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HEAD TEACHER: MR. M. NIELSEN
SECRETARY: MS. C. PIRONAGGI
BOARD CHAIR: MR. B. BRASSINGTON

March 3, 2023

WESTRIDGE SCHOOL GOAL 2022/23:

GOAL – WESTRIDGE STUDENTS WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR WRITING IN GRADE APPROPRIATE WAYS. ("I CAN MAKE MY WRITING MORE INTERESTING THAN BEFORE.") AND STUDENTS WILL LEARN TO USE VARIOUS TOOLS TO STRIVE FOR PERSONAL BEST. ("I CAN STRIVE FOR MY PERSONAL BEST.")

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Friday, March 3rd** – Trivia Night
- **Wednesday, March 8th** – Spirit Day – House Colours
- **Thursday, March 9th** – Report Cards available for viewing
- **March 13th – March 24th** – Spring Break School Closed
- **Monday, March 27th** – School Reopens
- **Friday, April 7th** – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, April 10th** – Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL

The March calendar of events is available on our website.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It seems we wait so long for February to arrive and then just like that, it is gone. We enjoyed this month's activities of Jump Rope for Heart, Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, Black History Month and all the learning that goes along with these events.

Our Jump Rope for Heart event has raised **\$1,920.00** to date! Thanks again to Ms. Parmar-Holten in Division 3 for organizing our school for this event and thanks to all of you for the funds raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We will have a final count for you in April.

Basketball season has wrapped up for another year. Thanks to Ms. Kainth, Mme Turcios and Mr. Nielsen for coaching the teams as well as Mr. Malach. Thanks to all the parent drivers for making it a great success. Please see the Basketball update in this newsletter.

We finished off the month with **Pink Shirt Day** and a celebration of learning hosted by Mme Joncas and the Diversity Club as well as our grade 7 band. Pink Shirt Day reminds all of us that we

need to be aware of our daily habits and think about how we treat one another. We must not judge one another, but rather **accept each other as we are and celebrate diversity as well as practice kindness.**

Staff attended the District's Professional Day on February 24th and each of us attended one of the Keynote presentations and two sessions on various topics. We are then able to share our learning with one another at a future date.

Report cards will be sent home electronically on Thursday, March 9th. Please take the time to **look over this report with your child and celebrate all the learning** that has happened this term. We are proud of all of our students and their accomplishments. Please remember to save or print a copy of this report for your records.

We are pleased to be able to bring back **GymSense** to Westridge in April this year. Watch for details about **GymSense**, (training sessions in gymnastics during PE classes), that will be sent in e-mail the week following Spring Break. We will set up on School Cash Online. Thanks to our PAC in advance for helping to sponsor this program!

Due to Spring Break, our next newsletter will be sent home in April. Calendars are available on the website as always. Again, our continued thanks for keeping your children home when they are sick. Collectively our efforts do make a difference.

We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break with time to enjoy the outdoors and all the opportunities that are available to us on these beautiful lands of British Columbia.

Mrs. M. Brown



School News

Congratulations to our Basketball Teams – for a great season. We appreciate the dedication of the coaches for all their time and energy spent coaching and attending games with our students. Special thanks to Mr. Nielsen, Ms. Kainth, Mme Turcios and Mr. Malach, one of our Westridge parents, for sponsoring this event. Special thanks to the parents that drove students and made it possible for the children to attend the games. We would like to recognize the following members of the 2023 Basketball Teams for all their effort:

Akaal	Connor	Gavin	Hristian	Ibrahim	James	Jonin
Kavin	Kevin	Lance	Matheus	Simon	Audree	Bronwyn
Clara	Esther	Katelyn	Naomi	Zoe		



Yearbook

This year our school will once again be having a yearbook available for purchase. We have had so many excellent submissions that it has made the choice to choose a winner very difficult. The winner will be announced after Spring Break.



