



Westridge

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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HEAD TEACHER: MR. M. NIELSEN
SECRETARY: MRS. C. PIRONAGGI
BOARD CHAIR: MS. J. MEZEI

May 27, 2022

WESTRIDGE SCHOOL GOAL 2021/22:

GOAL – WESTRIDGE STUDENTS WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR WRITING IN GRADE APPROPRIATE WAYS AND STUDENTS WILL LEARN TO USE VARIOUS TOOLS TO STRIVE FOR PERSONAL BEST.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Monday, May 30th** – PAC Meeting at 6:30pm - ZOOM
- **Monday, May 30th** – Spirit Day – Blue Sabre-Tooth Tiger Day
- **Tuesday, May 31st** – Spirit Day – Golden Ocelots Day
- **Wednesday, June 1st** – Spirit Day – Black Lynx Day
- **Thursday, June 2nd** – Spirit Day – Pink Panthers Day
- **Friday, June 3rd** – Westridge Warrior – Wear your house colour; **Early dismissal at 2:05pm**
- **Monday, June 6th** – Pro-D Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, June 21st** – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **Friday, June 24th** – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- **Monday, June 27th** – COL @ 9:30am
- **Wednesday, June 29th** – Last day of school – **9-10am**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The days seem to be passing by so quickly. It is hard to believe it is almost June!

We were so pleased to have **Indigenous carver, Simon James**, visit our school to refinish our beautiful **Code of Conduct carving** at the front of the school. Mr. James spent three days with us and spent time sharing stories about the mural with individual classes.

Our **school musical, Matilda Jr.**, was a huge success thanks to the hard work of all of those involved. Thank you to Mrs. Rice and Mr. Kane for all the work with the students to create this fabulous production. We appreciate all the help from Mack Roe for creating the stunning sets, Andy Rice for sound, lighting and help with all the set-up. Thank you to Pardeep Kainth for taking some fabulous photos to capture the magic on stage. Thanks to Maria Turcios, the Bola Family for all the help with sewing shorts and creating ties as well as thanks to Debra Philipson, Mme Venner and her team of staff for designing and sewing the skirts. Thanks to Mr. Nielsen for all the help with set-up, take-down and sound for each show. Thank you to the staff that supported the evening events and behind the scenes: Mme Venner, Mme Joncas, Mme

Turcios, Mme Fenger, Ms. Kainth, Ms. Shelley and Ms. Risa. Thank you again to the parents for your generous donations to the music program. Special thanks to the Westridge PAC, the DLRC, Tom Lee Music and Neat Uniforms for their contributions to our musical.

Our **Westridge Warrior Challenge will take place on June 3rd**, as classes rotate through the run. Thanks to Mr. Lai for promoting this annual event and adjusting the run for the field for our primary students. **All students will be dismissed at 2:05pm.** Please adjust your schedules for this day, so that students are picked up early. As a lead up to the Westridge Warrior, we will be celebrating our house teams during the week by wearing a different house team colour each day. **Monday we will wear blue clothing** for the Blue Saber-toothed Tigers, **Tuesday we will wear yellow** for the Golden Ocelots, on **Wednesday we will wear black clothing** for the Black Lynx, **Thursday we will wear pink** for the Pink Panthers and on Friday, each student will **wear their own house colour** to earn spirit points for their house team and sports points for each lap!

We are pleased to be supporting **Ryan's Rainbow Emergency Food Outreach** with our spring Food Drive, delivering flyers to homes in the neighbourhood to request cash donations to support this organization in our community. The food drive runs between May 20th and June 3rd. To date, Westridge has raised **\$640.00.**

Our final virtual Celebration of Learning will take place on Monday, June 27th at 9:30am. Students will receive their yearbooks on Monday, June 27th.

Just a reminder that our school year goes until the end of the month. All students will be in session on Monday, June 27th, Tuesday, June 28th and **Wednesday, June 29th from 9:00-10:00am** when **report cards will be handed out and students will be dismissed at 10:00am.**

Happy June!

Mrs. M. Brown



SEPTEMBER 2022 CLASS BUILDING: As we move towards the next school year, you may be interested in how classes are created each year. Here is some information to help you understand the process.

In June, **the complex process of organizing classes begins. Many variables are considered** when creating classes for the following year. Some of these considerations are academic achievement, special needs, leadership skills, social and emotional needs and creating balanced learning environments. Our whole school team is part of the conversation for determining the best learning environment for each child. Please trust in the knowledge that we already have of the students and that we will use our best collective decision for each placement.

Consideration is also given to **class size** and the number of **Ministry designated students** in a class. The **school district has to approve our organization** and the number of classes based on the enrolment we have in the school.

This number usually changes between June and September as students move in and out of the area. It is necessary for us to use strategies such as **combined classes** to ensure we have a few spaces at each grade level for new students throughout the year. **Numbers dictate** how we structure the class combinations. In some cases, we are able to have each grade move as a co-hort to the next grade, particularly in French Immersion.

