



Westridge
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL: MRS. M. BROWN
HEAD TEACHER: MR. M. NIELSEN
SECRETARY: MRS. C. PIRONAGGI
BOARD CHAIR: MR. B. BRASSINGTON

May 31, 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, June 2nd** – Westridge Warrior – Wear your house colour; **Early dismissal at 2:05pm**
- **Monday, June 5th** – Pro-D Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday, June 7th** – Viking for a Day – Gr. 7 to North
- **Monday, June 12th** – Spirit Day – Blue Sabre-Tooth Tiger Day
- **Tuesday, June 13th** – Spirit Day – Golden Ocelots Day
- **Wednesday, June 14th** – Spirit Day – Pink Panthers Day
- **Thursday, June 15th** – Spirit Day – Black Lynx Day
- **Friday, June 16th** – Sports Day – Wear your House Colour
- **Wednesday, June 21st** – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **Thursday, June 22nd** – Talent Show – Primary – 11am
- **Friday, June 23rd** – Talent Show – Intermediate – 11am
- **Tuesday, June 27th** – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 10:45am
- **Wednesday, June 28th** – COL @ 9:30am
- **Thursday, June 29th** – Last day of school – **9-10am**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The days are racing by as we move into the month of June. It is always a busy time with so many activities.

We finished off April with the **Track Meet**. Thanks to the coaches: **Mme Venner, Ms. Astorino, Ms. Phillipotts and Mme Lundgren** for all their time with the coaching and to the parent drivers who helped make this season possible.

We are pleased to have supported **The Greater Vancouver Food Bank** with our spring Food Drive, delivering flyers to homes in the neighbourhood to request cash donations to support this organization in our community. Our final total of donations was **\$710.00**.

Our **school musical, James and the Giant Peach 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 Singh** for taking some fabulous photos to capture the magic on stage. Thanks to all the helping hands, as noted in the program for supporting props and costume development. 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 Kate, Mme Joncas, Mme Turcios, Mme Lundgren, Ms. Kainth, Ms. Shelley, Ms. Dodd, Ms. Risa and Ms. Jaltema**. Thank you again to the parents for your **generous donations** to the music program. Special thanks to the **Westridge PAC and the DLRC**.

Our **Westridge Warrior Challenge** will take place on **June 2nd**, as classes rotate through the run. **All students will be dismissed at 2:05pm**. Please adjust your schedules for this day, so that students are picked up early. **Parent are welcome to join us from 9:00am – 10:30am** to cheer on the primary students on the field and the intermediate students running around the school. Please note there is a special **Greek lunch option available through Munch-a-lunch, if your pre-ordered for this day**. Each student will **wear their own house colour** to earn spirit points for their house team and sports points for each lap!

Thank you to all our **parent volunteers** for all the support you have shown us again this year. We hope you will be able to stop by the **VOLUNTEER TENT** on **Sports Day** to pick up a **little thank you treat from us**. Please know how much we value the part you play in supporting the ongoing activities in our school all year long. Special thanks to our **PAC Executive** for all their planning and fundraising that helps our school succeed.

Sports Day will be happening again this year on **Friday, June 16th from 9:00am – 12:45pm**. There will be a **pizza lunch provided through Munch-a-lunch** on this day, if you pre-order, otherwise you need to send a lunch with your child. Parents may wish to order a pizza lunch as well through their child's Munch-a-lunch account. Student should be picked up no later than **12:45pm**. Again, **parents are welcome to join us** for this fun activity day.

Our Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony will happen on Tuesday, June 27th at 10:45am. Our **final Celebration of Learning** will take place on Wednesday, June 28th at 9:30am. Students will be in session on Thursday, June 29th from 9:00am – 10:00am and will be dismissed at **10:00am**. Report cards will be sent home electronically by 10:00am. **Please have your login and password**

handy to be able to access the report card in MyEd.

Parents please be reminded that there is **no supervision after school for students that stay and play on the school grounds**. Please be sure you know where and what your child's plans are after school each day.

