



J. N. Burnett Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at Burnett to wish you all the best for the Season, and a safe and restful holiday. It is our wish that you enjoy this time with family and friends, and that we all return with renewed energies in January of 2017!

In these last few months I have once again appreciated how J.N. Burnett is a great place to work and learn. Our students are exemplary in their work, and our staff continues to foster their growth. We look forward to a wonderful 2017, and I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

As many of you have already heard, I will be retiring at the end of January 2017! Over these last few years I have really enjoyed working with our students and our staff. Burnett has become my home and I have really appreciated this school community. At this time the Richmond school district is planning for the new principal, and as soon as this has been finalized, we will let our school community know. I will miss the busy and rewarding aspects of school life!

Sincerely,
B. Wiens



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec.16 | Breakfast with Santa – 7:30am |
| Dec.16 | Last Day of School Before Winter Break |
| 2017 | |
| Jan.3 | School Re-Opens |
| Jan.4-8 | Grad Photos (Mobile Studio) |
| Jan.5 | PAC Meeting – 7:30pm |
| Jan.30 | First Day of Semester 2 |
| Feb.2 | Meet the Teacher Night |
| Feb.2 | Grade 7 Parent Information Night |
| Feb.9 | Conference Day 2 |
| Feb.9 | Semester 1 Final Report Card |
| Feb. 13 | Family Day – No School |
| Feb. 24 | Pro D Day – No School |
| Feb. 27 | Grade 9 Immunizations |

PROGRAM PLANNING

Included below are the dates for our parent program planning meetings and student program planning sessions in February 2017. **Please mark these dates in your calendar** as we look towards programs for next year.

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| Jan.13 | Hand Out Semester 2 timetables |
| Jan.18-20 | First visits by counselors to all Grade 7s at elementary schools coming to Burnett – introduction to the school and program planning |
| Feb.2 | GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING (For parents of students who will be in Grade 8 next year) |
| Feb.2 | GRADE 8 - 11 PROGRAM PLANNING NIGHT |
| Feb.10 | Deadline for school transfer applications |
| Feb.7 | ALL COURSE SELECTION SHEETS DUE from Grade 7 (next year's Grade 8s) |

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On December 2nd, the PAC hosted a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast to show our appreciation to the staff for their work in educating our children. We had a great turnout, and hope the staff enjoyed themselves and the delicious food. The breakfast could not have happened without the efforts of the following people: Edna Bevan-Hernandez, Mayumi Iwase, Roni Johal, Kathy Tsakumis, Kathy Ducey, Harjeet Manhas, Laura Smith, Angela Karpodinis, Melody Shi, Annie Wang, Janice McGill, Sarah Banno, Daisy Nagy-Gyorgy, Mellissa Yu, Ling Xiao, Penny Wang, Maria Leobrera, and John Nomellini.

A big Thank You to all the parents who volunteered their time and breakfast dishes

Thank you to Mr. Wiens, Mr. Blair and Mrs. Walker for their presentation on the new BC Curriculum before the PAC meeting on December 1st. A lot of information was covered about the curriculum and graduation requirements. If you were unable to attend, explore the following website for more information about the new curriculum:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

It was great to see so many parents attend to learn how the curriculum changes will affect our children.

The first **PAC meeting** of the New Year will be **January 5, 2017 at 7:30pm**. We hope to see you then!

Wishing you and your families the very best this holiday season!

Stephanie Nomellini, PAC chair

DRY AFTER GRAD

Every year the PAC puts on a Dry Grad party for the grade 12 students after their Dinner & Dance downtown. This event is a safe, fun way for our students to celebrate their graduation.

The 2017 Dry Grad is June 9, 2017

Many volunteers will be needed to make this event successful

Parents of students in all grades are encouraged to volunteer. Coordinators are needed for decorating, clothing exchange, prizes, un-decorating.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Nomellini at:

stephnomellini@gmail.com

Watch for an announcement of the date of the first Dry Grad meeting in the New Year

PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Not too long after the holidays, we will be near the end of Semester One and Grade 12's will be preparing for their provincial exam. **The provincial exams that will be written that week are: English 12 and Communications 12.** This information and much more is also available on the Ministry website, which is www.bced.gov.bc.ca/.

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

**J. N. BURNETT SECONDARY
SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 19, 2016
TO
MONDAY
JANUARY 2, 2017**

**FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL IS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**

Note to Parents/Guardians re: Student Drop Off

With the colder weather we have noticed an increase in traffic in our drop off area. A reminder to parents not to use the staff parking lot for drop off or pick up.

Parents/guardians are asked to consider dropping students off on Riverdale Drive, a block west of our school, or on Lynas Lane, a block east of our school.

Semester 2 Meet the Teacher / Open House

Parents/Guardians are asked to mark **February 2, 2016** on their calendars as on that date we will have our **Semester 2 Meet the Teacher evening**. As well, we are planning for an Open House to give parents an opportunity to view student work from all areas of our school. The evening will end with a presentation by the counselors for gr. 8 - 11 parents/guardians on the program planning for 2017-18.

Seniors' Brunch

On Thursday, December 8, about 45 students from our Leadership club hosted our annual Seniors' Brunch. It was a great morning at our school with about 140 Seniors from the Richmond community coming to Burnett for a brunch. They enjoyed entertainment from the Jazz Band under the direction of Ms. Freeman, the Glee club and Ms. Zuccolo, a visit from Santa and student MCs. The students spent the morning serving soup, sandwiches and dessert, while getting to know the seniors through conversations.