All **learning opportunities** that are created will **meet the academic needs** of your child.

If there is **any additional information** that we require from you to help us with this process, we will contact you directly.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the school principal, **prior to June 3rd**.

School Calendar 2022/2023

Tuesday, September 6 th	School Opening Day	EARLY DISMISSAL - 10:00am
Friday, September 23 rd	Professional Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, September 30 th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, October 10 th	Thanksgiving Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, October 21 st	Professional Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, November 25 th	Professional Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, December 16 th	Last day of classes before Winter Vacation	
Tuesday, January 3 rd	School reopens after Winter Vacation	
Monday, February 20 th	Family Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, February 24 th	Professional Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, March 10 th	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation	
Monday, March 27 th	School reopens after Spring Vacation	
Friday, April 7 th	Good Friday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, April 10 th	Easter Monday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, April 24 th	Professional Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, May 22 nd	Victoria Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, June 5 th	Professional Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday, June 29 th	Last day for students	EARLY DISMISSAL - 10:00am
Friday, June 30 th	Administrative Day (staff only)	

Are You Moving?

It is helpful for us to know of those families in our community who plan to move out of the Westridge area or who plan to attend a different school. This enables us to prepare transfer forms in advance, and for the school to have a more accurate count for next year. For those definitely moving this summer, please email carmela.pironaggi@burnabyschools.ca or phone {604-296-9037} and provide your child's name and grade. Thank you!



Year Books – 2021/2022

Yearbooks will be handed out on **Monday, June 27th to those students that ordered them** . It will be full colour with one page for each division with pictures and names, an autographs page and a few surprises. It is a lovely keepsake for sure! Our Grade 7 Grads will be receiving a complimentary yearbook courtesy of our Westridge PAC.

Library News

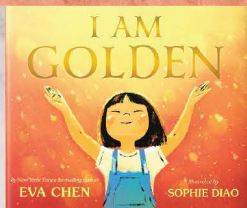
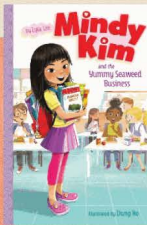
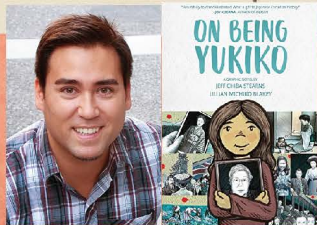
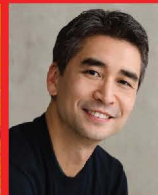
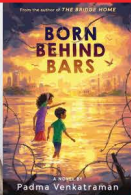


The Grade 7 BOTB District Finals took place on Tuesday, May 3rd in English and Wednesday, May 4th in French. The battles were intense - the scores were high and so was the energy! With classmates and onlookers cheering them on, Mr. Lai's class proved terrific ambassadors for our school. Great work Division 1! In French, Mme Venner's class took the district win! École Westridge's name will be added to the district plaque in the coming months and will be on display in the library until next spring. Félicitations Division 2!

MAY IS

Asian American
and Pacific
Islander
HERITAGE MONTH

We have been celebrating our favourite Asian American and Pacific Islander authors and illustrators this May (and every month) in the library. Come discover some new books and reread some faves!



← This book makes
Mme
Papapanagiotou
happy cry.



École Westridge Library, on behalf of staff and students, thanks the Nicoloyannis Family for their generous book donation this term! Thank you Lia and family! Merci!

We also extend our deepest gratitude to the PAC for its contribution to library funds this year. It is because of your generosity that we are able to add such amazing resources to our collection each year.

Merci! Many thanks!

Year-end Book Collection

We would appreciate having all books returned to the library by

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH

to ensure proper processing, shelving and inventory. If you are unsure about which books your child has out, an overdue report will be sent to your child's teacher on Friday, June 10th. If a library book has been lost, please email me to arrange payment or replacement options.

Thank you so much! Merci!

Brenda.Papapanagiotou@burnabyschools.ca

PAC News

All-Parent Meeting and PAC Executive Elections

A reminder that our last PAC All-Parent Meeting of the school year and PAC Elections are coming up on **Monday, May 30, 2022 at 6:30pm**. The meeting will be held on Zoom and the link will be sent out the day of the meeting.

We need parents from various grades to get involved! The PAC Elections for Executive and Members-at-large for the 2022-23 school year will take place at this meeting and there are quite a few openings including:

PAC Co-Chair

Members at Large:

Intermediate Representative (grades 4-7)
DPAC Representative (Burnaby District PAC)
Grade 7 Parent Representative

Any time or effort you are able to give is welcome – no amount is too little! With our small school population, parents and family play a key role in enhancing our children's educational experience!

Interested in running? Please don't hesitate to e-mail Christine, Carrie or Krista at westridgepac@gmail.com if you have any questions!