We have an amendment to our last newsletter, as there has been another change in the Principal coming to Westridge next year as well as a change now in Head Teacher. **The new Principal coming to Westridge is now Jenny Wong joining us from Vancouver School District. Michael Nielsen will be moving as Head Teacher to Armstrong Elementary. Westridge will welcome a new head teacher, Jayson Ricker, in September.**

Happy June!

Mrs. M. Brown



A Message from Mr. Nielsen

Dear Westridge Families,

I would like to thank you for being welcomed into this community six years ago, and the continued feeling of inclusion within this community over these six years. The collective support from parents, students and staff has made this a wonderful place to teach, learn, play and connect with others. Schools become our second homes and I have loved living in this one. I wish you well as you continue to create amazing experiences for your children.

Michael Nielsen
Head Teacher

SEPTEMBER 2023 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 5th**.

School Calendar 2023/2024

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|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday, September 5 th | School Opening Day | EARLY DISMISSAL - 10:00am |
| Friday, September 22 nd | Professional Development Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday, October 2 nd | In-lieu of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday, October 9 th | Thanksgiving Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Friday, October 20 th | Professional Development Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday, November 13 th | In-lieu of Remembrance Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Friday, November 24 th | Professional Development Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Friday, December 22 nd | Last day of classes before Winter Vacation | |
| Monday, January 8 th | School reopens after Winter Vacation | |
| Friday, February 16 th | Professional Development Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday, February 19 th | Family Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Friday, March 15 th | Last day of classes before Spring Vacation | |
| Friday, March 29 th | Good Friday | |
| Monday, April 1 st | Easter Monday | |
| Tuesday, April 2 nd | School reopens after Spring Vacation | |
| Monday, April 29 th | Professional Development Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday, May 20 th | Victoria Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday, June 3 rd | Professional Development Day | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Thursday, June 27 th | Last day for students | EARLY DISMISSAL - 10:00am |
| Friday, June 28 th | Administrative Day (staff only) | |

Congratulations to our Track Team – for a great season. We appreciate the dedication of the coaches for all their time and energy spent coaching and attending meets with our students. Special thanks to Mme Venner, Mme Lundgren, Ms. Astorino and Ms. Phillipotts, for sponsoring this event. Special thanks to the parents that drove students and made it possible for the children to attend the track meets. We would like to recognize the following members of the 2023 Track Team for all their efforts:

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| Aaliyah | Adelaida | Andrea | Anna | Avery | Benjamin | Bronwyn |
| Cole | Emmy | Esther | Jonathan | Joseph | Joshua | Kaitlyn |
| Kayla | Lukas | Mana | Makenna | Naomi | Nava | Sienna |
| Simon M. | Sophia | Vincent | William | Zavion | Zoe | |

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 – 2022/2023

Yearbooks will be handed out on **Wednesday, June 28th 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



June is National Indigenous History Month. It is a great time to learn about the diverse cultures and histories of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples in Canada. Learning about Indigenous Peoples, places and experiences is a step forward each Canadian can take on the path to reconciliation.

One of my favourite new books for exploring Indigenous culture is *Braiding Sweetgrass For Young Adults*. The author and contributors speak about the innate connections we have with nature and urge us to be grateful and mindful stewards of this land.

"In some native languages the term for plants translates to 'those who take care of us'".
Robin Wall Kimmerer

The École Westridge Library would like to express our sincere thanks to the following people for donating books to the library this year.

Elaine Jaltema
Rachel-Lynn Baird
Nicole Phillipotts
Teacher Education Department @ SFU

We would also like to thank the École Westridge PAC for its generous contribution to library funds this year.



Library Book Returns



Please return all library books by **Friday, June 16th** for inventory.
Please contact
Brenda.Papapanagiotou@burnabyschools.ca
should you have any questions.

