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## Message From the Principal...



### On time for School

My home in the morning is probably not much different from most families. We have a morning routine, as my children and I get ready for school and work. What often starts with a pleasant, "We're leaving in 15 minutes, please be ready," quickly changes to a frantic, "Hurry up and get in the car now, or we'll both be late!"

Morning routines with kids can often be hectic. However, even when we are only 5 minutes late, it can be disruptive to learning. A reminder of our bell schedule is:

**8:51** Warning Bell: students come into the school and prepare to start the day

**8:56** Bell: start of the instructional day. Students are in their desks and ready for morning announcements

Students who routinely arrive at or after 8:56 typically:

- Miss morning announcements
- Arrive in the middle of classroom routines which can disrupt the class
- Take up office time by requiring a welcome slip and documentation of being late
- Take up teacher time by requiring a repeat of directions or class announcements

I understand that being late for school is not the biggest issue in this world, considering some of the other stresses we face daily. However, being on time can often be achieved by simply tweaking the morning routine by 5 – 10 minutes. When you consider the impacts mentioned above, I'm sure you would agree it's well worth it.

Anthony Yam  
Principal

"If we are facing in the right direction, all we have to do is keep on walking."  
Proverb



Thank you to all parents who volunteer to drive on our field trips. Even during inclement weather, parents have volunteered their time to support our school programs.

### **Cascade Heights Mission Statement**

*Cascade Heights School is committed to providing an environment where learners can develop their individual potential through acquiring knowledge, skills, and attitudes that promote adaptation in a rapidly changing social and technological world. Students will be empowered to be independent and self-sufficient with the ability to think critically, to communicate effectively, to live life healthfully, to cooperate socially, and to value life-long learning*

## Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Foundation Skills Assessments for Grades 4 and 7 students have been completed. Parents will receive the marked test booklets by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## Satisfaction Survey 2016/17 - Attention parents of grade 4 & 7 students!!!

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

In the spring of 2017 the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet through the link on our school website <http://cascadehighlights.sd41.bc.ca> or directly at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

A letter to parents will be sent home with students in grades 4 and 7 with login information. The e-survey site will be open until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Music

The Music department is preparing for several concerts in the spring.

On Tuesday afternoon March 7<sup>th</sup>, the grade 2/3 students will be singing at the district Primary Days of Music. This program will be repeated in the school gym for the parents of our Grade 2/3 students on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

During the first week of April, the Intermediate Choir will have the opportunity to be participate in the District Intermediate Choir Festival. The actual date and location for this will be determined and announced at a later date.

On the evening of Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Grade 7 band and the Intermediate Choir will share the spotlight in our gym.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm all Intermediate students will present a Spring concert of music and dialogue "How Canada Came to Be" in the school gym.

During the second week of May the Gr. 7 band will participate in the District Festival of Beginner Bands during the daytime.

### SEEKING A PIANO ACCOMPANIST

For 4-5 concerts in April and May, we would benefit from having a piano player or two for a few songs. The minimum commitment would be two afternoon concerts and two evening concerts accompanying the intermediate choir and Spring concert "How Canada Came to Be".

Grade 9 piano or higher would be beneficial as a couple of pieces are challenging. The pieces are "This is My Home", "O Siem", and "We Rise Again". There are other easier songs as well if you want more responsibilities.

Please contact Mrs. Speakman or Mrs. Bennett at the school if you can tickle the ivories for us.



## **CAN YOU HELP WITH COSTUMES?**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with designing and creating some accessories as costuming for the "How Canada Came to Be" production, to represent First Nations, explorers, fur traders, RCMP, Metis, settlers, John A. MacDonald, railway workers, Louis Riel, loggers, and Inuit. There will be one or two costumes needed for each type of character and they need to be simple. They will be worn over a basic t-shirt that all students will be wearing.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mrs. Bennett or Mrs. Speakman (Music Department)

## **Library News**

Is your child moving schools, or going on an extended trip (more than one week)? If so, please make sure that your child returns all of his/her library books before leaving. When a student does not return his/her books, other students in the school (that would like to read those books) are prevented from borrowing them. I have had many disappointed students this year who I've had to tell that I don't know when the books are going to be returned, and that I cannot speak to the student who has them because he/she is not at school. Let's work together to keep library books/resources available to all students and teachers, who may need a specific book in order to teach a lesson.



## **BEASTLY BOOK CLUB**

If you have been reading every night since the start of the program (October 3<sup>RD</sup>), you will reach 150 nights on March 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still lots of time to keep reading to earn as many monster charms as you can. Don't forget that if you finish 200 nights, your name will be entered into a draw to win one of four specially-made stuffed monsters!

