

JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



June 2023

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our school community for helping to make this year a great success. We are so proud of all of our students as we strive to develop thoughtful, caring, passionate and educated citizens who contribute every day to our school and community.

On June 21st, at our Annual Awards Ceremony, we celebrated not only our students' achievements, but we also celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day with a powerful land acknowledge by Alec Tiljoe and her mother, Lori-Anna Tiljoe. Their message reminded staff and students of our school's commitment to truth, reconciliation, equity, and inclusion.

To our Staff, thank you for your ongoing dedicated work to support our students and their families. With kindness and compassion at the center of all that you do, thank you, staff, for planning rich experiences for your students and for honoring student voice. Your dedication and openness to all students has been appreciated!

To our parents, thank you for your ongoing support of our work in the school. We wish to acknowledge the outstanding work of our PAC, especially Connie Huang, Henry Cheung, and Emily Qi, for their efforts in organizing the Fundraising Gala. Their enthusiasm and commitment to planning and supporting our community are very much appreciated.

Please note that as we conclude one school year and start another, we continue to put in place important policies and action plans to listen and learn, to ensure that we address inequity and racism at Burnett and in our community. We want to make our school safer and more welcoming than it has ever been for all; we acknowledge the impacts of inequity and systemic racism on students and our community; and we strive to "do better and be better" as we plan for 2023-2024. You have our commitment in building a stronger, safer, and more welcoming school with the well-being of students and their success as our focus.

We wish you well over the summer. We hope this time brings you joy, good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jaswal, Principal
JN Burnett Secondary School

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 5 First Day of School (Homeroom only – details will be sent out later)
- Sept 6 First Day of Classes (Full Day)
- Sept 11 Ed Facilities Meeting @ Lunch
- Sept 13 SCC Meeting @ Lunch
- Sept 14 PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- Sept 15 RTLA Conference
- Sept 18-20 Grade 8 Retreat
- Sept 19 SBT Meeting @ Lunch
- Sept 21 Clubs Day
- Sept 21 Meet the Teacher Night
- Sept 22 Pro-D Day
- Sept 22 Music Retreat with Feeder Schools
- Sept 25 Staff Meeting @ 3:15PM
- Sept 26 Photo Day
- Sept 27 Terry Fox Run / H&S Committee Meeting @ Lunch
- Sept 29 Orange Shirt Day

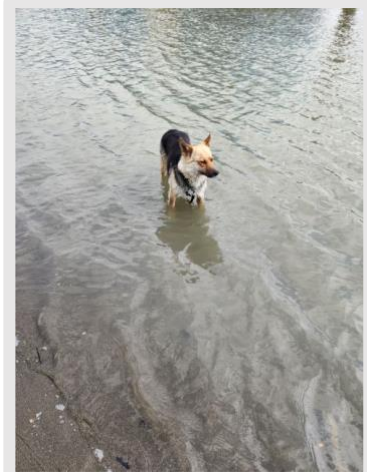


ARC News

New ARC wear is in. If you would like to support Burnett students in helping the non-profit animal rescue society, ARC Rescue B.C., please contact Ms. Sakai to order a t-shirt, tote or baseball cap. Pick up is in the front office.



ARC's latest rescue is Maggie, a sweet medium sized shepherd X who was rescued from Northern Manitoba after being found abandoned with her pups. Maggie has great recall and is good with people and dogs, but isn't fond of cats. If you are interested in adding Maggie to your family, check out Maggie's posting on Petfinder.com (ARC Rescue) or visit our website arcrescue.ca.



If your child is comforted by the presence of a pet, Burnett's emotional support dog, Jet, will be available in the fall in room A110A. Everyone is welcome to visit Jet. Please contact your child's counsellor if you would like a special introduction.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

This year, Mr. Giesbrecht's English Grade 10 and Social Justice Grade 12 classes engaged in both classroom and experiential learning opportunities to develop personal and social awareness of the complex issues of social justice and the legacy of Residential Schools in British Columbia. Former student Shayda Taheri came back to JN Burnett for a second year to facilitate interactive discussions and presentations that promoted understanding of addiction and helped destigmatize addiction by refuting associated myths.

On the first day of the program, students were given a safe, non-judgemental space to discuss questions they had about drugs and addiction. Then they learned about various harms associated with substance use and the social factors that exacerbate these harms. On the second day of the program, they learned about various social concerns impacting Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES) community, such as BC's overdose/housing crises and intergenerational Residential School trauma.



