



# J. N. Burnett Newsletter



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## Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we only have two months left in the 2015-16 school year! On April 21, the midterm report cards were sent home with students. This gives parents and students another opportunity to set a plan in place to ensure completion of a successful year. The pace definitely becomes a little more frantic, especially for our graduating class. It is important for students to remain focused on their school work during this last quarter.

Congratulations to Ms. McNee and the Theatre Company on their fabulous Spring production of "Check, Please". Over several matinees and two evening performances, the theatre students entertained audiences with a witty and well produced show! It was wonderful to see the outstanding talent of our students.

In athletics, our Spring season is in full swing, with a large number of students participating in track and field. As well, we have teams in girls soccer, badminton, junior boys volleyball and ultimate. Thank you to all the coaches who give their time and energy in working with the students.

This May, Burnett along with SLSS and Palmer, are hosting a group of students and staff from Wakayama, Japan. Richmond and Wakayama are sister cities and this is a long-standing student exchange. Burnett will be hosting a welcoming ceremony of the students as well as have Japanese students attend classes and school activities. We are once again planning to have a group of our students visit Japan in May, 2017.

The provincial exam schedule has been set and can be found at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams). Students need to be in school for any exams that they have to write. We ask that parents do not make plans for the students to leave early as this could jeopardize student marks.

As you read the rest of the newsletter, please mark down the important upcoming year-end dates.

*Sincerely,*  
**B. Wiens**  
*Principal*

## Congratulations to Vanessa Chan!

Vanessa presented her project titled: Interpretation of Germline ATM Variants Identified in Long-Term Survivors of Pancreatic Cancer at the 2016 Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair on April 7 - 9.

She won a Grand Award in the Senior Division, and will represent Greater Vancouver at the Canada wide competition held in Montreal this May.

As well, Vanessa won the prestigious 2016 - Genome BC Scholarship Nomination.

Finally, Vanessa placed 5th in the Regional Sanofi Biogenius Regional Competition! This competition gives high school students across Canada the chance to pursue biotechnology research by choosing a project to explore the practical applications of potential innovations.

Well done, Vanessa, and good luck in Montreal!



## MIDTERM REPORT CARDS

Your son or daughter should have received a Semester 2 Mid-term Report Card on Thursday, April 21st. Please take the time to review this document with your son/daughter and discuss their achievement (% and letter grade), their Work Habits mark as well as their attendance record. This will be our first official document reporting on student progress this term, so please take the time to review it carefully and celebrate with your son/daughter the successes, as well as areas needing improvement. If you have questions about how your son/daughter is doing in a class, as always, you can contact their teachers. Please contact the school if your son or daughter does not bring a progress report home.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2	Pro-D Day – No Classes
May 3	Dry Grad Meeting 7:30pm
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
May 27	Grade 7 Orientation - Morning
Jun. 2	PAC Meeting 7:30pm
Jun. 7	Awards Night 7:00pm
Jun. 9	Grad Valedictory Rehearsal
Jun.10	Grad Dinner & Dance & Dry After Grad
Jun.21	Last Day of Semester 2
Jun.28	Valedictory – Chan Centre
Jun.29	Semester 2 Final Report Card

## GRADE 7 ORIENTATION DAY

This is a reminder to all of our future Breakers of the upcoming Orientation Day. Friday, May 27th, you are invited to come get a tour of our school, play some fun and interactive games, and get to meet some new people from Burnett and other Elementary schools. We will provide you with lunch and look forward to beginning our five-year relationship with you.

## GOLF NEWS



With the sun starting to appear and Burnett's golf season just around the corner. This is the time to think about spending some much needed time outside working on your swing and to start practicing your short game. This year at Burnett we have seen the highest number of interested players from all grades & levels and this is fantastic to see. Whether you are an experienced golfer or a beginner it is important to practice your game in all types of conditions. We are fortunate enough to have several golf clubs and facilities around us. If you would like to know more about what they offer here are some links.

<http://www.qgolfclub.ca/junior-programs>  
<http://www.richmondcc.ca/>  
[http://www.golfbc.com/courses/mayfair\\_lakes/membership](http://www.golfbc.com/courses/mayfair_lakes/membership)



## 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. ***Please encourage your son/daughter to walk to school to help ease the traffic congestion in the parking lot. Besides, it is a much better way to travel from a health perspective as well as an environmental perspective.***



# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Attending PAC events is a great way to know what is going on at Burnett  
Meet other Burnett parents!**

## **Upcoming PAC Events:**

May 3 at 7:30pm—Dry Grad meeting

May 5 at 7:30pm—PAC meeting: AGM and planning for June Teacher Appreciation  
Breakfast

May 26 at 7:00pm—Legacy Scholarship presentations

June 2 at 7:30pm—PAC meeting

The **PAC Annual General Meeting** is Thursday, May 5. There will be elections for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Please contact Stephanie Nomellini at [stephnomellini@gmail.com](mailto:stephnomellini@gmail.com) if you are interested in one of these positions.

**Legacy Scholarship presentations by grade 12 students** are Thursday, May 26 in the school library. The presentations are creative and interesting; hearing about students experiences at Burnett and their plans, hopes and dreams for the future is always inspiring! Parents are needed for 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours to help judge the presentations. No experience necessary. Parents need to meet outside the library at 6:45pm on May 26 for instructions.