Clothing Drive

Westridge Clothing Drive! Are you doing any Spring Cleaning over Spring Break? If so, please remember to save your clothing for our clothing drive! Westridge will be collecting clothing from **April 11-14**. Please bring in any used or new clothing during this time. We will be donating all items to Big Brothers which helps raise money for our school!



SPRING MUSICAL

Please mark the dates of May 10th and 11th for our Spring Musical. This show will feature our Intermediate students in grades 4 – 7. Tickets will go on sale on after the Easter Break, so watch for more information right after Spring Break. Shows will be at 6:30 each night.



From March 7th-10th, \$5 from every PEACH SUNDAE purchased at Glenburn Soda Fountain will be donated to this year's musical! Go enjoy some ice cream and support the kids!

Glenburn Soda Fountain

Saleema Noon – Our PAC is once again providing our school with the Saleema Noon presentation to support our Physical and Health Education curriculum. Students will have their session on either **March 6th or 9th**. Thank you to all the parents that attended the information session on March 2nd.

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!



Library News



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In February the École
Westridge Library Learning
Commons Featured Black
History Month



#BHM2023

The theme of Black History Month 2023 was "Ours to tell". This involves seeking opportunities in our community and beyond to engage in authentic and rich conversations about black history. Beyond that, it sets a great intention - to learn the stories that Black communities in Canada have to share about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs. The AMHERSTBURG FREEDOM MUSEUM has a comprehensive digital collection which includes a section entitled "Family Histories". For more digital resources, Canadian Heritage has a fabulous website installed in honour of Black History Month.

Resources to learn about Black History



Books that Celebrate Black Joy



February 19-25 was **FREADOM to READ** week! Check out some of the books that have been banned over the years!





Starting this week, Grade 6/7 students began **Battle of the Books** (**Bataille Des Livres** in French)! This is the 15th year that schools in Burnaby have sponsored this program.

Over the next 6 weeks, students will read a selection of 10 books in teams; design questions and compete! Students are encouraged to read at least 3 of the titles over the 6 week period.

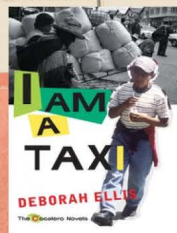
Why Battle of the Books?

- Students are exposed to a variety of genres, formats and authors.
- Challenge and competition can be motivating for students.
- Students read books that they may not typically choose on their own.

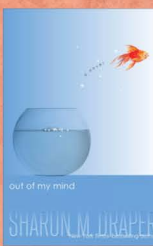
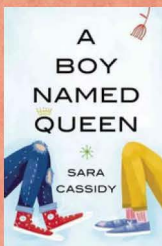
It's Fun!

2023 TITLES

BATAILLE DES LIVRES 2023



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2023



PAC News

PAC UPDATES & REMINDERS

PAC is looking forward to seeing parents and members from our community tonight, **Friday, March 3**, for Trivia Night! Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets, volunteered, donated prizes, and supported this wonderful community event that raises funds for the school. A special thank you to PAC Treasurer Jennifer Christenson for leading on the organizing! Best of luck to all playing tonight!


A reminder that **Hot Lunch** ordering closes on **Friday March 10, 2023**. Please ensure you **submit and pay** for your order before this date as late payments cannot be accepted through our current Munch-a-Lunch online ordering system.

Please **Save-the-Date for Monday, May 29, 2023** for our next Spring All-Parent meeting and PAC Executive Elections. A number of PAC exec and members-at-large are Grade 7 parents and will be leaving their positions for next year (I.e. Co-Secretary, Co-Chair, Canadian Parents for French rep, Grade 7 rep, etc). PAC would deeply appreciate any new parent volunteers to join! Position descriptions are available within our [PAC Constitution and Bylaws](#) always available on the [Westridge PAC website](#). Questions? Email us any time at westridgepac@gmail.com.