Students learning about homelessness and sheltering services in Vancouver from Alvin Chong at the Salvation Army Belkin House.



On May 11th, 2023, the classes travelled to the DTES with Miss Taheri, Mr. Giesbrecht and several Teacher Candidates to gain exposure to organizations that support individuals in the DTES community. They first visited the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre (DEWC), a low-barrier organization that creates a safe space for self-identifying women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and provides life-saving services (emergency shelter, basic needs services, etc.). There, students learned about the unique issues faced by women in the Downtown Eastside. Along the way, students explored some of Vancouver's history through visiting sites like the Gastown Steam Clock, Maple Tree Square, and Victory Square. The students then received a tour

of the Salvation Army's Belkin House while learning about homelessness and supportive housing services.

Through the lectures and the walk, students both learned about and got involved in supporting the DTES community and individuals with substance use disorder. Special thanks to Mr. Giesbrecht for helping organize these initiatives, and additional thanks to Mr. Lazaro, Ms. Wu, and Ms. Pasatiempo for accompanying the class on the walk!

Drama Class

The Senior Drama class presented a fairy-tale play for a grade 2/3 audience from McKay. It was a remarkable showcase of creativity, teamwork, and the power of the performing arts.



Band News

Our bands have been recognized and honored at the Cantando music festival in Whistler. It is with great pride that we share our receipt of three bands certificates of standing from this remarkable event. We are grateful for the incredible experience and the opportunity to connect with fellow musicians while showcasing our passion for music.



In June, we had couple remarkable performances. We performed for our Grade 7 students, creating a memorable musical experience for our peers. On June 15, we showcased our talents once again at the Sunsational Spring Concert. These performances allowed us to share our passion for music with our school community, leaving a lasting impression through the power of our melodies.



Track and Field News



The track and field team competed in the South Fraser Zone Championships with TOP 8 finishes and many personal bests. Congratulations to Lawrence Man, Sonia Nguyen, Trinity Costain, Bryson Johal, Ocean Ma, Spring Ma, Dila Celic and Katrina Anderson. Lawrence Dila and Sonia advanced to the BC High School Championships June 8-10 and earned personal bests as well. Bravo to all team members!



Athlete Banquet

On Jun 14, we celebrated the remarkable achievements of our athletes. With heartfelt congratulations, we recognize their dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship throughout the season. The banquet served as a platform to honor the athletes' accomplishments and acknowledge the indispensable role of our dedicated coaches. It was an evening filled with joy, speeches, and recognition of the outstanding performances and personal growth of our athletes. As we bid farewell to another remarkable year, we encourage our student-athletes to carry the values they have learned into their future endeavors, knowing that success goes beyond victories. We extend our gratitude to all who contributed to the banquet's success, including coaches, teachers, families, and supporters, and we eagerly anticipate the future accomplishments of our remarkable athletes.





J.N. Burnett Secondary School Career Centre News

Grade 12 Grads:

Congratulations on all your hard work, you persevered, and it paid off for you. Good luck on the next step of your journey and all the best for a great future.

Ms. Carter

- New Media Design + Web Development,
- Technical Arts.

to: <https://www.bcit.ca/event/digital-arts-media-design-online-info-session-27/>

JUL 12/23 from 5-6 PM JIBC Law Enforcement Diploma Online Information Session

Discover what it takes to pursue a career in law enforcement or public safety at the upcoming information session for the JIBC Law Enforcement Studies Diploma.

Learn about the education, applied skills, and specialized knowledge required to become a superior candidate in the recruiting process.

For program details, visit: www.jibc.ca/lesd

For online information session details, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/law-enforcement-studies-diploma-lesd-virtual-info-session-tickets-601594694927>

JUL 12/23 from 3-4 PM VCC CAD and BIM (Drafting) Program Online Information Session via Zoom

BC's growing construction and architecture sector is in need of certified architectural technicians, civil/structural technicians, and steel detailing technicians.

VCC's CAD and BIM (Drafting) programs teach students the latest CAD and BIM software, as well as the important critical thinking skills needed to succeed as a technician.

Attend the program information session to learn more. VCC Advisors will be available to follow up with any questions you may have.