A big thank you to Ms. Musani, Ms. Cain and Mr. Blair who worked with the Leadership students to organize this wonderful event.

A group of our students under the leadership of Elizabeth Li were able to get gifts for the seniors. We would like to thank the following sponsors who helped in making this a such a great morning for the seniors: David's Tea, The Real Canadian Superstore, Tommy Hilfiger, Gap Factory, Polo Ralph Lauren, Boston Pizza, White Spot, Vancouver Whitecaps, BC Lions, The Old Spaghetti Factory, Straight Outta Brooklyn Pizzeria, and Calvin Klein

At the end of the brunch, the seniors received a tree ornament prepared by Ms. Taylor and her Art students. Well done and a big thank you to everyone who participated and helped!

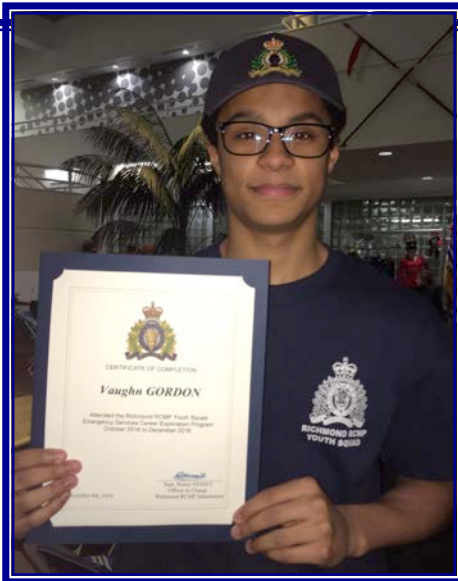
We are looking forward to continuing this fabulous Burnett tradition in years to come!!



RCMP YOUTH SQUAD

The RCMP Youth Squad gave me an experience of a lifetime. It showed me all the various types of career choices within the RCMP and First Responders. Every Thursday for eight weeks was something new and exciting. If you're interested in law enforcement I highly recommend this program.

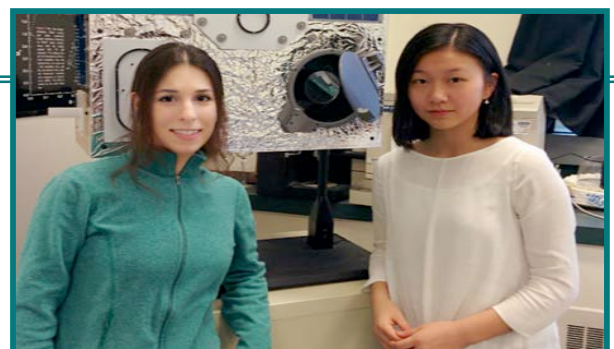
Vaughn Gordon



ASTRONOMY

I spent a day with Anna Hughes, an Astronomy graduate student at UBC who is doing research on a possibly habitable planet outside our solar system. Not only did I get a glimpse into post-secondary life, but also the work and life of an inspiring scientist! Furthermore, I toured UBC buildings and interacted with professors Dr. Harvey Richer of Astronomy and Dr. Robert Raussendorf of Quantum Information, the latter of which taught me some quantum computation! In the end, the day spent with Anna was an invaluable experience. It has opened my mind to new possibilities and paths for the future—and it wouldn't have been possible without Ms. Jessa and the astrophysics community at UBC.

Jasmine Huang



NEEDED FOR SCIENCE PROJECTS

One of our Science teachers needs about 30 empty film canisters (from the kind of film you put in a camera and then get developed), large empty pringles containers and empty paper towel rolls for some science inquiry project ideas. If you have any of these items, please drop them off at the office. Thank you.



KPU DISCOVERY DAYS

Going to the KPU Richmond Discovery Day was an amazing eye opener. Not only did I learn about the different programs within the KPU Faculty of Science and Horticulture, but I was also given the opportunity to interact with a couple of students and professors who go to Kwantlen. When we went to the science wing, the professors demonstrated how sound waves generated by a speaker will bounce around a Rubens tube filled with a flammable gas which turns the sound waves into different pressures and densities of the flammable gas and creating quite the light show. While walking to our different destinations, I got the chance to talk to one of the professors about the different job opportunities that I could gain just from even going to KPU for a year. I learned that because the class sizes were small, the students would be given more of an opportunity to do experiments that would be too costly for an institution with more than 200 students in a class to complete. I would highly recommend KPU Discovery Day 2017 to students.

Christopher Lam



UBC Engineering Open House

Going to this event was a very engaging and fun experience. The lab tour I went on was chemical and biological engineering. Our lab professor demonstrated a very interesting experiment called "elephant's toothpaste". He combined H₂O₂ (hydrogen peroxide) and dish soap into a flask. When the two ingredients met, there was a foam explosion! It started oozing out of the flask. This experiment made this lab tour very exciting as we got to see chemicals reacting and learned what made this reaction happen. The most interesting part of the lab tour was seeing all of the machines and gadgets, as well as understanding what they do and how they work. We learned that the main goal of being an engineer is to help people by solving their problems. It became apparent that engineers have to be creative and be good at problem solving. Engineering is a topic not many of my friends know about, so when we attended this event it was a pleasant way to be educated. It was also nice that we actually got to go to UBC. Overall, this engineering open house was a valuable learning experience and it is something that has sparked my interest.

Oceanna Nguyen

