

# École Capitol Hill



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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through this school year. It has been a busy time at our school since we have returned from our Winter break.

We would like to welcome two new staff members to Capitol Hill. Ms. Renee Orr has joined us and is working with our English Language Learners and Mr. David Ross will be joining our Counselling Department and working with Mr. Jackson to support our students in this area.

Our grade 4 and 7 students are busy taking part in the province-wide Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). Please see the section in this newsletter that gives more information about this.

The month of February is the month for registering new kindergarten students (born 2012) and for students of residents new to Burnaby for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. If you know of families who live in our neighbourhood please pass on this information to them or have them come by the office. Please see the specific information included in this newsletter for the registration process.

Our grade 6 and 7 boys and girls have had the opportunity to join our Capitol Hill school Basketball teams. We are about halfway through the season. I would like to thank our staff (Mrs. Koster, Mrs. Lau-Edwards, and Mrs. Armstrong) and parent (Mr. Joe Garcea) and student volunteer (Jonas Klarich) who have spent their time teaching the game of basketball to our players.

Capitol Hill School is truly a fabulous place to be. Thank you to all in ensuring that we work together for the success of our children!

Wally Kanno  
Principal

### PAC Executive

**Chair:** Ariel Pavic

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## New Staff

We have great news! Ms. Renee Orr has joined our ELL Department, joining Mrs. Koster and Mrs. Lau-Edwards supporting our English Language Learners at Capitol Hill. We have Mr. David Ross, joining us beginning Thursday, February 9th as part of our counselling department! He will join Mr. Jackson in supporting our students here at Capitol Hill.

## Coyotes in our Neighbourhood

We have had a couple of sightings of Coyotes on our school grounds in the last couple of months. Coyotes are naturally very timid animals and actual incidents of human-coyote conflict that result in injury or harm are very rare. However, it is important that children and adults alike are aware of how to interact with them. If there is a coyote on the school grounds or your yard, it's important not to cause a panic, it is best to send an adult to scare it away. This teaches the coyote that it shouldn't be there in the daytime and around people.

If children or adults encounter coyotes they should be:

**Big** – Stand tall with arms overhead and look as big as possible

**Brave** – Stand their ground, don't turn their back to the coyote or run

**Loud** – Yell "Go Away Coyote"

If a coyote has become habituated to looking for food on school grounds or yards then scaring that coyote becomes even more important, as the coyote may have learned to approach children and adults for food. Be persistent with scaring and use advanced scaring techniques such as:

Spraying with water

Approaching towards them aggressively, with arms up and clapping or making sounds and yelling

We need to keep our school grounds and yards as clean of garbage as possible. Coyotes eat a diverse diet and will make use of garbage and food scraps if available.

If you are looking for more information about coyotes, please see the website:

<http://stanleyparkecology.ca/conservation/co-existing-with-coyotes/>

## PAC NEWS

**Next PAC MEETING Wednesday February 8th 6:30-8pm in the school library.** Please enter through the back doors up the small flight of stair from the staff parking lot. On the agenda: reviewing the proposed changes to the PAC Bylaws and Constitution, update on school garden proposal, Principal Wally Kanno will present his report including Capitol Hill School Goals, and our allotment of the recently announced new funding from the Ministry. All parents and Guardians are invited to attend.

**PAC Valentine's Day bake sale FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH** during the lunch hour in the multipurpose room. Please drop off baked goodies in the multipurpose room the morning of February 10th. Please be aware we are a nut free school, and remember to label your containers if you would like them returned.

## **NEW KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

New Registrations begin on February 1st, 2017.

Students who will be turning 5 years old on or before December 31st 2017 (born in 2012) are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September 2017. If your child will be starting school in September, please come into the school to register your child.

Parents/Guardians will be required to present identification for themselves and their child with their date of birth, ie., Birth certificate, passport photo, permanent residence certificate, proof of residence, (ie. Government letter such as Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment, Driver's License, utility bill, Rental Agreement) For more information, please call the school at 604-664-8637 or check the district website at [www.sd41.bc.ca/registration/](http://www.sd41.bc.ca/registration/)

## **Cross-District and Out-of-District Applications (All Grades)**

During the month of February we will be accepting Cross-District applications and Out-of-District applications for students wanting to attend Capitol Elementary. Applications will be accepted between 9:30am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 3pm Monday to Friday. Please note that the deadline to submit these applications is **3:00pm February 28th, 2017**. Also, any students in Grade 7 who wish to attend a high school out of their catchment must complete a Cross-District or Out-of-District application. Forms can be picked up at any Elementary School office or downloaded from the Burnaby School District website, [www.sd41.bc.ca](http://www.sd41.bc.ca) . **Applications must be submitted to your school of choice during the month of February to be considered "on time", even if you already have another child attending that school.**

## **Foundation Skills Assessment**

The Foundational Skills Assessment will be taking place at Capitol Hill from January 16th to February 23rd, 2017. Students in Grades 4 and 7 across the province will be writing assessments in the areas of reading, writing, and numeracy (math). The majority of these assessments will be taken in class while two sections, one in numeracy and another in reading will be administered online. The results of the assessments will be made available to parents of students in Grades 4 and 7 by the end of March. Should you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kanno at the office.

