



J. N. Burnett Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This month our students brought home the semester 2 interim reports and we completed our parent/teacher conferences. As we enter the last part of our school year, I want to encourage families to review the goals for the year. The last few months will go quickly, and it is really important for students to keep the focus on school work.

The first two weeks of March were busy at Burnett. Our PE Incentive class along with their teacher Ms. Bateman hosted the elementary school basketball tournament. It was great to see the young athletes participating in this wonderful event. Congratulations to the Burnett students and staff on organizing this great tournament.

Our Spring athletics are well on the way with Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, Badminton and Ultimate teams. Thanks to all the coaches and sponsors for their time and energy to give students these opportunities.

We are also well on our way in the planning for next school year. Students have completed their course requests and will receive a confirmation of the requested courses in the next couple of weeks. It is important that any requests for changes be done as outlined on the form, as these course requests are used to build the timetable for next year.

Please read some of the great things happening at Burnett in the articles in this newsletter!

**Sincerely,
B. Wiens
Principal**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 7 PAC Meeting 7:00pm
- Apr.7 TelusWISE Presentation 7:00pm
- Apr. 21 Semester 2 Midterm Report Cards
- Apr. 22 Pro-D Day – No Classes
- Apr. 25 Service Award Forms Due
- May 2 Pro-D Day – No Classes
- May 5 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
- May 17 Early Dismissal 2:00pm
- May 20 Pro-D Day – No Classes
- May 23 Victoria Day – No Classes
- Jun. 2 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
- Jun. 7 Awards Night 7:00pm
- Jun. 9 Grad Vaedictory Rehearsal
- Jun.10 Grad Dinner & Dance & Dry After Grad
- Jun.21 Last Day of Semester 2
- Jun.28 Vaedictory – Chan Centre
- Jun.29 Semester 2 Final Report Card

***Do you worry about your child's on-line activity?
Would you like your own on-line presence to be more secure?***

***TELUSWISE PRESENTATION:
INTERNET AND SMARTPHONE
SAFETY***

**Thursday, April 7, 2016 - Library
7:00pm to 8:00pm**

The Burnett PAC is sponsoring a program for parents to help with these issues and more!

TelusWISE is a one-hour program to help educate adults about Internet safety.

Join us for an informative presentation on a topic relevant to us all.

POPSICLE STICK BRIDGE BUILDING CONTEST

Congratulations to all the students who entered the APEGBC Popsicle stick Bridge building contest held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Richmond over Spring Break. A great effort was made by all, especially Jordan Kwok, Grade 9, for winning third place (\$50) whose bridge held over 276 lbs using less than 75 popsicle sticks. Well Done Jordan!



PE CHANGEROOMS

As we are well into Semester 2, we again want to remind all students NOT TO BRING VALUABLES TO THE PE CHANGEROOMS. Theft is an issue in every school, and the PE change rooms can be easy targets. If you have valuables, be sure to leave them in your regular locker. The PE staff works very hard to ensure security down by the gym, and we try to keep the cage door to the change rooms locked during class time, but no system is foolproof. Please do not bring anything of value to the change rooms, and then you will not have an issue where something important to you was taken while you were participating in PE. Similarly, if you are going to need to leave PE early for an appointment or an athletic contest, the PE staff will not open the cage to allow students to change early. Speak with your PE teacher about the need to leave early, and the teacher will allow you to take your clothes back to your main locker so you will be able to access them when you need to.

GIRLS FLY TOO

Tiffany Au, grade 9 student, attended the Girls Fly 2 event in Abbotsford during the break to explore aviation as a career and shared some pictures with our community.



INCENTIVE SCREENING

- Next year's Grade 8s had the opportunity to apply for our Incentive programs in Humanities and Math, on March 3rd and March 31st, respectively. Teachers will be making decisions regarding which students have qualified for the program and informing the selected applicants in May. We look forward to working with next year's class and anticipate interacting closely with them at the Orientation Day on Friday, May 27th from 10:00- 12:30pm.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Congratulations to all participants of the Intramural Basketball League. After round robin play, and playoffs; The Senior Division winners are The Compton Rattlesnakes Team composed of:

Marcus Soriano	Rahul Jhuty	Alex Huynh
The junior division Champions are Team M-Men:		
Gavin Shoker	Marco Choy	Galen Zhoc
Carlos Cuellar	Carlson Cheung	

***BURNETT THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS THEIR SPRING
PRODUCTION OF....***

CHECK, PLEASE!

