call home, we ask that he/she gets permission from the teacher, and uses the office phone to call home. In the event of an emergency which requires you to reach your child, please call the office at (604) 296-9017.

The Grade 7 band will play a 20 minute concert for the school on Thursday, December 20th at 1pm to demonstrate what we have learned so far this year. Parents and family are welcome to attend.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST Friday - December 21



Our Kitchener Parent Advisory Council will be hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast for all our students and staff on the last day of school. Our parent volunteers make all this possible. If you would like to volunteer, please consider signing up to help on this busy morning by emailing: sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com.



A reminder over the holiday season that Kitchener School has an account at **Return It Bottle Depot** at 6893 Hastings Street. Anyone can donate their returns to the Kitchener account by letting the clerk know. Monies collected from items returned go towards a variety of programs and activities students at school. We appreciate your support!

WINTER WEATHER



As the rainy season continues and winter approaches, we would like to remind parents to ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for spending recess and the lunch hour outside. We only have children stay in when it rains heavily.

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES



All schools will remain **OPEN**, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (e.g. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. In the event there are certain schools or the entire district closed due to snow, or any other weather-related issues, announcements will be made on local radio stations by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please **do not** call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, or check the radio station websites.

Closure information will also be posted on the district website at www.burnabyschools.ca and on Twitter @burnabyschools (please follow us!). However, keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, for example, if there are power outages or technical problems. The most reliable way to get school closure information is to listen to the local radio stations.

PLEASE NOTE:

Information will only be provided on school closures. If there is no closure information, our schools are open for learning! However, the decision to send your child to school or not is ultimately a family decision.

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Kitchener School

Presents....

Dear Santa: Letters to the North Pole

Thursday, December 13th

Shows at 1:30pm & 7:00pm
(Doors open at 1:00 & 6:30pm)

It's the season once again! The students at Kitchener Elementary are looking forward to performing for you. When the mail carrier announces final call for letters to the North Pole, members of the class rush to the mailbox with special secrets and wishes for Dear Santa! Featuring 7 original toe-taping songs, this performance is sure to brighten up your holiday season.

Ticket required for evening performance.

Ticket request forms have been sent home & tickets will be distributed with oldest child on Monday, Dec. 10th.



REPORT CARDS



First term report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, December 19th. We encourage parents to take the time to read the comments with your child. If you have specific questions/concerns and would like to meet with your child's teacher, **please request an interview on the Report Card envelope.** Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, January 9th.

LOST & FOUND



Are your children missing any items? Please check the Lost & Found bin located downstairs in the main building to claim your items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Leadership Update

Spirit Days:

Mark your calendars **TWIN DAY** is happening on Thursday, December 6th. Find a friend or two and be creative, use your imagination and have fun "twinning" it up with your friends.



PAJAMA DAY will be on Friday, December 21st (the last day of school). Spend the entire day in your bathrobe, pajamas and fuzzy slippers.



Food Drive Update: Thank you to all our students and families who have donated non-perishable items for our food drive. These items will be used to support families in need over the holidays. A big thank you to our Kitchener staff and families for making this happen.



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 2018/19 WORDS Anthology!

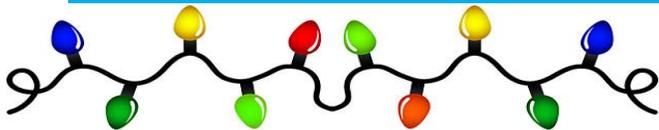
Open to all grades K-12

Submit your written work to your teacher by February 15, 2019



Last year's anthology

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WINTER 2019

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ONLINE

BALLOHOLICS open their 13th season delivering quality programs to Burnaby youth. **VICTORY SPORTS CAMPS** is a NPO providing youth basketball classes year round in a fun environment teaching fundamentals and movement training for all ages and skill levels.

LOCATIONS:
Burnaby Central Secondary,
Burnaby North Secondary, JIBC
Parkcrest, Kitchener, Twelfth Ave.

GRADES:
5-6 years JumpStart Mini
Gr 2-5 Balloholic JumpStart
Gr 6-7 Balloholic Fundamentals
Gr 8-9 Balloholic Development Program

Balloholic Winter Session Begins January 5, 2019

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Fb: www.facebook.com/balloholics | Website: www.balloholic.com



BALLOHOLICS



NEW! Winter Fun at Willingdon

Thursday, December 6, 6-8pm
All Ages Welcome (Children must attend with an adult)
\$2.00 per person | Registration Required: Barcode 487039

Bring your family and friends for a night of live music, holiday crafts, cookie decorating, children's games and festive movies. Santa will make a guest appearance throughout the night for some photos too!



City of Burnaby
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

Willingdon Community Centre
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