To register for the info session,

visit: <https://www.vcc.ca/applying/apply-now/info-sessionstours/cad-and-bim-drafting/>

Things to Check Out

JUL 10/23 Deadline for Student Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections

To support PSI admissions, Grade 12s are encouraged to visit the Student Transcripts Service before July 10, 2023, to authorize release of their transcript data to their PSI selections. The Ministry of Education distributes transcript information to post-secondary institutions (PSIs) following the student's selections on that website.

<http://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca>

JUL 10/23 BCIT Digital Arts, Media + Design Online Info Session 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm PST

This online info session starts promptly at 5:30 pm with a presentation and concludes with a question-and-answer period with program staff. You will be emailed a link to the session 1.5 hours before it starts. This session covers the 6 different full-time programs within the Digital Arts, Media + Design

To register go area, including:

- 3D Modeling, Art + Animation,
- Digital Design + Development,
- Graphic Communications Technology Management,
- Graphic Design,

JUL 15/23 from 9 AM-12 PM JIBC Firefighting Certificate (FFTC) Program Hands-On Information Session at the Maple Ridge Campus

To learn more about a career in Fire Service, you are invited to the Fire Fighting Technologies Certificate Hands-On Information Session at the JIBC world-class training facility!

Participants must be 18 years of age or older. There is a \$25 non-refundable fee. To register, visit: <https://www.jibc.ca/event/firefighting-hands-info-session-july-15>

Would you like to work for CN?

BCIT students in the [Railway program](#) can look forward to enhanced training and up-to-date industry knowledge, including practical skills required for employment in the industrial railway, short line, and railway supplier environments.

No prerequisites are required for this course.

Also, if you have not applied to any post secondary institution for September 2023 Corpus Christi at UBC is still accepting applications go to:

<https://corpuschristi.ca/>

SEEKING MORE CAREER INFORMATION! GO TO BURNETT'S CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE: [Click here](#)



JULY 5/23 4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction (L.E.A.D) 8:59 PM PST Deadline

L.E.A.D. honours the accomplishments of four special 4-H senior youth members and showcases the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members across Canada in the area of leadership excellence. Through the generosity of CN, four scholarships – with an overall value of \$20,000 each over four years – are available to 4-H members who have demonstrated personal values, leadership and community involvement within one of 4-H's Leadership Development Pillars. For the application and guidelines go to: <https://4-h-canada.ca/scholarships>

JUL 19/23 - The Novus Biologicals Scholarship Deadline

\$1500 will be awarded for students pursuing education in a science related field (Life Science, Medical Science, Health Science). This scholarship is

awarded to one student twice each year in the Fall & Spring semesters. For more information, visit:

<https://www.novusbio.com/scholarship-program.html>

The flyer is for the 'Reflections Scholarship' from the Looking Glass Foundation for Eating Disorders. It features a dark green header with the foundation's name and a logo of a glass with a red fruit. The main title 'Reflections Scholarship' is in white. Below, it explains the program awards scholarships to individuals who have received or are currently receiving treatment for an eating disorder. It states that each year, \$10,000 is awarded in total, split among recipients, with an additional \$1,500 Elise Skoglund Bursary. The 'WHO CAN APPLY?' section lists criteria: permanent residents of British Columbia, full-time students (3 or more classes) in an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada starting between September 2023 and January 2024, enrolled in their first undergraduate degree, currently or previously in treatment by a healthcare professional for an eating disorder, and demonstrating a strong need for financial assistance. The 'HOW TO APPLY' section invites applicants to complete an application package and visit the website for details. A circular image shows a woman in a yellow jacket holding a red folder. The footer includes the website, email, and address: Looking Glass Foundation • 2006 W 10th Ave, Suite 200 • Vancouver, BC V6J 2B3 • 604-314-0548 • www.lookingglassbc.com.

JULY 28/23 The Sangra Family Scholarship 4 PM Deadline

Created to support students entering Langara College directly out of high school.

Eligibility Criteria

Be entering Langara College as a full-time student in Fall Semester 2023.

Have completed high school in Vancouver, Richmond, or Burnaby within six months of starting at Langara College.

Have participated on a high school sports team during Grade 11 and 12.

Have an academic standing of a minimum "B-" average in Grade 12, at the time of their application, as validated by their high school administrator or athletic director.

Demonstrate financial need.