By Jonathan Rand

April 27, 29

11:30 am / 7pm

All tickets \$5



Four student directors have put together this hilarious comedy exploring how bad some blind dates can be. From maniacal football fans to polygamists and pirates, these dates will have you wondering about the future state of our species. Don't miss out - two evening shows only, and two morning matinees.

Featuring the acting talents of Adam Mogg, Aileen Wu, Austin Khong, Cinya Liu, Kailyn Ng, Gracie Berger-Poll, Ryan Lorey, Jeffrey Lam, Valeriya Svichkar, Amber Smith, Bo Smith, Jackie Zhang, Jonathan Chen and Annie Sharma. The directors and stage managers include Daniel Chen, Vito Lau, Areesha Rizwan, Rachel Chok, Oscar Yan, Camille Reyes and alumni David Wu.

RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Interested in opening your home up for a rewarding experience....

The International Student Program allows overseas students to enter Grades 8 through 12 at selected secondary schools in Richmond, Greater Vancouver. The program gives overseas students the opportunity to study alongside Canadian students in the BC public education system. As a Host Family, you will have an opportunity to welcome into your home, students from around the world. Your family will have a profound influence on the students' study abroad experience. Both your family and the students you host will ideally gain a mutual understanding and respect for each other's culture and world-view. In addition to economic remuneration, your reward will be the realization that your commitment to host international students will, in some small way, contribute to global understanding and world peace.

Each member of your family and your student will come to know each other in depth. Our Homestay program is the ideal setting for this type of experience.



If you are interested in learning more about our hosting program please forward an e-mail for information.

Karen York Homestay Coordinator

International Student Program

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Upcoming PAC events:

- April 5, 2016 at 7:30pm—Dry Grad committee meeting
- April 7, 2016 at 7:00pm—TelusWISE presentation, PAC meeting to follow
- May 5, 2016 at 7:30pm-- AGM to elect 2016/2017 PAC executives

Dates TBA:

- *PAC Legacy scholarship judging in late May; Parents needed to help judge--no experience necessary
- *Teacher appreciation breakfast in June

PAC LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

All interested grade 12 students are invited to apply for the Burnett PAC Legacy Scholarships. Please encourage your grad to have a discussion with their counselor or Ms. Musani about this scholarship. The PAC Legacy Scholarships are a fun and unique way to leave mark on JN Burnett School, as well as being eligible for a cash scholarship. Parents will judge the student presentations in May (time TBA). Watch for announcements at school and in the newsletter for the date.

DRY GRAD EVENT –for grade 12 students--overnight on JUNE 10, 2106 after the grad dinner/dance

For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Julie Tischler at julielum_283@hotmail.com or Margaret Tam at margarettam8@hotmail.com

TOP TEN REASONS TO VOLUNTEER FOR DRY AFTER GRAD

10. **You'll feel good!**
9. **Everyone has something to offer.**
8. **A little goes a long way** – does NOT have to be 'all or nothing'; any time you can spare is GREATLY appreciated!
7. **It takes a village . . . We** need some serious manpower (150 volunteers, ideally) - donate a little time, or a lot!
6. **Your child will benefit!** – We can create the BEST Grad celebration! But we need your help.
5. **You'll be setting a great example.**
4. **It's a way to meet other parents at Burnett.**
3. **No volunteers means no party.**
2. **It's not work, it's fun!**
1. If you child is not in Grade 12, they **WILL** be before you know it!! You'll know **EXACTLY** what to do and how it works!!!

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 5, 2106, 7:30 PM SEE YOU THERE!!

PRIZES FOR DRY GRAD

The Prizes subcommittee for the Dry Grad planning Committee is looking for prize and/or cash donations to be used for the Dry Grad event in June. ALL donations are welcome and appreciated! Companies that donate will be recognized in the Richmond newspaper. Contact Julie Tischer at julielum_283@hotmail.com or Margaret Tam at margarettam8@hotmail.com for more information. Thank you.

MEXICO 2016

Last year, around this time, we were given the opportunity to join the bi-annual Burnett Live Different Build trip and we can safely say that we are regret-free! While everyone learned something different, either about themselves or perhaps a skill, it's safe to say that a lesson we all took from this trip is an understanding that we should not take what we have for granted. This trip broke down any prejudices or stereotypical beliefs we may have had surrounding poverty and the country of Mexico and changed us for the better. On this trip, we were lucky enough to meet a wonderful family whose love for each other and kindness resonated with us deeply. Other than a house, we also built many connections, both between community members in Mexico and within our school group. Despite the language barrier, we were able to bond over things that didn't require speaking like a game of football or painting the walls of the house.

