



# 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.*

October is always a busy month for students and staff at Suncrest Elementary. With many of the regular classroom routines and expectations on their way to being well-established, classes are launching into a variety of classroom activities to explore all aspects of the curriculum. As I have travelled throughout the school, I have been impressed by the number of different ways that teachers are using to bring the curriculum to their students, as well as the variety of ways that students are demonstrating their engagement in their learning. As always, we encourage families to maintain those close communication ties with their child's teacher.

October also saw a number of exciting events school come to the school including: the Martial Arts program, Volleyball for our Grade 6 and 7 students, the Great BC ShakeOut Earthquake Drill, Individual Photo Day, and the seasonal activities of Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Carving, and Costume Parade. Many thanks go out to the parent volunteers and staff who have worked to make these events possible for Suncrest students.

We hope that members of our school community will join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th at 10:45 a.m. As well, the Young People's Concert Series kicks off on November 22nd at 10:45 a.m. for registered students in Grades 4-7.

I look forward to seeing the students' continued involvement and growth this coming month.

## **Beta Mini-School and MACC Program Applications Open Until November 10th**

Beta Mini-School at Alpha Secondary is a specialized Burnaby School District program for Highly Able Learners entering grade 8. It is designed to challenge and support students who have demonstrated high potential, talent and ability. Within an inclusive environment of intellectual peers, students participate in rigorous, complex, creative, cognitive challenges. This differentiated program offers an exciting and engaging learning environment designed to support students of high ability to reach their intellectual, personal and social potential.

More information about Beta Mini-School can be found at <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/highly-able-learners/>  
The Burnaby School District **is accepting applications for the Beta Mini-School until November 10th**. Please find detail about the application process at the following website: <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/advancedlearning/forms/mini-school/>

The Multi-Age Cluster Classrooms (MACC), which is hosted at Suncrest and Capitol Hill, is an interdisciplinary, inquiry based programs for highly able learners seeking heightened cognitive and creative challenge in an inclusive and supportive community of intellectual peers. MACC is responsive to the needs of high-ability learners whose cognitive, personal and social skills may be developing at varying rates.

More information about MACC can be found at <http://www.sd41.bc.ca/multi-age-cluster-class/>  
The Burnaby School District **is accepting applications for the MACC Program until November 10th**. Please find details about the application process at the following website: <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/advancedlearning/forms/macc/>

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that both the **Beta Mini-School and the MACC Program applications require input from the school**. If you are applying for the Beta Mini-School or the MACC Program (Grade 3 applicants only), please complete the portions that are the family's responsibilities, and notify the school **in advance** of November 10th so we can arrange for any school or student components.

## Cold and Flu Season is Coming

With the turn to our Autumn and Winter months, we find us nearing the cold and flu season. At this time, we want to remind parents about some habits to keep your children and our school population healthy and happy.

If your child is ill, please keep them home from school to rest and recover. Children who come to school unwell are often uncomfortable at school, do not perform well, and can extend their own illness. Additionally, they can pass their illnesses on to other students and staff in the school.

### Generally, keep children home:

- until 24 hours after a fever has broken without the help of medications
- if they are vomiting or have irregular intestinal symptoms
- if they are actively coughing
- if they have severe eye or ear infections (*e.g.* pinkeye)

Remember, if your child is away from school, please call the school office (604-664-8862) and leave a message with your child's name and his/her division and/or classroom teacher's name.

Unfortunately, the school cannot accommodate request for children to stay inside for recess or lunch due to illness. If your child is not well enough to go outside, then they are likely better off taking an additional day or two to fully recover.

Consider having your child get a flu shot. Consult your family doctor for information about flu shots.

### Encourage healthy habits with your child:

- remind them to wash their hands regularly, especially after they play or go to the washroom, and before they eat
- remind your children to avoid touching their hands to their faces (*i.e.* eyes, noses, mouths and ears) to prevent 'germs' from entering their bodies
- get them to cover their mouths and noses with their elbow when they cough or sneeze
- encourage them to eat a healthy and balanced diet
- encourage them to get enough sleep at night
- encourage them to get enough physical activity in their day

If your child becomes sick at school, the school office will call parent/guardian and emergency contact numbers to arrange for your child to be picked up from school. Please ensure that the contact numbers that the school has for your child are correct and updated.



## Proper Rain and Cold Weather Clothing. Do you have it?

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, students have been going outside during most recess and lunch periods, including times when it may be raining or cool. During these times, the students have learned how to have fun and get some fresh air and exercise despite the weather.

For students to be protected from the elements and comfortable, it is important that children bring outerwear that is appropriate for our Canadian West Coast weather.

During rainy days, students require:

- waterproof jackets with hoods (cotton hoodies are not appropriate for wet weather)
- appropriate footwear (such as rainboots)

Students may also like to bring waterproof pants and umbrellas to help them stay dry. Please be sure that your child can 'zip, button, or fasten' their waterproof jackets by themselves.

On cool days, ensure your child has a coat or jackets, and other clothing that are appropriately warm.

**If for any reason, you are unable to provide an appropriate coat for your child during this season, please send word to the school through your teacher and the school will see how we can help provide this for your child.**

## Volleyball

Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball started in October and will continue into November. Thank you to Ms Gillard and Ms Mulhern who are coaching the Girls' Volleyball team and to Ms Silva who is coaching the Boys' Volleyball team.

The boys play on Tuesday after school and Girls' games are on Thursdays afternoons.

## Planning Dates for the 2016/2017 School Year



Here is a reminder about important dates this school year.

November 11 <sup>th</sup>	– Remembrance Day (School is Closed)
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	– Professional Development Day (Students Do Not Attend)
December 19 <sup>th</sup> to January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	– Winter Break (School is Closed)
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	– Family Day (School is Closed)
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	– Professional Development Day (Students Do Not Attend)
March 13 <sup>th</sup> to March 24 <sup>th</sup>	– Spring Break/School Closure (School is Closed)
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	– Good Friday (School is Closed)
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	– Easter Monday (School is Closed)
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	– Professional Development Day (Students Do Not Attend)
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	– Victoria Day (School is Closed)
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	– Professional Development Day (Students Do Not Attend)
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	– Last Day of School (10:00 a.m. Dismissal)

### Fancy Dress Day

Division One is organizing a number of school spirit days throughout the year. The first one was "Wear Orange and Black Day or Your Costume" on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The next event will be "Fancy Dress Day" on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you wear a tie or big earrings on "Fancy Dress Day" then students will earn 1 house point for their team.

If students wear a dress or a shirt and tie on "Fancy Dress Day" then you they will earn 2 house points for their team.