## **RED CEDAR BOOK CLUB**

A reminder to Intermediate students enrolled in the Red Cedar Book Club that the deadline is fast approaching. Students have until April 14<sup>th</sup> to read and report on their chosen titles.

## **Walk-A-Thon**

On Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, our school will be holding a Walk-A-Thon to raise funds for technology upgrades for our school. Look for notices and pledge forms to come home soon.

## **Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

For the safety of all of our students and respect for the community, we are reminding parents and caregivers to respect the parking and drop-off rules:

- The drop-off area on Smith Avenue is a 5-minute passenger zone. Please be courteous to your community members who also require use of these zones.
- Please do not block the alleys to wait, drop-off or pick-up your child(ren).
- The staff parking lots are for staff use only. These areas are not student drop off/pick up zones.
- To enforce any parking and driving infractions, the City of Burnaby and the RCMP will be visiting the area more frequently and will be issuing tickets and in some cases, towing of your vehicle.



## **Reminder**

Daylight Savings time begins March 12, 2017.  
Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour.





Spring Break is a time for kids to be kids! It's a chance to play, to run, and to be free from the busy school schedule. That's why the YMCA offers day camps, so that every child can reach their full potential. Join us for the fun-filled days of arts and crafts, games, sports and an opportunity to make new friends.

The Cascade Heights YMCA day camp is open for registration.

Check out everything we have to offer online at [gv.ymca.ca/camps](http://gv.ymca.ca/camps)

Register now! [gv.ymca.ca/camps](http://gv.ymca.ca/camps) 604-939-9622 [daycamp@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:daycamp@gv.ymca.ca)

## Play to Learn Open House

### Parents of 3 - 5 year olds:

Join us for a fun and interactive session exploring a variety of learning activities and enjoy a performance. Talk with staff from Burnaby Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, Burnaby Public Library, YMCA, Child Care Resource & Referral, and Fraser Health. Meet early childhood education experts, and connect with the school community and other families. **Drop in and bring the kids. It's all free.**

#### MONDAY, APR.3

9:30-11:30

Second Street  
Community School

7502 Second St.

#### WED., APRIL 19

9:30-11:30

Maywood Community  
School

4567 Imperial St.

#### WEDNESDAY, APR. 12

9:30-11:30

Forest Grove  
Elementary

8525 Forest Grove Drive

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

9:30-11:30

Gilmore Community  
School

50 S. Gilmore Ave

Featuring Children's Performer Will Stroet



## Believe In Your Child Foundation

### March Break Camps

**March 13 to 17**

**Art & Cooking (grades K to 2)**  
**Coding & Robotics Camp (grades 3 to 7)**

**March 20 to 24**

**MakerKids (grades K to 2)**

### Pro-D Day Camp

**April 24**

**Electricity Camp (grades K to 5)**  
**Coding & Robotics Camp (grades 3 to 7)**  
**Coding & Robotics Camp (grades 3 to 7)**

**Location: 109 - 3701 Hastings Street, Burnaby.**

**For More Information, please go to**

**[www.believeinyourchild.org](http://www.believeinyourchild.org)**

**Phone: (604) 637-2072**

As BC certified teachers and parents, we are a non-profit foundation committed to helping raise, educate and empower children. The competencies below are our guiding principles which we weave into our programs covering topics from science to dance, from coding to painting:

**Creative Thinking; Personal, Social & Emotional Health; Critical Thinking; Communication.**

Through STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) programs, we strive to stimulate and develop all aspects of the minds of our learners. Our program has been developed by experienced,

BC certified teachers and experienced academic leaders to complement the new BC Curriculum.







### **IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR BASEBALL**

**Online Registration for the 2017 baseball season at [Hastings Community Little League](http://Hastings Community Little League)**

**is now open at [www.hcll.ca](http://www.hcll.ca). All boys and girls aged 4 to 12 years old and who live or attend a school within the league boundaries are eligible.**

# March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 9:00 - 10:30 / 10:30 - 12:00 Div. 7 & 8 Burnaby Art Gallery	3 12:00 - 12:20 Hot Lunch - Sushi
6 9:00 - 3:00 Div. 2 Vancouver Art Gallery 1:30 - 2:45 Advanced Learners Library	7 12:00 - 12:20 Snack Bar	8	9 Strong Start Closed 9:00 - 10:30 / 10:30 - 12:00 Div 9 & 10 Burnaby Art Gallery 6:30 pm Primary Days of Music Gr. 2 & 3 only	10 Strong Start Closed Reports Home 12:00 - 12:20 Hot Lunch - Pizza Hut
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27 School Reopens	28 12:00 - 12:20 Snack Bar 1:00 - 2:00 BC Lions Energy Champions (All classes)	29 Panoramic Glass/Group Photo Day 12:00 - 12:20 Hot Lunch - Hot Dog Day	30	31 12:00 - 12:20 Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

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