Ongoing Westridge PAC Fundraising


- **Donate via School Cash Online** - Log into School Cash Online, select "Make a Donation" and specify Westridge School in the "Fund Destination" drop-down box. Also be sure to include "Donation for Westridge Elementary PAC" in the comments section of the form!
- **Cob's Bread at Kensington Square** – Give Westridge's fundraising **#1171** to the cashier when buying fresh bread and baked goods at Cobs bread!
- **Return-It Depot at Kensington Square** – Give our school phone number, **604-296-9037** when returning bottles and cans and they will donate your return-it money to the school!
- **Mabel's Labels** – Shop mabelslabels.ca to support the school while purchasing labels for your child's clothes and school items. Click "Support a Fundraiser" on the website and type in "Westridge" to select "Westridge (Burnaby) for our school!"

Community News



2023 FEES

- **Early Bird (ends Jan. 31, 2023): \$130**
- **Regular Fee: \$145**
- **U7 Program: \$110**
- **New Players pay Early Bird Rate**



JUNIOR PROGRAM

Burnaby Lake junior field hockey provides an opportunity for young boys and girls to get involved in our sport. Field hockey is a team sport where the emphasis is on participation, teamwork, and fun. It is a fitness activity that is well suited to children's exercise requirements, with plenty of running over short distances (chasing the ball), and good development of eye-hand-foot coordination.

AGE GROUPS

CO-ED	GIRLS	BOYS
U7: Born 2016 - 2017	U12: Born 2011- 2012	U12: Born 2011 and younger
U10: Born 2013 - 2015	U14: Born 2009- 2010	
	U16: Born 2007- 2008	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates: April 1-June 20

Practices: One practice per week on a turf field in Burnaby

Games: Saturdays

Uniform: All new participants receive a **free t-shirt**. Socks will be provided that you can keep. Please wear black shorts.

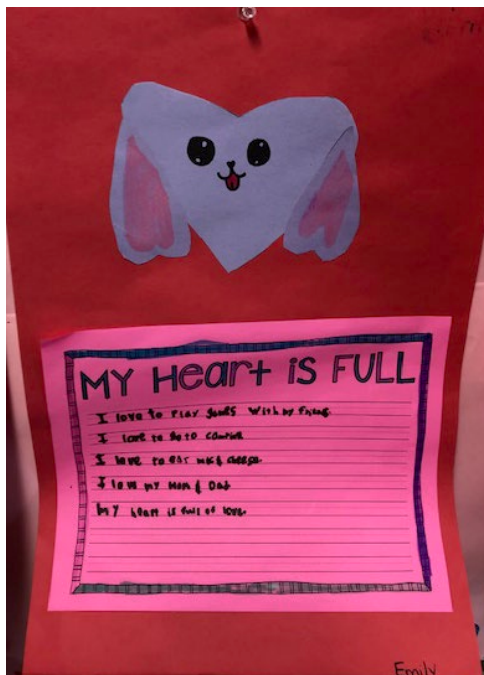
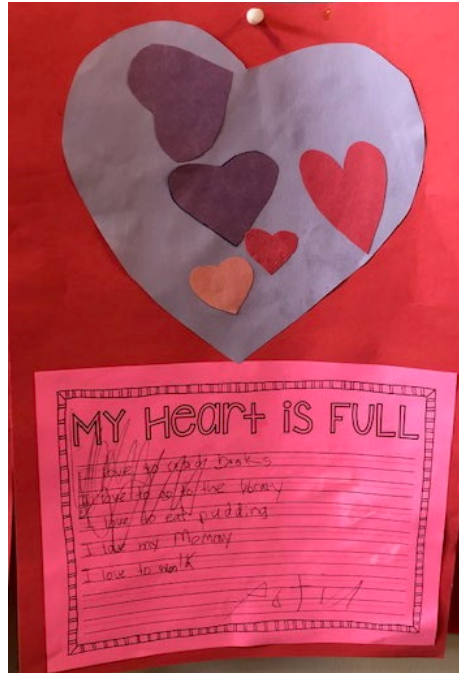
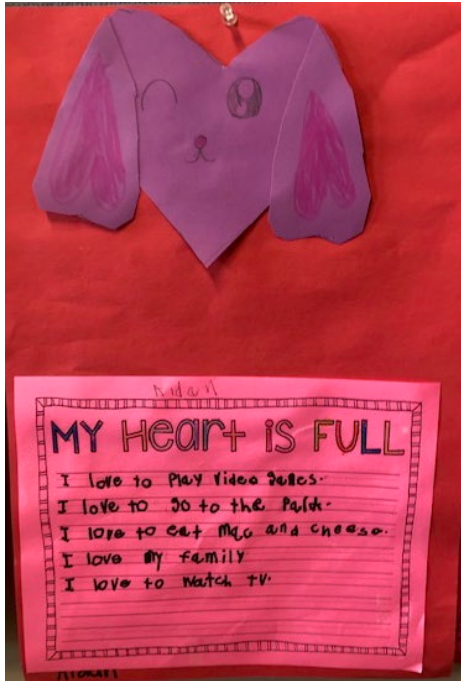
WEBSITE: BURNABYFIELDHOCKEY.COM