PAC News

At the General Meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2023, the following members were voted into the following positions for the Westridge PAC 2023/24:

EXECUTIVE:

Co-Chairs

Christine Lyons and Karen Gaia-Maretta

Co-Vice-Chairs

Krista Chung and Carrie Campbell

Co-Treasurers

Jennifer Christensen Roxana Taheri

Co-Secretaries

Bal Purewal Kelly Halvorsen

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Primary (grades K-3) Parent Representatives

David Lim (French program)

Aleta Nelson (French program)

Intermediate (grades 4-7) Parent Representatives

Benjamin Chhoa (English program)

Kassandra Sison (French program)

Grade 7 Parent Representatives

Shemina Patni and Kathy Zhu

Mandarin Parent Representative

Kathy Zhu

District PAC Parent Representative

Benjamin Chhoa

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Parent Representative

Isabel Kolic

Community News

2023 Summer Programs

SUMMER PROGRAMS registration starts in June!

To make it easier for you to browse Burnaby programs, download our **Summer Program Guide**.

Find programs for all ages by facility. Click on the program to view a full description in WebReg (our online registration system).

Burnaby.ca/ProgramGuide



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| Recreation Centres | |
| BONSOR | 604-297-4597 |
| BONSOR 55+ | 604-297-4580 |
| CAMERON | 604-297-4452 |
| CHRISTINE SINCLAIR | 604-320-2222 |
| CONFEDERATION | 604-294-1936 |
| EDMONDS | 604-297-4838 |
| EILEEN DAILLY | 604-298-7946 |
| WILLINGDON | 604-297-4526 |
| Arenas | |
| BILL COPELAND | 604-297-4521 |
| KENSINGTON | 604-297-4535 |
| Cultural Facilities | |
| BURNABY ART GALLERY | 604-297-4422 |
| BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM | 604-297-4565 |
| SHADBOLT CENTRE | 604-297-4440 |

| REGISTRATION START TIME | PRIORITY REGISTRATION for Burnaby residents | | | GENERAL REGISTRATION for everyone | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Monday, June 5 | Tuesday, June 6 | Wednesday, June 21 | Friday, June 9 | Monday, June 26 |
| 10 am | Recreation Programs (excluding swimming) | Arts & Heritage Programs | Swim Programs New! Swim registration times | Recreation, Arts & Heritage Programs | Swim Programs |
| PROGRAMS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION | | | 10 am Indoor Pool Lessons 1 pm Outdoor Pool Lessons | | |

A line-up numbering system in select facilities will start at 9 am (noon for outdoor pool registration), 1 hour before registration begins.

NEW ONLINE ACTIVITY REGISTRATION SYSTEM COMING JULY

The City is moving to a new, user-friendly online registration system in time for the busy fall recreation and culture activity registration season. Not only will the new WebReg serve our community better, but it'll also provide users with more effective and efficient tools to register for activities and manage their account.

For a smoother transition of your account information to our new system, make sure your current WebReg account information is up to date. An email address will be essential to access our new registration system online. If you haven't done so already, add your email to your existing account in our current WebReg system and use or redeem any refund credits and punch passes.

You can update your information by dropping by one of our recreation or arts facilities, giving us a call or filling out this form at Burnaby.ca/RegistrationSystem

NOTE: For this summer's programs, the City will continue to use their existing WebReg system. The new system will be launching in time for fall registration in July.

Learn more: Burnaby.ca/RegistrationSystem



What's going on

New! \$20 + GST

5-18 years old

SUMMER FUN PASS

for children and youth

Stay active this summer with access to drop-in activities at recreation facilities.

Take a swim, groove to the beat in a fitness class, play some basketball with friends and so much more.

Valid: June 30-September 5, 2023.
Available for Burnaby residents.
Burnaby.ca/BeActivePass

Summer Fun in Burnaby
Spray parks, outdoor pools, events and in one. There's lots of fun activities in Burnaby this summer.
Burnaby.ca/SummerFun

RCMP MUSICAL RIDE

Monday, June 26 | 5-9 pm
Swangard Stadium

BUY YOUR TICKETS!

Burnaby.ca/MusicalRide

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join our summer volunteer team and develop leadership skills in a positive and fun environment! We recommend all volunteers attend a recruitment session. Pre-registration is required to attend.

