



# J. N. Burnett Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the staff at J.N. Burnett I wish everyone a successful 2017, filled with good health and happiness. To our Chinese families we also wish all the best for the Chinese New Year and a prosperous "Year of the Rooster".

**Semester 2** begins on January 30, when students will receive their schedule in the morning. Our **"Meet the Teacher" night for semester 2 is on Thursday, February 2 @ 6:30pm**. All parents/guardians are invited to join our staff and students on this evening. We hope this will be an informative evening, as parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers as well as explore our **Open House!!** After the Open House, our counsellors will give **information sessions about courses for next school year**.

I want to thank our school community for all of the well wishes on my retirement. I feel very honoured to have been the Principal of this fantastic school and I wish you all the best for your future.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Walker, as she becomes the principal of J.N. Burnett and wish her all the best. As well, please welcome Mr. Lester Leung to J.N. Burnett. Mr. Leung has been a vice-principal at MacNeill secondary school, and previous to that a well respected educator in the Vancouver school district.

*Sincerely, B. Wiens*



<b><u>IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS</u></b>	
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
Mar. 2	PAC Meeting 7:30pm
Mar. 10	Last Day of School before Spring Break
Mar. 13-24	Spring Break
Mar. 27	School Re-Opens
Mar. 29	Interim Reports



### **REPORT CARDS**

Semester 1 Final Report Cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to ask your child for theirs, and if you have any questions about the marks they have received, please ask them and / or contact the teacher.

## CELLPHONE APPS THAT HELP PARENT MONITOR THEIR CHILD'S ACTIVITIES

Smartphones are becoming more and more popular with our families. Smartphones can be very helpful and our school encourages students to use them appropriately. We would like to share some information that parents/guardians may find helpful when dealing with their children's Smartphones.

The following is not an endorsement but information summarized from:

<http://www.today.com/parents/these-3-apps-can-help-you-monitor-your-teens-activities-t105483>)

Typical teens live on their phones nowadays — and often their parents don't know what they're doing on them, who they're talking to, or what they're typing. But three apps parents can download onto their children's phones right now can change that, by enabling them to monitor not just your child's web history, but also every text, every phone call... even their exact location.

**Net Nanny** allows parents to control their child's Internet activity remotely. Not only can they choose specific websites they want blocked on their child's phone; they can also block types of websites, such as ones involving dating, nudity, pornography or tobacco. Parents can also set it so that you will get a warning if their child types in a certain keyword, such as "suicide."

**SecureTeen** does even more: It gives parents their children's call logs, which means they know who their children are calling, and who's calling them. It even enables them to read their children's text messages.

**TeenSafe** may be the most advanced of all. Not only does it track text messages and calls; it also pinpoints a child's exact GPS location instantly.

And this technology is not just for Smartphones: The apps also have desktop versions that can be installed right onto the child's laptops or computers to monitor their online activities.

## PAC NEWS

**Please note:** The February PAC meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> has been **Cancelled**.

Instead, parents are encouraged to attend Meet the Teacher Night for Semester 2.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Wednesday, February 15---Dry Grad meeting

Thursday, March 2---PAC meeting

Thursday, April 6---PAC meeting

Thursday, May 4---PAC meeting

Thursday, June 1---PAC meeting

**Many parents have expressed concerns about their children's level of stress and anxiety.**

Along with the Mind Up program starting at the school, *Burnett PAC is organizing a parent information session on how to help our children **reduce anxiety, and learn to use coping strategies to manage stress.***

**Please watch for announcements on the date and time of the parent information sessions in upcoming newsletters!**

**Looking forward to seeing YOU at the next PAC meeting!**

For information or questions about the Parent Advisory Council please contact

Stephanie Nomellini at [stephnomellini@gmail.com](mailto:stephnomellini@gmail.com)



## **DRY GRAD COMMITTEE**

Dry Grad is an event that provides students with a safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment to celebrate their graduation. It is a fully adult-supervised fun event, sponsored by the PAC, where the grads can celebrate their graduation with their friends in a safe environment. It was established at JN Burnett in 2005. The Dry Grad committee, along with many other volunteers, decorates the school gyms, arranges a fun night of games and entertainment and provides lots of food and refreshments! There are some prizes, too!!

Although this event is for Grade 12 students, we need **all** JN Burnett parents to volunteer.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!!**

Many volunteers are needed and without enough, the Dry Grad will be cancelled. All parents at the school are encouraged to volunteer. If your child is currently not in grade 12, this is a great opportunity to see what the Dry Grad event entails before your child graduates.

