



**December  
2021**

# KITCHENER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kitchener families:

We hope you are doing well as we prepare for the upcoming holidays. The last few weeks of school have been busy for all students. We had final preparations for our virtual assembly, classroom activities, outdoor events and winter celebrations. Students have done well and are being successful around Kitchener. I have noticed much growth in all of your children the past few months. I am particularly pleased with our experienced and newer teachers. Grade 7 student leaders are doing much to help other out. Ms. Santorelli has often mentioned her helpers, classroom teachers with their student monitors during lunch times. Thank you for supporting your children with their emotional well being at home.

In January, we will look forward to some new events at the school. Basketball has started and thank you to Mr. Hayes for providing this opportunity for grade 6 and 7 students. In December, we welcomed Ms. Attalla who has joined our staff on Wednesdays. She will be working with many of our new families who have arrived to Canada.

I hope each and every one of you has an enjoyable holiday. I am grateful to see all of your children each day and look forward to a fantastic 2022.

Sincerely,  
Mr. D. Klarich



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**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**FUTURE DATES AND INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS**

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With winter weather here, we want to remind you about how the Burnaby School District shares weather-related school closures.

All schools will remain OPEN unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances – such as a power outage – that make it impossible to open for instruction. The District will do its best to communicate school or district-wide closures on our website by 6:30 am. However, please keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not possible – again, such as a power outage.

Another way to learn about school closures is through local news stations (online, radio, and TV), some of which are:

CBC AM 690 radio  
News AM 1130 radio  
CKNW AM 980 radio  
Fairchild AM 1470 radio

Global TV  
CBC TV  
CityNews  
CTV BC

Student safety is a responsibility we share with families. Please walk your child to the door of the school if you are unsure whether or not the school is open. If for any reason you feel that your student cannot travel safely then please – as you normally would – notify the school that your child will be absent.

If weather conditions deteriorate throughout the day and create a concern for the safety of students returning home, a decision may be made to dismiss students early. This will be communicated to parents in the best way possible through the schools' normal communications channels.

Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe. More information can be found in our [Policy Statement](#) on our district website.



Thank you to Mr. Turpin for putting together our virtual Christmas Concert. A limited time to view the concert from home will be sent out via email. Students viewed the concert in their classes.

THANK YOU  
SNOW  
MUCH!



A **HUGE** thank you to our Kitchener community for supporting student events during this holiday season.



Thank you to families who contributed to our Christmas Hamper campaign—**over \$1800** was raised and will be forwarded to families.





Tania Santorelli  
Levin

E. Lamb  
Alicia

L. Huang



M. Dente

Andyna  
Frislon

Tania  
Forbes

Wishing you a  
**WONDERFUL**  
**HOLIDAY**  
**SEASON**

M. Hadie  
Sunny Lee

D. Klarick

Jill Petella

M. Magzetta

Michelle Ball

John Smith

A. Harsink

Miranda Yu

Christy

Donna

Rebecca Salpin

Christine  
Brendryf

A. Mavelli

Reid  
Pasquatto  
Brenda Nicholas

Spinaldo

Carmela Santorelli

Patricia Ba los

Lahara  
Damon

R. Garcea  
Kris

CHRISTY

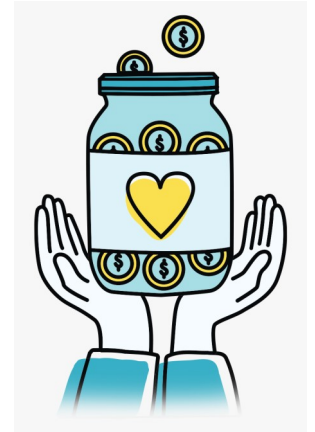
Blenda Blatzner



## Kitchener PAC 2021-2022 Donation Drive!

The Kitchener Parent Advisory Council (PAC) actively fundraises throughout the school year to support initiatives for our kids. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, some of our fundraisers have been cancelled. We hope you will consider making a financial donation to help us support the following initiatives:

- outdoor learning space
- instructional activities/resources
- school-wide activities
- ...and much more!



Donations are voluntary and confidential; any amount is appreciated! How to Donate and Other Ways to Support our School:

- Do you have corporate or community connections through work or friends (e.g. corporate donors, swag items for fundraisers)? Do you, or someone you know, have experience writing grants? If you said yes to either of these questions, please contact us at [sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com](mailto:sd41kitchenerpac@gmail.com)
- Monetary donations can be made through the School Cash Online program. Donations of \$20 dollars or more are eligible for a tax receipt from the Burnaby School District (due to COVID, we are not accepting cash or cheque donations).