## Late French Immersion Program (Grade 6 &7) at Capitol Hill—Parent Information Meeting

Parents and Grade 5 students are invited to learn more about the Late French Immersion Program at Capitol Hill Elementary School. The meeting is on **Thursday, February 9th at 6:30pm** in our school library. You will have a chance to learn more about the program and meet the Grade 6 French Immersion teachers and the Principal.



### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR BASEBALL

Online Registration for the 2017 baseball season at **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.

## Class Photos— Monday, February 27th

Our school photographer is coming to Capitol Hill on Monday, February 27th to take our class photos. Remember to bring your best smiles!

## School Closed

School will not be in session for students on:

Monday, February 13th - Family Day

Friday, February 17th - Professional Day

## Pro-D/Spring Break Activities

Do you have anything planned for your child for February 17 (Pro-D day) or during Spring Break? The City of Burnaby has some great options for you to explore. Please go the website below:

<https://www.burnaby.ca/Things-To-Do/Be-Active-Programs/Programs-for-Everyone/Children/Children-Camps.html>

### Burnaby has everything you need for the best year yet!

Our camps have an excellent reputation, and our program leaders are chosen for their valuable experience, abilities and dedication. Leaders are trained in first aid, accident prevention and emergency procedures. Your child's safety is our priority. We are committed to ensuring a safe and fun day of experience for your child.

## What is a Healthy Snack ?

Healthy snacks include food from at least 2 of the 4 food groups.

### 1. Vegetables and Fruit

Raw or cooked vegetable and fruit pieces, unsweetened fruit or vegetable juices.

### 2. Grain Products

Whole grain breads, pitas, crackers, bagels, roti, muffins, cereals, other grains.

### 3. Milk and Alternatives

Milk, soy milk, yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese.

### 4. Meat and Alternatives

Legumes, tofu, nut butters, eggs, fish, poultry, lean meats.



## Community News



# ***Girls Only!*** **COME TRY HOCKEY** **Join Us For This Free Event**



Would you like to see why girl's hockey is one of the fastest growing sports and see if you like it? Girls from Burnaby, and neighboring cities, are invited to come try ice hockey in a fun, safe on-ice session with the Burnaby Wildcats, the female division of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association!

**Sunday, February 26**

**Kensington Park Arena**  
**6159 Curtis St, Burnaby**  
2:30pm to 4:30pm

***\*Note: Event is free but pre-registration is required to attend!***

**Everything Is Provided -  
Equipment, Coaches and Wildcat Players!**  
***It's not just your brother's game.***  
***Come check it out!***

For more information or to pre-register for this event,  
contact [burnabygirlstryhockey@gmail.com](mailto:burnabygirlstryhockey@gmail.com)

**The Burnaby School District invites applications for the following casual, on-call positions:**

### **STUDENT SUPERVISORS &/OR CROSSING GUARDS**

Student Supervisors provide support for students during the lunch break, ensuring student safety in and around our schools and work during the school lunch break period for 70 minutes.

Crossing Guards provide support for students arriving/departing from school, and work one hour before school, and one hour after school.

Applicants for these positions will have a Grade 12 education, and demonstrated ability and experience in working with children. Applicants must be available to work throughout the District when school is in session.

Applications can be submitted to:

Human Resources Department

Burnaby School District

5325 Kincaid Street

Burnaby BC V5G 1W5

[applications@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:applications@sd41.bc.ca)

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Div. 12,13,14 Skating at Ken- sington—pm	2 Div. 6 & 7 Van- couver Museum 9-2:30pm	3	4
5	6	7	8 Soccer Clinic for K-3 students 9-12 pm  PAC Meeting 6:30pm	9 Soccer Clinic for K-3 students 9- 10:30am  Late French Im- mersion Info Meeting 6:30pm (library)	10 Leadership Rafiki Sale 12:15pm  PAC Valentine’s Day Bake Sale 12:00pm (Multipurpose Room)	11
12	13 Family Day (School Closed)	14 Valentine’s Day Leadership Rafiki Sale 12:15pm	15	16 Int. Skiing Trip (at Whistler) & Bowling (at Rev’s)	17 Professional Day (School Closed)	18
19	20 Young People’s Concert 10:45am (bus pickup 10:15am)	21	22 Pink Shirt Day Parade 11am	23	24	25
26	27 Class Photos	28 Month End As- sembly 11:00 am				

\* Please Note: Calendar, dates and times are subject to change

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## École Capitol Hill Comments

*We would like to know the Newsletters are being read at home by parents and students. Please fill in the information below and return it to the school and your child(ren) will have a chance to win a prize at our monthly draw. As always, your comments are welcome.*

I have read the Newsletter Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Comments on any topic are most welcome:

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