**Helping is not hard and it is fun way to meet other parents at the school.**

**Any amount of time you are able to contribute is welcome and greatly appreciated!  
(You can help a little, or A LOT!)**

**Next Dry Grad meeting: Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30pm**

To volunteer or for more information, please contact:

**Sarah Banno** [skbanno@hotmail.com](mailto:skbanno@hotmail.com) or

**Laura Smith** [snaffle@shaw.ca](mailto:snaffle@shaw.ca)

## ***Science Fair... Journeying into the Quantum***

Science Fair is more than just Science. During my project on Quantum Computation for Science Fair 2017, I grew not only as a scientist, but also as a person. I discovered that Science is also about being wrong, and critically and creatively re-evaluating mistakes to learn from them as I delved into the realm of quantum mechanics through the process of scientific inquiry. Science Fair pushed me past my comfort zone to contact experts in the field: I've built lasting relationships and continue to email one of my mentors, Dr. Electra Eleftheriadou of the Institute for Quantum Computing in Waterloo (see picture), to this day! And ultimately, Science Fair has shown me the interconnectedness of science—that it is not just the work of an individual, but rather the result of support and encouragement from family, teachers, friends and the scientific community.

Jasmine Huang



## ***GUNG HAY FAT CHOY!!***

We want to wish all of our families a happy Chinese New Year. Saturday, January 28, 2017 is the year of the Rooster. In Chinese culture, the Rooster represents fidelity and punctuality, for it wakes people up on time.

## ***PE CHANGEROOMS***

As we begin 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.

### ***A Letter from Board Chair D. Tablotney***

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to express sincere thanks to our students, staff and parent community for continuing to ensure that the Richmond School District is one of the highest performing and most respected school districts in the province. Together we have gone through some difficult times, especially as we have had to consider the closure of schools due to declining enrollment. Our school closure process was designed to inform and engage, and we are truly grateful to all of you who came out to our open houses, accessed information on our Let's Talk SD38 website, and attended other public meetings of the Board. We believe that we now have a community that is well informed about the issues facing our school district, in particular the impact of declining enrollment and the need to seismically upgrade our schools, and that is passionate about supporting public education.

We thank you again for your engagement, and ask that you lend your voice to ensure that students in Richmond continue to receive the highest quality education in facilities that are safe, well maintained and appropriate for their learning.

Debbie Tablotney, Chair  
Board of Education (Richmond)

### ***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.

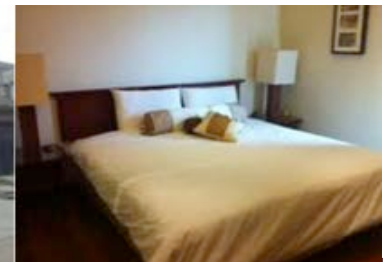
If you are interested in learning more about our hosting program please forward an e-mail for information.

Karen York Homestay Coordinator

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### Career Center Office and Websites to Regularly Check

Richmond District Career Centre News at: <http://sd38careercentre.weebly.com/>

Visit “JN Burnett Career Information Center” facebook page for important info and up-dates including scholarships at <https://www.facebook.com/JN-Burnett-Secondary-School-Career-Information-Center-676894562416136/>

**JN Burnett Secondary’s Monthly School Newsletter:** Contains up-to-date post-secondary events and deadlines at <http://jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca/>

Around the school campus: Announcements, school TV, bulletin boards outside the Counselling & Career Centre and Multi-Purpose Hall.

Appointments: Drop in or make an appointment to see the **Career Information Advisor, Ms. Borres: Tuesday, Wednesday (bi-weekly) and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb Scholarships: York University Scholarship

University of Alberta Scholarship(s)

University of Waterloo National Scholarship

Queens Other Merit Awards

UVic Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries

Wilfred Laurier University Centennial Scholarships

UNBC Northern Exposure Award

Capilano Excellence Award

Dalhousie Entrance Scholarships

Feb 1 - Emily Carr portfolio submission deadline

Feb 1 - UBC Completion deadline for online courses

Mid Feb - UVic Self-Reporting Opens - all students self-report their marks (Gr. 11 completed and grade 12 completed or in progress)

Mid Feb - Application deadline for UVic Entrance Scholarship

Mid Feb - UBC Self-Reporting opens

Feb 15 - SFU document deadline for Major Entrance Scholarship

Feb 28 - UVic application deadline & deadline to submit Supplemental Applications

Feb 28 - SFU application deadline

Feb 28 - SFU application deadline to submit documents to Beedie School of Business

Late Feb - Make sure English Proficiency (TOEFL/LPI) results have been received by the institutions

requiring them

Mar 1 - KPU Early application deadline for open intake programs

Mar 1 - KPU Final application deadline for limited intake programs

Mar15 - SFU Beedie School self-reporting grades and required admission documents deadline.

Check <http://beedie.sfu.ca/bba/>

Apr 1 - KPU Interim grade submission deadline for limited intake programs only

Apr 11- KPU Entrance awards application and supporting documents deadline

## **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Not too late to apply to a college/university.

**Make sure your applications to BC universities are received by Feb. 28 (\*UBC Jan 15th).** Even though some universities accept applications after this date, it is to your advantage to apply by Feb. 28, as you will have a greater variety of courses available to you at registration time.

