



NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT: *At Suncrest School, our mission is to create a respectful, safe, supportive community in which each student reaches full potential in order to empower all to become life-long learners and contributing world citizens.*

Book Fair Reminder

The Suncrest Elementary Book Fair continues today through to Thursday, March 2nd. The Book Fair will be open from 12:00-1:00 p.m. and from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The proceeds from the Book Fair sales goes to supporting our Library and expanding our Library collection.

Dear Suncrest Community,

The variety of professional development opportunities that were offered at the Burnaby School District's February Professional Development Day spoke to me about the great amount of learning and important topics that are explored in Burnaby schools. New curriculum, applied design, skills and technology, creativity, developing successful readers, SOGI, early learning, social emotional learning outdoor education, music and fine arts, strategies for developing understanding in mathematics are but a very small sampling of the professional development opportunities that were provided for our educators on that day. Our teacher's involvement in these opportunities highlights that education is a continually evolving field and our teachers are life-long learners. We should be very proud of the great variety of learning opportunities that our students have while at school.

Another thing that events in February have brought my attention to is the strength of our Suncrest community. Just this past Friday, the Suncrest Elementary School PAC hosted a very successful Movie Night. The number of families that came to enjoy the movie and time together highlighted the togetherness of the community. As well, the great involvement of such a large number of parent volunteer who spent time coordinating, putting out information, gathering food and supplies, setting up the gym and concessions, and cleaning up brought warmth to my heart. Special "Thanks" should go to Leanne Sung, Amy Mukai, and Melissa Seymour who took the lead on bringing this great event to us. Please look further in the newsletter for information about our next school community event, our Suncrest ZUMBATHON!

Upcoming Dates in March

- Please see the attached calendar

Upcoming Dates in April

- April 3rd - Jump Rope for Heart Pledge Forms due
- April 4th - ArtStarts Performance - Monster Theatre's - A Midsummer Nights Dream
- April 6th - Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.) and Student-Led Conferences (2:10-7:00 p.m.)
- April 7th - Late Start (9:55 a.m.)
- April 14th - Good Friday (No school)
- April 17th - Easter Monday (No school)
- April 24th - Professional Development Day (No school for students)

At Suncrest Elementary, the students explore the curriculum in a number of different ways. Often students work together as they learn. To learn in this manner students need to develop their skills in working with others. This type of learning falls under the umbrella of Social Emotional Learning. At Suncrest, Social Emotional Learning is one of the many things we learn while at school. One of our students wrote this to explain how to be open-minded.

How To Be Open-Minded

by Sophia in Division 5

In any classroom, we have about 24 students. Meaning that there are 24 different opinions and ideas. If you're not open-minded, then you might have a little trouble doing collaborative work with others. In order to be open-minded, you have to listen to other people's ideas and add on to it, and also be a risk taker. For example, if you're trying to build a structure and you wanted to build a cinema, but your partner wanted to build a water park, why not build a water cinema? Or if you wanted to draw a horse, but your partner wanted to draw a skunk, why not draw a skorse? (skunk/horse). Being open-minded is as important as being a risk taker, so the next time your partner has an idea, add on to it!

Interested in a Burnaby Parks and Recreation First Aid Course?

Is your child (aged 8-13) interested in taking an after school first aid course? A parent at Suncrest Elementary is trying to gather enough participants so a course might be offered at Suncrest Elementary. If you are interested please contact Hilda at robert.graumann@telus.net.

Suncrest PAC Presents

THE 4th ANNUAL ZUMBATHON



Friday, April 7

7-8 p.m.

Shake off those winter blues and join us for an evening of high energy fun for all ages. Wear your most colourful workout gear and don't forget to bring your water bottle!

Door prizes for primaries, intermediates, best dressed MOM, DAD & more!

Doors open at 6:45 pm, the fun starts at 7:00 pm.
Concession available-bring your toonies & loonies

Advanced tickets: family \$20, adult \$10, child \$5

Tickets at the door: adult \$12, child \$7

SEE YOU THERE!!!!