Many of us went on the trip expecting to build a house for a family, but we came back having made countless connections with the family and the locals and having had our mindsets shifted. We have come to realize that despite all the apparent differences, we are not that much different from the family. As our perspective shifted, we were opened up to their world that was surrounded by happiness and gratitude.

Each and every memory that we've created over the four short days of meeting the family will stay with us. Whether it was seeing the smiles on everyone's faces as we oversaw the completion of the house, or hugging one another for the last time before our final farewells, we were overwhelmed by the deep emotions each one of us felt.

An additional project our volunteers participated in was the construction of a senior community centre near where our worksite was. We took this special opportunity to create tight bonds with the locals who mentored and taught us how to construct a building with cement and blocks. We found mutual ground through the phrase "más cemento," meaning "more cement," which we would yell out in greeting whenever we saw the local workers.

This trip has motivated us to be part of changes both locally and globally. Though the unbreakable bonds and unforgettable memories we have made with the family were impactful, most of us are inspired to become a humanitarian in our local community and begin making a difference with tiny shifts and changes to our fortunate lives.



GVRSF – STUDENT FAIR

We have 5 teams going to the GVRSF this April 7-9th at the UBC AMS Nest.... we hope you will be able stop by on Saturday April 9th from 9-12pm during public viewing to cheer them on.... awards ceremony will be from 2-3pm.

<http://www.gvrsf.ca/index.php/students/fair-schedule>

Here is our team:



Joshua Barbosa



Emily Peng and Quan Ng



Renzo Su and Roy Lee



Christie Chong and Natalia Lee

And 1 Senior project by Vanessa Chan and her research with Dr. Intan Schrader from the BC Cancer Agency

Thank you to our learning community for all your support!

Warmly
Ms Jessa

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Our school parking lot is increasingly becoming a concern for us. Too many students are being picked up and dropped off at school, and the traffic in the parking lot is creating some safety issues. **PARENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO ENTER THE STAFF PARKING LOT FOR DROP OFF OR PICK UP. Please encourage your son/daughter to walk to school to help ease the traffic congestion in the parking lot.**

JUNIOR REACH FOR THE TOP

Congratulations to the Junior Reach for the Top team, who came in Second in BC at this year's Provincial Tournament, March 3rd at Burnaby North Secondary. Reaching the final, Burnett narrowly lost to St. George's School in a tight match that hinged on only a few questions. This is the best-ever finish for a Burnett Reach for the Top team, and places us ahead of over 20 other BC schools. Well-done Breakers!

CAREER NEWS

Important Information is available:

Richmond District Career Center News: <file://localhost/%5B>

<http://www.sd38.bc.ca:%257ECCNews@sd38.bc.ca:%5Dwww.sd38.bc.ca:~CCNews@sd38.bc.ca>:

Check facebook page for important info and up-dates: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/JN-Burnett-Secondary-School-Career-Information-Center/676894562416136/>

Around the School: Student announcements, bulletin board

In the Career Centre: Visit Career Information Advisor, Ms. Borres. Her office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday (bi-weekly) and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 2016 - Registration begins for Langara Summer Camps for Teens (13-17 yrs.)

Students can explore their interests at Langara this summer (one and two-week camps) with Instructors from Regular & Continuing Studies programs. Registration starts in April. For more information visit: <http://langara.ca/continuing-studies/summer-camps/index.html>

Sat, Apr 23/16 - US College Expo Canada (in Vancouver)

Meet US college and university representatives, explore US options, learn more about the US admissions procedure, from selection, application, financing, and student athlete consideration. Admission is free, though pre-registration is required at: <http://www.uscollegeexpo.com/register.html> Location: **HYATT REGENCY HOTEL** Vancouver. 10:00am– 11:00am...US College Admissions Panel Discussion 11:00am – 2:00pm...Public Exhibit <http://uscollegeexpo.com/schedule-of-events.html> [US college listing: http://www.uscollegeexpo.com/usc-listing-guide.html](http://www.uscollegeexpo.com/usc-listing-guide.html)

Sat, May 7/16 - The Vancouver International Universities Fair 2016

This is a collective effort of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and the Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling (OACAC). This event will showcase post-secondary education in Canada, USA, UK and other countries throughout the world. Free Admission at the Vancouver Convention Centre from 1 until 4pm. For more information contact Nancy Cromarty (Chairperson) at: ncromarty@wpga.ca <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/SpringNCF/Pages/Vancouver.aspx>

INFORMATION SESSIONS/TOURS

Fri & Sat, Apr 8 & 9/16 - BCIT Open House

With hundreds of student displays, campus tours, interactive exhibits, and fun activities. Explore BCIT's Burnaby Campus and discover how BCIT is helping to shape a better world. Don't miss it. Come to the Open House at 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby from 10am-3 pm. Please refer to <http://www.bcit.ca/openhouse/> for more details.