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| Bill Copeland Sports Centre | May 23 | 4:30-6 pm | 701585 |
| Cameron Recreation Complex | May 27 | 4:30-6 pm | 702033 |
| Edmonds Community Centre | June 3 | 3:30-5 pm | 701584 |
| Bonsor Recreation Complex | June 8 | 4:30-6 pm | 701583 |

Burnaby.ca/WebReg

GET YOUR START HERE: WE'RE HIRING

986 office

Make a difference in your community. Recreation centres are hiring recreation clerks, recreation and aquatic leaders, building service workers and contract instructors. Be a part of providing facilities and services that support a safe, connected, inclusive, healthy and dynamic community.

Burnaby.ca/Careers

- recreationburnaby
- @burnabyparksrec
- burnabyrecreation
- Burnaby.ca/Active
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SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB

2023/24 FALL REGISTRATION

NOW OPEN FOR BOYS & GIRLS (U4 - U18)

REGISTER AT www.southburnaby.ca/Forms3406

A LUMP PAYING SPRING FEE REGISTER NOW UNTIL MAY 15TH 2023

****NEW** USE US - PARENTS & JUNE SOCCER**

- THIS PROGRAM FOCUSES ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING FOR 5-6 YEAR OLD BOYS AND GIRLS. FUN INDOOR/OUTDOOR GAMES AND COACHING COURSES WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE RING WARDEN/SOCCER COACH.
- ONCE A WEEK GAME ON SATURDAY FROM 9 AM - 10:15 AM AT BURNABY CENTRE COMPLEX.
- PARENT PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED.

FALL/WINTER LEAGUE

- STARTS SEPTEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024
- AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK PRACTICE
- GAME ON SATURDAYS (BOYS TEAM)
- GAME ON SUNDAYS (GIRLS TEAM)

LOCATIONS

- RIVERSHAY SPORTS COMPLEX
- BYRNE CREEK SCHOOL/TURF
- BONSOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

FEES (BEFORE MAY 15, 2023):

- **U4** - (BORN 2020) - \$200
- **U5** - (BORN 2019) - \$200
- U6-U7 (BORN 2017-2018) - \$250
- U8 (BORN 2016) - \$280
- U9-U10 (BORN 2014-2015) - \$320
- U11-U12 (BORN 2012-2013) - \$350
- U13-U14 (BORN 2010-2011) - \$375
- U15-U16 (BORN 2008-2009) - \$390
- U17-U18 (BORN 2006-2007) - \$410

REFUNDS:

A FULL REFUND (LESS \$50 ADMINISTRATION FEE) WILL BE ISSUED IF A REQUEST IS RECEIVED HEREIN IN WRITING PRIOR TO PLAYING IN AN ASSOCIATED GAME OR PRACTICE.

THE WORLD-FAMOUS RCMP MUSICAL RIDE

Monday, June 26, 5-9 pm
Swangard Stadium
Kingsway at Boundary

BUY YOUR TICKETS!

General Admission | \$15
Children (5 years and under) | FREE

It's the show that will fill you with pride! A troop of police officers and their horses perform intricate formations and drills set to music. Don't miss this uniquely Canadian experience.

The excitement begins at 5 pm with fun family activities, entertainment, displays, and food. The main performance begins at 7 pm.

Availability of RCMP displays and exhibits are subject to change due to police operational demands.

Online | Burnaby.ca/MusicalRide
In person | Shadbolt Centre Box Office
Phone | 604-205-3000

Thanks to our partners:

Canada, Burnaby now, City of Burnaby

Supporting the Community! Proceeds support Cops for Cancer and Honour House.

Community News



**SOUTH BURNABY
METRO CLUB**

SBMC-SOCCER SUMMER CAMPS



Back by popular demand, **South Burnaby Metro Club-Soccer** is once again offering the exciting and unforgettable soccer camp this summer. If you missed our Spring Break camp, here is your chance to experience our FUN and unique outdoor camp. We have different kinds of activities (*like soccer, junior Olympics, frisbee golf, Giant Jenga, water games on a hot day, bean bag toss, etc.,*) for all ages and different activities every day.

