



J. N. Burnett Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There are just a little over two weeks of classes remaining in another great school year at J.N. Burnett, with our final exams beginning on **Wednesday, June 22**. It is important for students to remember these final weeks of classes include completing the final units, projects and assignments as well as preparation and review for final exams in many of the courses. In essence, this is a time for students and parents to ensure that the focus on studying and working continues. From June 23 to 28, our school is open for students to meet with teachers. A schedule of when teachers are available will be published for our students in June.

We also focus our attention on the year-end events that are being planned for our grads. Our celebration with our graduates takes place at the Graduation Dinner and Dance on Friday, June 10, which is followed by the Dry After Grad party organized by J.N. Burnett parents. We also look forward to meeting the families of the grads at the Valedictory ceremony at the UBC Chan Centre on June 28.

Parents and students are asked to note that the pick-up of report cards and yearbooks will be at 9:00 am on Wednesday, June 29.

Bert Wiens

Changes in the J.N. Burnett administration for 2016-2107 school year

Ms. D. MacDonald and Ms. D. Ten-Pow are leaving J.N. Burnett at the end of this school year and will be part of the administration teams of Boyd Secondary and McNair Secondary respectively. Both Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Ten-Pow have been valued and integral members of our school for many years, and they will be missed!! We wish them well in their new schools.

Joining us next year are Mr. I. Lancaster and Ms. W. Walker. Both are experienced administrators in the Richmond School District and we want to welcome them to our school community.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1	Spring Concert 7pm
June 2	PAC Meeting 7:30pm
June 7	Awards Night 7:00pm
June 9	Grad Valedictory Rehearsal
June 10	Grad Dinner & Dance & Dry After Grad
June 21	Last Day of Semester 2
June 28	Valedictory - Chan Centre
June 29	Semester 2 Final Report Card

IMPORTANT

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

If your child is not returning to J.N. Burnett Secondary School in September, or if he/she will be returning later than September 6, 2016, you MUST advise the school office at 604-668-6478, otherwise the student's name will be removed from the roster.

U-ROC (Richmond Outstanding Community) Youth Awards

Every year during BC Youth Week (May 1-7) the City of Richmond hosts the U-ROC (Richmond Outstanding Community) Youth Awards to celebrate the achievement and dedication of outstanding Youth and Asset Champions within the Richmond community. This year the U-ROC awards were held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Gateway Theatre.

The City asks for professionals and community members working with youth, who know of an Outstanding Youth or Asset Champion to nominate them for an award.

The Categories are:

Outstanding Youth

Youth in this category are nominated for being outstanding: displaying exceptional qualities, and making Richmond a better place! This year JN Burnett had 3 outstanding youths receive a U-ROC award this year: Gita Manhas, Jonah Thornburn and Osiris Pete.

Asset Champions

These are adults who have shown dedication and commitment to build Developmental Assets, and who inspire, mentor and make a difference in the lives of youth. These adults play an integral role in finding ways to help youth grow and thrive, and see the strengths in young people and believe in their potential. This year JN Burnett had 2 teachers receive a U-ROC award: Mr. Kailley and Ms. Jessa.

**Congratulations, Gita, Jonah, Osiris,
Mr. Kailley and Ms. Jessa**

Humanities 8 Incentive Inquiry Based Learning The Outsiders, Biennale Art and Interpretive Dance

On Thursday May 19th, the Humanities 8 Incentive class put together an interpretive dance to express a synthesis of themes from **The Outsiders** novel and the **Biennale Art** Installations. In collaboration with the creative minds of the class and the professional guidance of Paula Skimin, the choreography and the enthusiasm of the students made it an exciting night for students and parents. The dance performance was a product of an inquiry based project that focused on how society shapes individuals, both in our time, and in other time periods, and how individuals in conflict with the status quo can enact positive change in their worlds. Through a novel study of the Outsiders, a historical study of the Renaissance, and inspired by Biennale art installations, students engaged in a study of identity that explored values (both personal and societal), conformity and individuality, and leadership and innovation. The evening ended with a casual reception including snacks, pizza, laughs and great conversations.

Congratulations to the Humanities 8 Incentive class on their outstanding performance!



Sunday, June 19th

Business Education students take first place in Kwantlen Polytechnic University competition

Bolortuya Batbayar, Cicy Wu, Jenny Tan, and Kelsey Cheung, competed in Kwantlen Polytechnic University's "Future Business Leaders" competition where they had to solve several case studies against other schools in Richmond. The students said that it was a privilege to participate in this competition because they learned a lot from the case studies, and they formed valuable connections with the other students. They also got to strengthen their cooperative and interpersonal skills. This competition was an enriching experience that definitely increased their passion for commerce.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

At the May 5th PAC meeting elections were held for the PAC executive for next school year. We are pleased to announce the following positions for 2016/2017:

Chair: Stephanie Nomellini
Co-Vice-Chair: Sholeh Salehi and Natasha Hillier
Secretary: Suzy Buckley
Treasurer: Kathy Ducey

Upcoming PAC events:

June 2: PAC meeting at 7:30pm, * Parent Social*

June 10/11: Dry Grad

June 24: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

******The June PAC meeting is at 7:30pm on Thursday, June 2nd. A **PAC Social** will follow a short business meeting. Please bring a snack (sweet or savory) to share. This will be a **social event** to allow Burnett parents to meet each other. We look forward to seeing YOU!