Mon, Apr 8/16 & Fri, May 20/16 - UBC Mechanical Engineering Department Tours

Students, in all grades, are invited to learn more about Mechanical Engineering at UBC Vancouver. This two hour session will allow you to look inside two MECH labs at UBC. Also, there will be a half-hour long advising session held after the tour where participants can ask questions about the mechanical engineering department, curriculum, programs, enrolment, and more.

RSVP at: [<mailto:studentassistant@mech.ubc.ca>] studentassistant@mech.ubc.ca You will receive the tour details, location and other info from UBC within a few days of receiving your RSVP. For a list of other Engineering events, visit: <http://engineering.ubc.ca/student-events>

Wed, Apr 20/16 - VCC Info Night

Broadway Campus of the Vancouver Community College will showcase all 120 programs. Location: Broadway Campus from 4 until 7pm. Learn about the 120 programs that VCC offers in the areas of: health sciences, design, music, business, hospitality and transportation trades. Check out their high school and skills

upgrading and first-year university transfer programs. Tours and program-specific seminars will be available. Apply for programs or courses on-site and VCC will waive the \$35 application fee. RSVP now to be entered into a draw for an iPad Mini. For more information visit: <http://www.vcc.ca/applying/apply-now/info-sessionstours/info-night/> <http://www.vcc.ca>

Langara College Course Planning Sessions - For new 'Arts and Science Transfer Applicants. Designed to help students understand university entrance requirements, as well as the requirements for faculties and majors. The Langara Counselling Department requires that new Arts and Science students attend a Course Planning Session before receiving individual assistance. See website for the next available session: <http://langara.ca/student-services/counselling/workshops-info-sessions/course-planning-sessions.html>

SCHOLARSHIP INFO

Wed, Apr 27/16 - BC Technology Scholarship deadline

Supporting the development of BC's technology workforce of the future. Established in 2005, the industry-funded BC Technology Scholarship Program recognizes students pursuing post-secondary education in all technology-related fields. This includes, but is not limited to: IT, Engineering, Marketing, Digital Media, Product Management, Business Development, Sales and more. This year there are 6 x \$1,000 grants available for Grade 12 grads beginning a four-year post-secondary program in September 2016. To view the full criteria, and to apply, visit:

<http://bctia.us11.listmanage2.com/track/click?u=776db3293972efe755c31a5cd&id=5da8900b64&e=8117727368www.bctia.org/scholarship>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sat, Apr 30/16 - SFU Summer Camps & Youth Programs - Application deadline

To learn more about the volunteer opportunities at the youth camps at SFU see: [<http://www.sfu.ca/camps.html>] www.sfu.ca/camps.html

Students must be at least 14 years by July 1st, able to commit to a minimum of 2 weeks, attend training and orientation, and upon acceptance get a Criminal Record Check done.

Applications available from

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aPBdFS_fFX6YdRvyQzobgJj6C3pjiq53m5ECja6Lcl8/viewform Students are also to email a resume to: admin_camps@sfu.ca with the subject line 2016 Volunteer Application-Your name. For further information contact Michelle Jung at 778 782-4307.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New...Richmond School Board 'Career Programs' Apprenticeship Website

Grade 10 and 11 students....Are you considering an apprenticeship/trade as a career plan? Explore the new Career Programs website to view opportunities in a variety of apprenticeship training and career options while still in high school. Application deadline (first round) for Sept. entry is March 6th. To view the website visit: <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca>

Richmond Virtual School Course Registration

The Richmond Virtual School is now open for registration for a number of courses beginning this Fall 2016. Summer - Virtual School Course registration will open up in Mid-April.

New this year are the following courses open to the district:

- Studio Art 12 AP 2-D - McMath
- Economics 12 - MacNeill
- Foods and Nutrition 10-12 - MacNeill
- Law 12 – MacNeill

... and these two will become semester courses: Calculus 12 and Pre-Calculus Math 12 at Palmer

For more information and to register, see: <http://rvs.sd38.bc.ca/>