Last year, we were SOLD OUT quickly, so register now!

Register at <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/370129>

Open to all boys
and girls
5 to 12 yrs. old

Monday – Friday
9 am – 3 pm

July 10 – July 14

Aug. 21 – 25

Location:

Riverway Sports
Complex

FEES:

**\$260+tax/wk. or
\$500+tax for both
weeks**
*(an option of 1 hr.
late pick-up for only
\$50/wk. is available)*

All registration comes
with a **FREE T-shirt.**



REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/370129>

BURNABY HEIGHTS MERCHANTS & COMMUNITY PRESENT

FAMILY FUN DASH

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3
RACE STARTS AT 9:30 AM**

Calling all children 2 years and older!
Get ready to dash down Hastings Street
for your choice of 3 or 4 blocks to kick off Hats Off Day.

Scan the QR code to register



<https://hatsoffday.com/family-fun-dash/>



Girls Team

Sept. 2023 – March 2024

You hear that right! We are proud to announce that after our success with SBMC's first Girls team (U8 Phoenix) we are open to form girl's teams at all age groups U4 to U18 for the Fall/Winter 2023/24 season.

- Open for Girls born in 2006-2020
- At least one practice on weeknight
- Games on Sundays
- Locations at Riverway Sports Complex, Bonsor Community Centre or Byrne Creek Secondary Turf
- **\$25 late fee after May 15, 2023**



Register online at
<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/361096>

Monday Night Academy

(Fall 2023-Winter 2024)

- Open for ALL Boys & Girls
- Monday night sessions
- Fall 2023 (Sept. 25–Dec. 4) to Winter 2023 (Jan. 8–Feb. 19)
- All sessions will be at Byrne Creek Secondary School turf.

Only \$320 for 17 sessions of quality soccer.

All sessions are supervised by our Technical Team including our Technical Director.



Register online at
<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/370111>

Fall/Winter 2023/24

Sept. 2023 – March 2024

6 months of soccer season for boys and girls ages **3 years and older** (born 2006 - 2019).

- At least 1 practice on weeknights
- Games on Saturdays (Boys)
- Games on Sundays (Girls)
- Locations are at Bonsor Gravel, Riverway Sports Complex or Byrne Creek Secondary School turf (depending on age group)
- Register before **May 15, 2023** to avoid the **\$25 late fee** (fees varies depending on age, please check our website for details – www.sbmcsoccer.net)

Register online at
<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/361096>



Community News

Join the Burnaby Public Library Summer Reading Club

Free for children of all ages. Registration starts Monday, June 12.

- ▶ 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 in September!

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

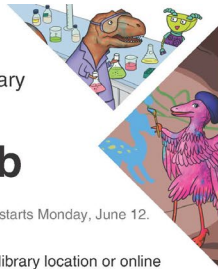
Need reading ideas? Have questions? Let's talk!
Call 604-436-5400 or email kids@bpl.bc.ca

Visit our website to get your reading tracker, and find booklists and summer activities for the whole family.

bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club

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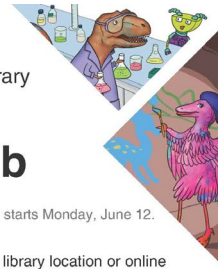
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Tips to make reading an enjoyable experience for your child:


- ▶ Let your child choose what to read. Kids are more likely to enjoy reading when they have the freedom to pick their own books.
- ▶ Ask questions about what your child is reading. Try asking questions that don't have right answers, like "what do you think will happen next?" or "tell me more about your favourite character?" When you talk while reading, your child gets more involved in the story.
- ▶ Encourage reading every day. Set a special time or place for reading. The more kids read the more they will enjoy it.
- ▶ Chat with your local children's librarian for book recommendations for your family.

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Celebrating Student Art

Division 5 - Landscapes



Celebrating Student Art

Division 14 – Color Shades



Division 8 – Tropical Flowers

