



KITCHENER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

Principal: Ms. D. Taylor

Head Teacher: Mr. C. Phillips

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

How quickly February has past and how fast Term 2 is drawing to a close. February has been another busy month.

Our Girls and Boys Basketball teams have enjoyed a good season. Under the guidance of our coaches, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Jackson Sosa (Mr. Hayes's brother), Ms. Allocca, Ms. Chin and Mr. Lam, all the players are developing some new skills, while having become proficient and are extending in others. Most importantly they have learned to work as a team and support each other to win gracefully and see view losses as opportunities to learn. Congratulations to all the participants and I want to extend appreciation to our coaches!



We enjoyed all families who participated in Family Read on February 15th. I hope you all a good Family Day Weekend and enjoyed some quality time that is often hard to fit into the two day weekend. I know some families went tubing and snowshoeing on our wonderful mountains, others took a family bike ride or walk on some of the great trails in the lower mainland.



Once again, our students are enjoying tennis lessons with Mr. Macken until March 8th. We hear that the weather is supposed to stay warm during Spring Break. Perhaps our students will be able to get outside and play tennis with you or with their friends.

As mentioned in the January Newsletter, 9 of our Grade 7 Students presented their speech, "I May be young but..." to our intermediate student body, staff and parents. The classroom finalists were: Eliza Cruz, Lara Bolijuncic, Chase Thomas, Nico Duva, Brooklyn Doucette, Naomi Elwood, Aidan Lum, Nina Shibata, Lauren Maio. It takes a lot of courage and poise to speak in front of a group of peers and adults. I want to sincerely congratulate all of them. The students that will be representing Kitchener at the Zone Speaking Finals on Thursday, February 28th, are: Naomi Elwood and Lauren Maio with honourable mention to Nina Shibata. We wish them the best!

We have had a number of students who have received texts or cell calls from parents or older siblings during the instructional day which has caused distraction and disruption to the teaching and learning environment. Just a reminder that student cell phones should be turned off from 9:00am – 3:00pm and during extracurricular school activities. If you need to contact your child, please call the office at (604) 296-9017 and we will make sure your child gets the message in a timely way. Thanks you for your help with this.

It has come to attention that there is interest and curiosity in Vaping among upper intermediate students. I have included a link about Vaping for your information. Our Police Liaison Officer will be having an informational conversation with our upper intermediate students in early March. Under the School Act, Vaping is not permitted on any school property. When students are away from school we want them to have enough information so that they can make informed decisions, when the adults they know and trust are not around. The website is: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/single-post/2019/02/10/Vaping-and-What-Teens-had-to-Share>.

Spring Break is just around the corner. The staff and I want to wish you a wonderful Spring Break with lots of time for family activities.

Sincerely,
Ms. D. Taylor

SPRING BREAK

All Burnaby Schools will be closed from March 19-29, 2019 for Spring Break.

School will reopen and students will return to school on Monday, April 1st.



**HAVE A HAPPY
AND HEALTHY
SPRING BREAK!**

PAC MEETING

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend, please join us.

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SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 7 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



The Grade 6 and 7 students participated in the annual District Public Speaking Challenge with the topic *"I may be young but..."* Each student was tasked with developing a topic related to the question. Students could look at the topic from the

collective perspective (*what are youth capable of and what change do you wish to see?*) or from a personal standpoint (*what changes can you bring about as a youth and what do you wish to see?*) After brainstorming, outlining, drafting, and revising their speeches, each student presented their work to the class. In total, nine Grade 7 students were chosen to present in the school finals held on Wednesday February 13th in the Big Gym. From this, Lauren Maio and Naomi Elwood were selected to represent Kitchener at the Zone Finals on Thursday February 28th at Capitol Hill Elementary. Good luck Lauren and Naomi !

STUDENT TARDINESS



Please remember that the first school bell rings at **8:50am**. We continue to have many students arriving late and this causes us some concern. Arriving on time allows students to feel prepared and ready for the day. Arriving late means that your child is likely missing important notices and introductions to the school day. If your child does arrive late, please have them come by the office to check in. This ensures that parents do not get called at home unnecessarily when your child is already safe in the class.

If your child is going to be away for any reason, please inform the school office at **(604) 296-9017**, select **#2 for student absences** and leave a message with the following information:

- Child's first and last name
- Teacher and Division
- Absent or late (please leave reason)

If we do not hear from you, we will call home to ensure your child's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation.

REPORT CARDS



Report Cards will be going home with students on Wednesday, March 13th. Please spend some time to review the report with your child. We would like our students to reflect on their learning, celebrate their strengths and set goals in the areas where growth is needed.

A reminder to please sign your child's report card envelope and return it to their classroom teacher.

SOAPSTONE CARVING WORKSHOP

In February students from Divisions 1—6 had the opportunity to participate in a Soap Stone carving workshop with a local artist, Oliver Harwood. Each student diligently worked their creature to life filing and grinding away the excess stone to relive their work of art!



Burnaby School District PRIMARY DAYS OF MUSIC



This year, a group of over 60 Kitchener students will be participating in "Primary Days of Music" in Burnaby. Over 2,000 grade 2 and 3 students from across the district participate each year. Local gyms are opened to neighboring schools and choirs and share what they have learned in Music class over the past term. All students listen to other choirs perform, then share their own selection.

Our school will be joining students from Buckingham, Seaforth, Inman, and Rosser, and performing on March 11th in our very own big gym here at Kitchener. Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents to attend, as the entire gym will be full of students and teachers from other schools, but our students will perform their song selections at one of our upcoming Celebration of Learning Assemblies.

KITCHENER BASKETBALL SEASON



The girls and boys basketball teams have had a successful season! Both teams were very dedicated, and displayed tenacity and wonderful sportsmanship throughout the season. The teams were determined to develop their skill set by practicing several times a week and participating in many games, including tournaments. The boys and girls were members of either the recreational and competitive team. Both teams have done very well and should be proud of their achievements and how much they have thoroughly progressed during the season. Way to go!



COMMUNITY NEWS



The Spring Session for Balloholic youth basketball kicks off April 15 and registration has been open since February. We are happy to add a new varsity spring league for boys at Burnaby North Secondary this year.

Please check the website for further details on the Spring programs and to register online: <https://www.balloholic.com/spring-session> or email us at info@balloholic.com with any questions you may have.

Balloholic provides classes for students in a fun environment for all skill levels 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.

Clothing Drive Fundraiser for Developmental Disabilities Association

Clothing Drive



What's in your closet?

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be collecting clothes and some household items the week of April 8th.

Do a little "spring cleaning" and help Kitchener raise money for school activities. More details will be shared before Spring Break.



STAY SAFE
AND
ENJOY
SPRING BREAK

School Re-opens on MONDAY - APRIL 1st