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- **Stick**
- **Soccer shin pads**
- **Mouthguard**
- **Runners or Cleats**

Celebrating Student Art

Division 9 – My Heart is Full



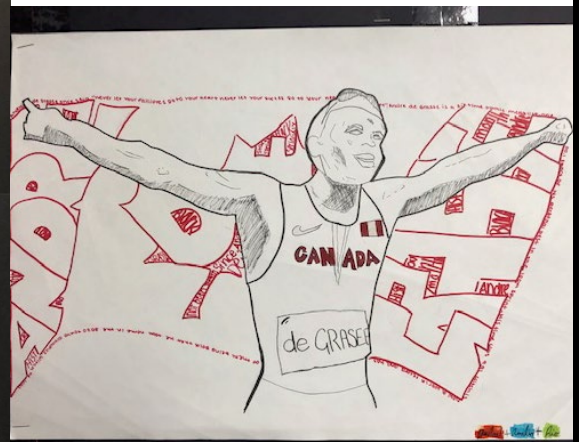
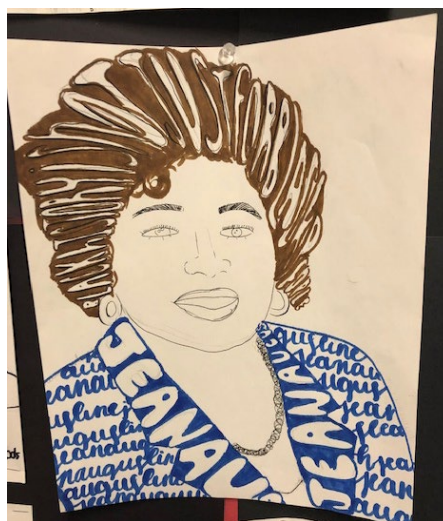
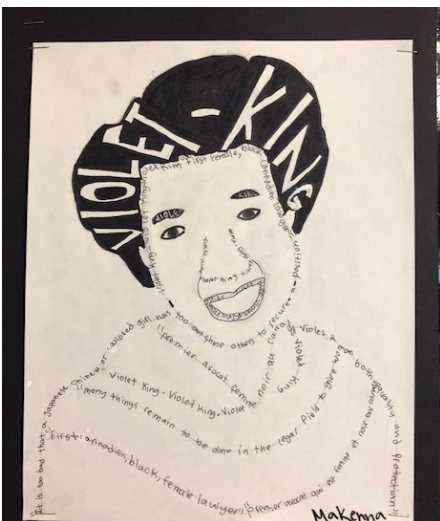
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Black History Month

Division 1



Division 4



Celebrating Student Art

Division 5 – Sunsets