The TelusWISE presentation before the April PAC meeting offered many tips for safe Internet and Smartphone use. If you were not able to attend, explore [telus.com/wise](http://telus.com/wise) for great information about safety and security issues when using the Internet and Smartphones.

## DRY GRAD NEWS

There is still a need for many volunteers for this year's Dry Grad event on June 10. This event is a safe place for our grade 12 students to celebrate their graduation. Volunteers are needed the afternoon and evening of June 10 and the morning of June 11 AND we are in desperate need of overnight chaperones.

**In the unfortunate event that we do not have enough volunteers, the event will be cancelled.**

***Please consider supporting our grade 12 students in their final, exciting months at Burnett and Volunteer to help!!***

Contact Julie Tischler or Margaret Tam at [julielum\\_283@hotmail.com](mailto:julielum_283@hotmail.com) or [margarettam8@hotmail.com](mailto:margarettam8@hotmail.com) to volunteer or attend the **next Dry Grad meeting on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30pm** in the school staff room.

Volunteering for Dry Grad really doesn't take a lot of time, and is a great way to meet and socialize with other Burnett parents!

# CAREER NEWS

**Career Information Centre websites/weblinks provide weekly updates on post-secondary, career and scholarship information:**

Richmond District Career Center News: <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/~CCNews@sd38.bc.ca/>

Facebook page: <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. Office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday (bi-weekly) and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **APPLYING TO POST-SECONDARY**

**It's not too late to apply!** Some universities and many BC colleges are still accepting applications for limited programs. Book an appointment with the Career Advisor ASAP if you require assistance.

**Post-Secondary Choices Form** – Students need to complete their Online PSI Selections form by May 1st if they haven't already done so. Admission offers may be affected if students don't authorize the release of their transcript data. Students may access the PSI Selections Form via the BC Government student secure website. Please see your counsellor or Career Advisor if you require assistance. Student Secure Website: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome>.

## **UP-COMING EVENTS**

### **Apprenticeship (ACE IT) Programs. A Future Without Limits!!**

Students in Grades 10 and 11...note that applications are now being accepted for students interested in high school apprenticeship programs. Students attend these programs in their Grade 12<sup>th</sup> year and therefore must apply in their Grade 11<sup>th</sup> year. See the Careers Program Website for more information: <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca> or visit your Counsellor or Career Advisor.

**Sat, Apr 30** - SFU Summer Camps & Youth Programs Volunteer Opportunities Application Deadline. 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. To learn more about the volunteer opportunities at the youth camps at SFU see: [www.sfu.ca/camps.html](http://www.sfu.ca/camps.html)

**Sat, May 7** - The Vancouver International Universities Fair - NACAC's first international fair, co-hosted by International Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC). Learn about universities and colleges from all over the world! Location: Vancouver Convention Centre, East Exhibit Hall AB, 1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC Fair Hours: Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. All grades/parents are invited to attend.

**Destination UBC** - Destination UBC is an open-house-style event for admitted students. You will have a chance to check out the UBC campus you are admitted to, meet current students, and learn about their UBC experiences. You will also get advice about transitioning to university from UBC experts such as professors, academic advisors, and others.

When is it?

Okanagan campus: May 14, 2016

Vancouver campus: May 28, 2016

Depending on eligibility, UBC may pay for your travel to their Okanagan campuses to visit in person (travel costs and accommodation). For more information about Destination UBC visit:

<https://account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/events/canada.ezc>

**Sat, May 14** - Explore UVic – Explore UVic is a one-day, on-campus event for applicants and their families to experience what it's really like to be a member of the UVic community. The day will include campus and residence tours, program planning and course registration sessions and opportunities to connect with current students, faculty and staff through a variety of activities. Students will be invited to register for this program starting in early April. For more information visit:  
<http://www.uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/connect/events/explore-uvic.php>

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **SFU:**

Self-reporting is closed

**Wed, Jun 1** – Deadline to accept offer

#### **UBC:**

Self-reporting is closed

**Wed, Jun 1** – Deadline to accept offer

#### **UVic:**

Self-reporting closed

**Thu, June 30** – UVic residence application deadline for Sept 2016

**Tue, May 31** - UVic deadline for Distributed Learning Course Grades to be reported

#### **Other:**

Kwantlen University deadlines have been extended. Please see Kwantlen's website for details:

<http://www.kpu.ca/extended-programs>

**Tue, May 31** - Langara College- Secondary School Interim Transcript Deadline

Students who have not filled out the PSI form will need to submit an official interim transcript (stamped or sealed by school) by this date.

**Tue, May 10** - Richmond School District Career Programs Office Certification Training Programs Application Deadline

Grades 10-12 students who are interested in getting trained and certified in areas that look good on a résumé and may help get a job this summer can register in any of the four-certification training programs offered by the School District. These are: Forklift Operator, WHMIS training, Construction Safety Training System, and Confined Space Awareness training. Spaces are limited, so see your Career Information Advisor for an application today!

Corpus Christi College is accepting applications year round. Students can apply online at any time.

Eligibility for scholarships will be determined based on the applicant's intended start date. Please check

<http://www.corpuschristi.ca>.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

There continues to be scholarships available with deadlines each month. Check to see if you qualify to apply for them! See the many types of scholarships available at the Richmond Career Centre Website at:

<http://www2.sd38.bc.ca/~CCNews@sd38.bc.ca/FOV4-0007DFD4/FOV4-0007DFD7>