Community News



**2022 BURNABY RCMP
SOCCER CAMP**

Edmonds Park - July 26th - 28th, 2022 9am-3pm
Confederation Park - August 9th - August 11th, 2022 9am-3pm
Bonsor Park - August 23th - 25th, 2022 9am-3pm

Registration forms are available through your school, youth program coordinator, the Burnaby RCMP Detachment, or any Burnaby RCMP Community Police Office. Youth 14 and older may register as volunteers. Completed forms can be submitted in person at the Burnaby RCMP Detachment or digitally via email at e_burnaby_soccercamp@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Ages 8-13
Participants born between 2009-2014

Free to Register!



**BASEBALL
SUMMER CAMP**

8 Saturdays July 9th - August 27th
Ages 8 - 13
Cost \$150

More Info or Register At
www.burnabybaseball.com

Join the Burnaby Public Library

Summer Reading Club

Free for children of all ages. Starts Monday, June 13.

- ▶ Get your reading tracker at any library location or online
- ▶ Choose your reading goal
- ▶ Read all summer long
- ▶ Pick up your Summer Reading Club medal!

You can read anything, any way, anywhere, and in any language. Being read to also counts!

Visit our website to get your reading tracker, find booklists and activities, and get updates on picking up your Summer Reading Club medal.

www.bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club

Need reading ideas or tips? Have questions? Let's talk! Call 604-436-5400 or email eref@bpl.bc.ca

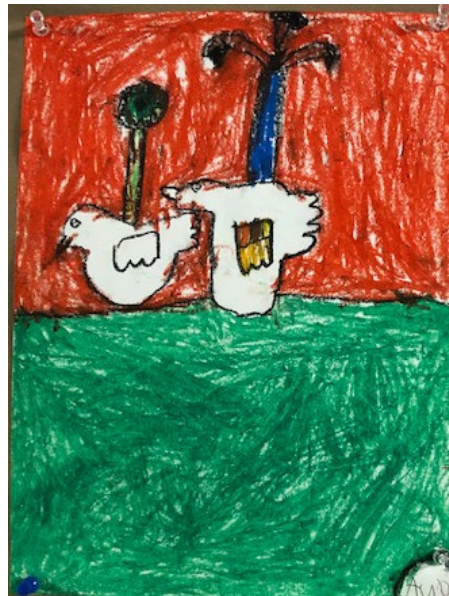
The Summer Reading Club is sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association and Burnaby Public Library with the generous assistance of Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and CUPE BC.

 Burnaby Public Library



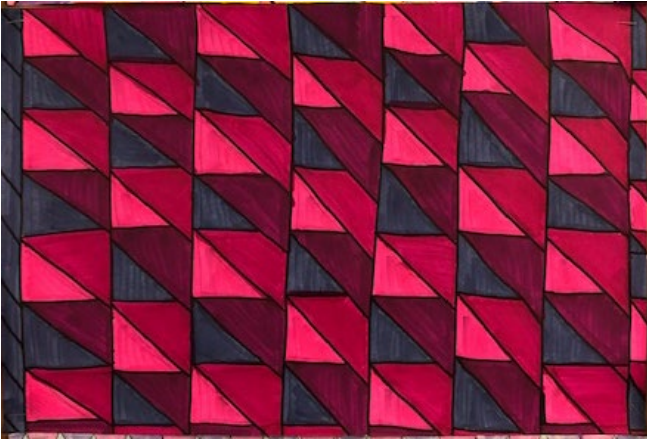
Celebrating Student Art

Division 10 – It's Springtime – C'est le Printemps



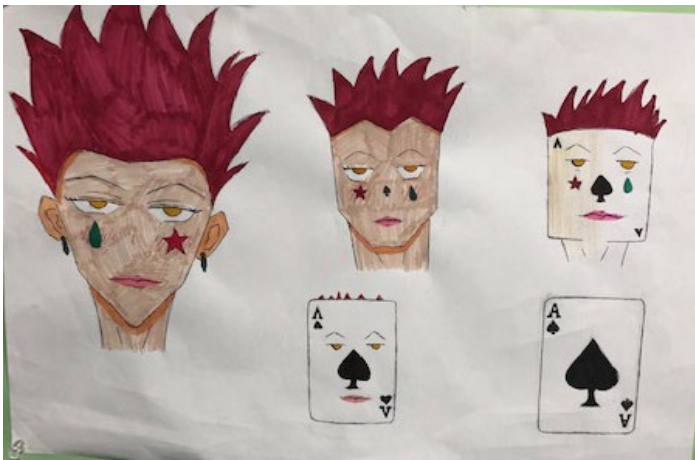
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Division 3 – Geometrical Art - Art Géométrique



Celebrating Student Art

Division 2 – Our Metamorphosis - Nos Metamorphoses



Celebrating Student Art

Division 1 – One Point Perspective – Un Point de Vue

