



KITCHENER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

Principal: Ms. D. Taylor

Head Teacher: Mr. C. Phillips

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

I can hardly believe that it is February! January was a short but busy month! It was great to hear about winter break adventures and to see students quickly settled into classroom routines.



Our students have been involved in many delightful learning experiences, such as salmon growing in Ms. Tse's classroom, bulletin boards showing wonderful field trips, like the one Ms. Melatini's class took to the Bird Sanctuary, creative artwork outside Ms. Dente and Ms. Pasqualello's class to name a few. Our Grade 6/7 classes have been focused on writing their speeches for the District Speech Competition. The title of this year's speeches is, "I may be young but....." Our school finals will be held in our Big Gym on February 12th from 9:15 – 10:15am. Please join us if you can! We have just received the gymnastic equipment which will be set up in our small gym and students will enjoy during their PE blocks for the month of February! Our newsletter is full of other stimulating experiences that students enjoyed in January!

Our teachers continue to sponsor extracurricular activities such as boys and girls basketball, Coding Club and Board Games Club. We are lucky to have teachers who are willing to volunteer their time for our students.

We had two special groups of visitors in our school in the past few weeks. The first was the BC Roots Of Empathy film crew who were filming our Roots of Empathy baby (Travis), who has been teaching Ms. Hardie's class about empathy, along with Ms. Marrello (our counsellor), who has facilitated each session. The video will be used throughout BC to promote this program for BC Schools. The crew was very impressed with the quality of comments that our students who were interviewed expressed. Comments like: in answer to the questions, What have you learned from baby Travis? The student answered: If I see someone who is hurt or sad, I will try to help them.



Last Friday, we welcomed 13 teachers, and administrators from Hong Kong who wanted to visit a Burnaby school. They enjoyed visiting Ms. Laity's class, Ms. Hardie's class and Ms. Alloca's class. Our students were very gracious in talking to them about their writer's workshop stories and our Kindergarten students showed them how to make Chinese lanterns. The teachers appreciated interacting with the children, observing the variety of ways that students could develop and show their learning and seeing the advantages of small class sizes.



We were also pleased to welcome our Burnaby of Education School Trustee, Peter Cech who was one of our guest readers for Literacy Week. After he shared his story, he engaged Ms. Melatini's class in answering questions they had about being a School Trustee. We appreciated the time he took out of his busy schedule and hope he will visit us again soon!

As we enter February, we will focus on new and different ways that we can be kind and friendly as HAWKS practice kindness every day!! I am reminded over and over why it is so great to be back amongst our magnificent Kitchener Community!!

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SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 7 STUDENTS HEADING TO HIGH SCHOOL

Current grade 7 students will automatically be registered for Grade 8 at the secondary school within the designated English or French Immersion program attendance area where the student resides. Current Grade 7 students who do not reside in the attendance area for the secondary school they wish to attend must submit a Cross-District or Out-of-District transfer application **signed by their current elementary school principal** in order to be considered for admission to that school. To confirm the school that your child is eligible to attend [click here](#).

Students going into grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to attend an **open house at Alpha Secondary School on Thursday, February 7th at 6pm**. This event provides an opportunity to tour the school, meet the teachers and principals, and learn about optional Programs of Choice, and course selection.

STUDENT ILLNESS



Flu season is definitely in full swing, and we have had unusually high rates of student and staff absences. Please help prevent the spread of illnesses by keeping your sick child at home. If your child starts feeling ill during the school day, we will contact you to arrange for pick-up. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to allow a sick child to remain at school. **If your child is ill, or will be late, please contact the office at (604) 296-9017 leaving the child's name, division and grade and illness.**

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2014 ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN 2019



If you live in the Kitchener School catchment area, you may register your child starting February 1st, 2019. We are also accepting Cross District and Out of District applications starting February 4th as well.

For a list of information that you will need to bring with you when you register, and to download the registration forms, please visit the following website: <http://burnabyschools.ca>. See the "Quick Links" tab and select: Registration.

BASKETBALL UPDATE

Kitchener teams are off to a strong start, come support the Hawks as both teams finish their season at home.

Games Coming Up:

Boys Games: February 5 & 12
Girls Games: February 7 & 14



TENNIS IS BACK!

On Tuesday February 19th, we welcome back Gerry Macken for another year of focused tennis instruction. Over the course of 3 weeks, Kitchener students will experience a series of progressive drills, games, and contests all designed with fun and development in mind. Each class will receive 6 lessons and all of the nets, racquets, and balls are provided. We look forward to seeing our tennis skills develop!