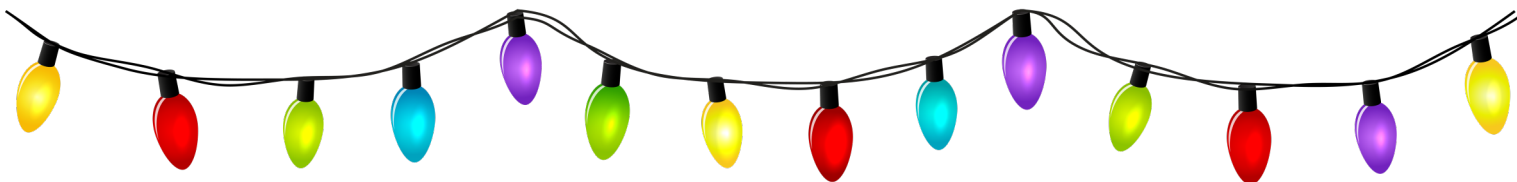
Thank you for your continued support of our PAC fundraisers!

Sincerely, Kitchener Parent Advisory Council Executive

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### How do I make my online donation?

1. On the web, go to: <https://burnabyschools.ca/donations/>
2. Under “Financial Donations”, go to “Donations Online Click Here”.
3. Under Gift Information, select the donation amount you would like to give.
4. Select Kitchener Elementary from the “Fund Destination” list.
5. Under “Message to the Board”, enter “Kitchener PAC”
6. Add to cart and proceed to checkout.
7. Log in to School Cash Online and complete your payment method.
8. Once payment is confirmed, a tax receipt will be emailed to you.



## COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENTS:

### Heritage Christmas at Burnaby Village Museum



Heritage Christmas, presented by Concord Pacific, is back again this year.

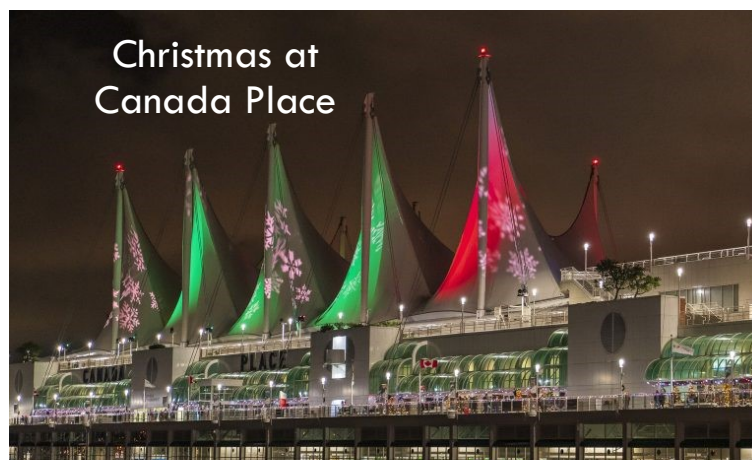
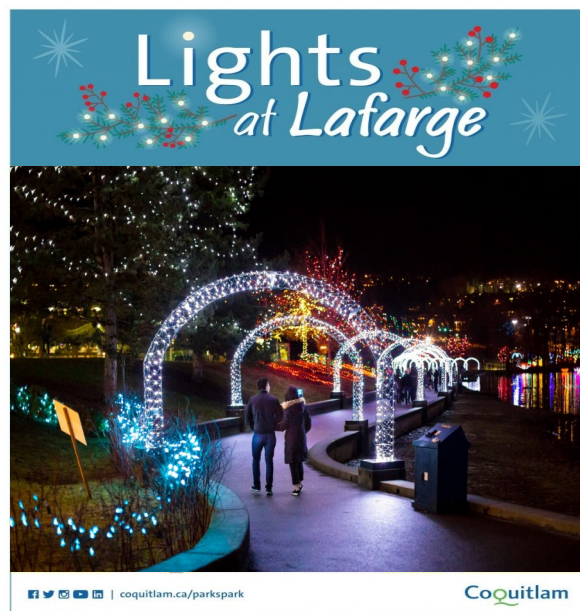
Wander the village and take in all of the seasonal entertainment and activities. Take part in our animal-themed scavenger hunt including a menagerie of adorned Eco-sculptures like salmon, herons and Hawks. Enjoy a meal or treat at the Ice Cream Parlor or take a ride on the re-stored 1912 C.W. Parker Carousel (\$2.65 each).

**Gate Admission is Free. Advanced reservations are not required. Vaccination Passports required for anyone 12+. Masks are required indoors for anyone over the age of 5.**

**December 11, 2021-January 3, 2022**

**Daily, 1-9 pm**

**Closed December 24 and 25**





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>  <b>WINTER BREAK</b> <b>NO SCHOOL!</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> School Reopens 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>ALPHA</b> Gr. 7 Articulation with Alpha	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>BLACK SHIRT DAY</b>  <small>"BEYOND JUST ONE DAY A YEAR"</small>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
						
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	  <b>Stay Warm</b>				