******There is still a need for volunteers for this year's **Dry Grad** event. 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.

Contact Julie Tischler or Margaret Tam at julielum_283@hotmail.com or margarettam8@hotmail.com to volunteer.

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!

****** The **Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast** is on *Friday, June 24, 2016* in the staff room. Volunteers are needed to help with *set up, serving and clean up*.

Food contributions for the breakfast are also needed.

To volunteer to help or to contribute food, please contact Laura Smith at snaffle@shaw.ca

We invite all Burnett parents to join us at all of these events and learn what is happening at Burnett!!

Please contact me with any questions you have about our Burnett PAC

Stephanie Nomellini, PAC chair

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OUTSTANDING FINES AND FEES

All Student fees and fines are due now. Any students with outstanding fees and or fines will not be given their yearbooks (June 29th) until they are paid. Ensure your fees and fines are paid up to avoid the disappointment of not receiving your yearbook. There will be statements mailed again for all students who still owe fees or have lost book fines on their accounts.

If you have any questions you can call Mrs. Trouw our Business Assistant – 604-668-6478

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TEXTBOOKS

During the first week of 2nd semester, students were issued textbooks by their teachers. This is just a reminder that it is the student's responsibility to take good care of all the textbooks that he or she is issued. At the time the textbook is issued, the number printed in each of the books is scanned and recorded. At the end of the semester, students are expected to return the textbook that they were issued, in good condition. Textbooks are very expensive and parents should be aware that students would be required to pay for lost or damaged textbooks at the end of the year. **It is important to emphasize that students are required to hand in the textbook that has the number that they were issued, not simply a textbook that they may have ended up with.** We do not wish to unfairly charge someone for a missing textbook they are unable to return because someone else has it. Students who have lost or damaged their textbooks will be given assessments that must be paid by Friday, June 17th to the Business Assistant. Students who have outstanding fees after that date will not receive their yearbook on June 29th when others receive them. Any students who still have outstanding debts in September will not be issued any further textbooks or permitted to participate in any activities for which monies must be collected, until all outstanding debts are cleared up.

School Calendar dates for 2016-17

September 5	Labour Day
September 6	First Day of School
September 23	Pro-D day – no school in session
October 10	Thanksgiving Day – no school in session
October 21	Pro-D day – no school in session
November 11	Remembrance Day – no school in session
November 18	Curriculum Implementation Day – No School in Session
November 24	Midterm Report Card Home
December 5	Pro-D day – no school in session
December 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Vacation
February 9	Semester 1 Final Report Card Home
February 13	Family Day – no school in session
February 24	Pro-D day – no school in session
March 13 - 24	Spring Vacation
April 14	Good Friday – no school in session
April 17	Easter Monday – no school in session
April 27	Midterm Report Card Home
May 1	Pro-D day – no school in session
May 19	Pro-D day – no school in session
May 22	Victoria Day – no classes
June 29	Final Report Card Home

CAREER NEWS

Career Information Centre websites/web links 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/IN-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

Grade 12 students are reminded to regularly check their emails for university/college important updates regarding offers, orientations sessions and course registration details.

Grade 12 students who have received an offer should make sure you check the deadline to accept your offer and pay the deposit (found in your letter of offer, or on your online student account). Also, check for your online course registration date and be prepared with a list of courses required for your program.

UP-COMING EVENTS

APPRENTICESHIP (ACE IT) PROGRAMS. A Future Without Limits!!

Students in grade 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 year and therefore must apply in their grade 11 year. See the Careers Program Website for more information:

<http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca> or visit your Counsellor or Career Advisor

POST-SECONDARY IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, Jun 01/16 - UBC's deadline to accept offer of admission and pay deposit

Wed, Jun 01/16 - SFU's deadline to accept offer of admission and pay deposit

Wed, Jun 01/16 - UVic's deadline to accept offer of admission and pay deposit

Wed, Jun 01/16 - On-line application for Government Student Loans Opens.

Apply at: <http://www.StudentAidBC.ca> Early to Mid-Jun/16 - Post-Secondary
Registration/enrolment date information sent to students

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Wed, Jun 01/16 - Janice Lee Blue Wave Bursary

Fri, Jun 17/16 - Big Sun Scholarship

Thu, Jun 30/16 - BC Sports Hall of Fame Jack Farley Youth Sports Achievement Awards

Fri, Sep 30/16 - BC Junior Golf Association Gerry Walker Memorial Scholarship

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tue, Jun 14/16 - Explore Capilano Info Night for Grade 11 high school students. This will be a fun interactive Open House Event from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the North Vancouver Campus. To learn more and to register (for the opportunity to win prizes), visit: <https://www.capilanou.ca/future/visit-cap/Explore-Capilano/>

SUMMER

Tue-Wed, Aug 23-24/16 - Kwantlen Polytechnic University is offering a free two-day university preparation program from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Surrey Campus. This interactive program will provide students with workshops to discover how to adapt their skills and abilities to a university setting. For more information and to register, see:

<http://www.kpu.ca/itsaboutu>

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the **Business Class** of **Mr. Robert McDonnell** for winning the **KPU Future Business Leaders Challenge 2016** on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The winning contestants were awarded with a trophy and scholarships. Well done, **Bolortuya Batbayar, Kelsey Cheung, Cicy Wu and Jenny Tan!**