If you meet the above criteria, please apply by completing the steps outlined

at <https://langara.ca/student-services/financial-aid/scholarships/entrance.html>

SEE LOTS MORE SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND GRANTS ON BURNETT'S CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE:

[Click here](#)

Jobs & Volunteer

UBC Geering Up

Summer Camp Positions Available:

Apply here:

<https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/join-us/general-information/staff/full-time-positions/>

Nations Cup Event Volunteer Crew Needed

July 14 to 16, 2023 Nations Cup Soccer Tournament
Outdoors Hugh Boyd Park (9200 No.1 Road, Richmond, BC V7E 6L5)

To perform specific duties assigned by the volunteer coordinator to assist with the operation of the Nations Cup soccer tournament

Responsibilities & Activities:

1. Field Marshall - monitoring games, reporting information from tournament games including game score, goal scorers, cards & delivering/retrieving match balls.
2. Set up/down - assisting with the morning set-up & evening set down of the venue.
3. Enviro - providing waste & recycling services around the venue.
4. Floater - performing tasks as required by the volunteer coordinator.

Event Date/Time:

July 14-16, 2023.

Fri 3:30 -10:30pm,

Sat 8am - 8pm,

Sun 8am - 8pm

For more details:

https://icanhelp.richmond.ca/custom/501/opp_details/11234

Check out these website links for jobs and volunteer positions:

[Richmond jobs](#)

<http://careers.richmondval.ca/#job-openings>

<https://www.yourlibrary.ca/about/jobs-at-rpl>

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth>

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/ca/en-ca/careers.html>

[McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Jobs](#)

<https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/about-us.page>

[Alliance for Arts Job Board](#)

[YVR Jobs](#)

Special Events Volunteers at Steveston Heritage Sites:

[Click here](#)

TO RECEIVE UPDATES REGULARLY Subscribe to [Careers and Post-Secondary Education on MYSCHOOLDAY APP](#) [Click here](#)

Grade 8-11 Students:

Well done. Enjoy summer break and I will see you all in the Fall.

Ms. Carter

To contact Ms. Carter, Career Information Advisor for an appointment please email <mailto:shcarter@sd38.bc.ca>

Take this opportunity to enjoy the benefits of being outside. Being in nature can make a positive difference in our mental health.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Facilitated by the ICY Peer Support Workers

We will play fun games, take walks, and do nature journaling.
There is no cost to participate, snacks and journals are provided

Open to any Richmond students between the ages of 9-13

Location: RM Grauer Elementary
4440 Blundell Road

Starts - Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Ends - Tuesday, July 25, 2023
12:30pm - 2:30pm

To register or refer contact Bev - bshields@sd38.bc.ca
Phone # 604-910-2904

Have a great day and be strong everyone!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER INTERPRETER POOL

The Cultural Interpreter Team of Richmond School District is looking for passionate individuals fluent in English and another language to join our Volunteer Interpreter Pool.

LANGUAGES NEEDED

Cantonese, Farsi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Mandarin, Mongolian, Russian, Somali, Swahili, Turkish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.



TRAINING PROVIDED

Volunteer interpreters will support parent-teacher conferences and info sessions after receiving a 5-session training.

Contact Sarah Zhao to learn more: szhao@sd38.bc.ca 604-358-4921

[sd38.bc.ca](https://www.sd38.bc.ca)

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Espresso Yourself: summer edition

A peer support art café drop-in for youth.



Thursday and Friday
afternoons at **FOUNDRY**
#101-5811 Cooney Rd.
2:30 to 5 pm

RSVP here!
tferguson@sd38.bc.ca



July 6th to September 1st

Integrated
Child & Youth
Teams

RICHMOND
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YMCA
Summer Work
Student Exchange

This Summer Do Something Different

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange is a national exchange program, funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage, offering 16 and 17-year-old youth the opportunity to experience another community, second official language, and culture.

For six weeks in July and August, participants travel to a community in a different part of the country where their second official language is spoken. They live with a host family, work at a full-time paid job at a local non-profit

and participate in group activities all while supported by a YMCA Local Coordinator.

Youth, adults and non-profits are able to benefit from the program as participants, hosts or employers.

To keep everyone as safe as possible during the current pandemic, we will be following the direction of government and local health authorities regarding travel and other health protocols.

To learn more and apply go to: www.summer-work.com

Ask us questions at: info-SWSE@ymcagta.org

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PROGRAM SPONSORS



Our First Responder Team has set up a bottle drive to raise money for new supplies, guest speakers and so much more. Next time you return your cans at a Return-It depot, use the code (000) 000-1234 at the kiosk. A sticker will print out which can be placed on your bag of bottles. This is an amazing way to support our staff and students!