UPCOMING P.A.C. MEETING

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14th at 6:30pm. If you have additional items for the PAC meeting, please email sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com.

SCHOOL CLOSED

Please make a note that there will be no school on the following days:
Monday - February 18 - Family Day
Friday - February 22 - District Pro D Day

PINK SHIRT DAY

Kitchener students will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day on Thursday, February 27th a day that symbolizes diversity and taking a stand against bullying. We are participating in a school-wide activity to spread kindness and to raise awareness. Wear pink to support this cause!

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LEADERSHIP

Spirit Day is coming up on Thursday, February 21st...it's **RAINBOW DAY**. Students are welcome to wear their team shirts or their favourite color for *one house team point*.



SCIENCE WORLD FIELDTRIP

Students from Division 8 and 9 visited Science World on January 22nd. Many of us watched the fire show, air show, and illusion Show. Some of us tested our reflexes, how flexible we are and how mindful we are on a few different machines.

It was a day filled with new discoveries and excitement.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who accompanied us on this fieldtrip!



Bird Sanctuary Field Trip Division 7

Division 7 explored the George C. Reifel Bird sanctuary this month. They learned about the local birds and mammals of the area, unique to the estuary. They also got up close and personal with lots of migratory birds like mallard ducks, wood ducks, red winged black birds, and a few brave chickadees! An extra bonus was spotting some owls up in the trees: a great horned owl, and two saw-whet owls.



SCHOOL NEWS

Grade 5 Winter Camp

Grade 5 Winter Camp 2019 was a huge success! We had an excellent time making snow shelters, learning to cross country ski, swim, and drink hot chocolate to warm us up! The highlight of the trip was the night hike, where we walked by moonlight and flashlight to our finished snow shelters and lit our emergency candles. The shelters had a magical glow as we took the time to listen to the silence of the natural woods around us. The Grade 5s did an excellent job learning new skills and working together as a team.



Literacy Week

January 29th - February 1st we celebrated Literacy Week at Kitchener, Buddy-reading, dressing as your favourite character, listening to our guest author, Linda Smith were just a few of the activities that students engaged in! Please send your completed pelage forms to the Office this week. All proceeds will be put toward buying new furniture for our redecorated Library.



COMMUNITY NEWS

LOVE THE WATER? CHECK OUT WATER POLO!



The **Burnaby Water Polo Club** is now accepting registrations for boys and girls who are new to water polo (6-12 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.

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!

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, 3-4PM, at Bonsor Pool. Please call to reserve a spot as space is limited.

Contact Robin Holburn at 778-328-2657

or email us at burnabywaterpolo@gmail.com for more info.

Website address - www.burnabywaterpolo.com



If you are dropping off or picking up your child at school, please use the parking lot located on MacDonald Street. **DO NOT USE the STAFF PARKING LOT located on Gilmore Avenue.** Thank you for your attention to this matter.

LAST CALL TO JOIN 759 FALCON SQUADRON AIR CADETS

This is such an amazing Canadian national youth program for young individuals aged 12 to 19. Under the authority of the National Defence Act, the program is administered by the Canadian Forces and funded through the Department of National Defence.

They can learn valuable skills:

- Aviation, Gliding,
- Effective Speaking & Leadership Training,
- Survival Skills,
- First-Aid,
- Band,
- Summer Camps, etc.



The skills they develop at Cadets will benefit them with their school work. They will be more organized, they'll be better able to focus and they'll learn to work in a team. The Cadet Program has a direct impact on Canadian society as a whole. The program focuses on social development, decision-making and leadership. Cadets have the opportunity to take part in various leadership roles throughout the program. The mission of the Cadet Program is to contribute to the development and preparation of youth for the transition to adulthood, enabling them to meet the challenges of modern society, through a dynamic, community – based program.

We are meeting every Wednesday night 6:30-9:30 pm @ BURNABY NORTH SECONDARY HIGH SCHOOL - SOUTH BUILDING.

The deadline to register for this term is Wednesday night @8pm on Jan 30, 2019. Otherwise, you will need to wait until September 2019 for the new class.

Visit 759 Falcon Squadron website: www.759aircadets.ca

Pls contact Susanne Quan for registration or more info @ 604-787-9656 or 604-295-8872