Welcome to the end of June 2023!

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our distinguished VIP guests: Trustee Debbie Tablotney, Trustee Alice Wong, Trustee David Yang, City Councillor Chak Au, and MLA Henry Yao for gracing the Burnett PAC's Gala Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction Event. We are immensely thankful for MLA Henry Yao's generosity in donating \$1,355 from the Silent Auction. Additionally, he purchased a pool table and donated two small bikes to a deserving family at Burnett Neighbourhood Elementary School.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our incredible head executive chefs, Mr. Manuel Conceicao and Daniel Normando, who selflessly volunteered their time and expertise to create a stunning dessert, a classic main dish, and a delightful fruit table for the Gala Fundraiser Event. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Zuccolo and the talented students: Kennice, Kally Han, and Stanly, for their captivating performances, as well as Isaac Huang for his enchanting classical music that added to the enjoyment of our parents and VIP guests.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Lim, Evangeline Wong, Carina, and Isaac Huang for their invaluable assistance during the Buy&Sell Night Market and Silent Auction Event, which proved to be a resounding success and an enjoyable experience. On behalf of the Burnett parents, I want to express our deep appreciation to our principals, Mr. Jaswal, Mrs. Collins, and Mr. Winogard, for their unwavering support.

I am very grateful for PAC members Emily Qi and Henry Cheung! We couldn't have had a successful Gala, Silent Auction, and Buy&Sell Fundraiser Event without your support and help. A big thanks to the amazing Fundraising Team!

I would like to extend a special acknowledgement to Joey, the youngest student from Spulukwuks Elementary School, who, at only 7 years old, exhibited remarkable generosity. Joey selflessly donated his own toys and sold them at the Burnett Buy&Sell event alongside his mom. Together, they raised over \$20 in support of Burnett High School and Joey's brother. Joey and his family, we are profoundly grateful for your support and assistance. You are truly exceptional!

As we conclude this year, I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Jaswal, Mrs. Collins, and Mr. Winograd, as well as Mr. Lim and the dedicated teachers and staff at Burnett School, for their exceptional commitment and hard work. I also want to thank the parents in our community for their unwavering trust in the PAC and the school, their steadfast support for their children, and the meaningful connections they have forged with the PAC.

Lastly, my heartfelt thanks go to the student volunteers at Burnett for their diligent efforts and compassionate nature. It has been a year filled with energy and excitement! I eagerly look forward to our reunion in September!

Connie Huang

PAC Chair of Burnett Secondary School



A BIG THANKS FROM THE CHAIR OF FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE GROUP

Dear Parents, Teachers, Volunteers, and VIP Guests,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for gracing us with your presence at the J.N. Burnett Fundraising Gala Dinner 2023. Your participation in this splendid gala has made it an unforgettable event.

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the parents who generously donated valuable items, as well as the volunteers who tirelessly dedicated their time to manage the buy-sell booth, set up tables, assist with dish preparation, and ensure a clean and orderly environment. Special thanks go to Ms. Khoo and her Jazz band for their captivating live performances, and to the students who volunteered their talents and resources to deliver outstanding performances and organize the entire event.

We would also like to acknowledge the unwavering support of Mr. Jaswal and Mr. Lim. Our gratitude extends to the talented chefs who graciously volunteered their expertise to prepare the delectable meal that we enjoyed. Your culinary skills added a touch of excellence to the evening. We would also like to thank the Cafeteria for generously providing us with their space for cooking. It ensured our chef team had a suitable environment to prepare the exceptional meal for the gala. We appreciate their willingness to accommodate our needs.

We are delighted to let you know that despite the inclement weather, our buy-sell activities were a resounding success. The dinner was exceptional, thanks to the superb quality of the food, and our silent auction surpassed all expectations with the majority of the items finding enthusiastic buyers. The funds raised will be instrumental in organizing next year's Grade 8 retreat and fulfilling other important purposes.

Together, we are thrilled to announce that we have successfully raised a total of over \$4000 through our fundraising efforts. This achievement surpasses our initial expectations by almost double, and we are overjoyed by the generosity and support. We are truly grateful for everyone's contributions and their commitment to making a difference.

Warm regards,

Emily Qi , Henry Cheung
JN. Burnett PAC Fundraising Committee