Make sure the **institutions applied to have received any additional tests or information**, if requested.

Know the deadlines of your **residency application**.

Confirm and regularly **check application**.

**Self-report, upload or submit a paper copy of final 2nd term grades** to those universities or colleges requesting it.

### **Sat, Apr 1 - Maple Leaf Youth Awards**

The program recognizes and rewards the exemplary achievements of grades 11 and 12 students in the categories of Academics, Arts, and Community Service. For details, check

<http://www.canadianclubvancouver.com/awards/>

### **Fri, Mar 31 - Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse Bursary**

The \$2,000 bursary is for Grade 12 students who are players registered in the U18 league. For details, check <http://www.pcfl.bc.ca/bursary.html>

### **Fri, Mar 31 - 2017 Retail as a Career Scholarship**

The 20 scholarships includes monetary reward and expenses to attend STORE, in Toronto on May 30 & 31 - Canada's BIGGEST Retail Conference - and the Excellence in Retailing Awards Gala. For details, visit: <http://www.retailcouncil.org/memberservices/retail-education/retail-as-a-career-scholarship-program>

### **Tue, Mar 28 - Work Safe BC Student safety video contest**

The theme of this year's contest - "How do you speak up for safety?" - challenges students to create a video that explores the topic of how to speak up for a safe and healthy workplace. The over \$10,000 in prize money contest is open to B.C. students in grades 8-12 with a teacher sponsor. For details, check <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/education-training-certification/young-new-worker/student-safety-video-contest>

### **Wed, Mar 15 - The Richmond Girls Soccer Association (RGSA) Scholarships**

This is awarded to Grade 12 graduating girls who are involved in an RGSA program as a player, coach, referee or any other position within the RGSA. For further information, please refer to <http://richmondgirlssoccer.com/>

### **Sun, Mar 12 - BCGEU Student Scholarship Awards**

The BC Government and Service Employees' Union is offering \$45,000 in scholarship awards to students who are BCGEU members or relatives of current, deceased or retired BCGEU members or staff. For details, visit: [http://bcgeu.ca/union\\_education](http://bcgeu.ca/union_education)

### **Tue, Feb 28 - RBC Students Leading Change Scholarship**

RBC recognizes the growing number of Canadian students showing a passion to lead and inspire

positive change in their community. A total of 15 Scholarships worth \$10,000 each will be awarded. For more information,

visit: [http://scholarships.rbc.com/StudentsLeadingChange.aspx?WT.srch=1&AFFCODE=6869&CAMP=102598&utm\\_campaign=RBC+Scholarships+-+EN&utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_content=broad&utm\\_term=%2Bcanada+%2Bscholarship&ProspectID=54EA502463134E9E9F7558084C9567E0](http://scholarships.rbc.com/StudentsLeadingChange.aspx?WT.srch=1&AFFCODE=6869&CAMP=102598&utm_campaign=RBC+Scholarships+-+EN&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=broad&utm_term=%2Bcanada+%2Bscholarship&ProspectID=54EA502463134E9E9F7558084C9567E0)

#### **Thu, Feb 9 - Canadian Association of Principals CAP Student Leadership Award - In-school deadline**

This award aims to afford principals the opportunity to recognize one of their student leaders and to enter that student as a nominee for a national scholarship. Twelve scholarships of \$250.00 each will be awarded. If you would like to be considered for nomination, submit a reference letterform. For further details, <http://cdnprincipals.org/cap-student-leadership-award/>

#### **Wed, Feb 8 - The Courage To Come Back Awards**

Do you know an amazing person who deserves recognition? British Columbians who have overcome adversity or illness and have gone on to help others are selected in each of the following categories: addiction, mental health, social adversity, medical and youth physical rehabilitation. Submit nominations directly to <http://couragetocomeback.ca/nominations/>

### **INTERESTING PROGRAMS**

#### **Sat, Apr 1 - Soldier for a Day**

A day program that will show participants how a soldier in the Army Reserve is trained and what they do when they are working for the Canadian Armed Forces. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soldier-for-a-day-north-vancouver-tickets-30964689219#add-to-calendar-modal>

#### **Sat, Mar 4 - UBC Engineering Explorations 8 For Grade 8 Girls**

Participate in fun engineering activities, tour engineering labs and talk with current engineering students and professionals who will share their stories and experience. Free. Pizza lunch is included.

Registration required: <http://engcite.engineering.ubc.ca/events/engineering-explorations/ee8/>

#### **Mon, Feb 6 - Science World Opening the Door**

A unique networking event for students in Grades 9-12 who are interested in pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. This is a valuable opportunity for students to meet with professional scientists, engineers, technologists and technicians who work in a variety of fields. Get free tickets from <http://www.scienceworld.ca/otd>

#### **Sat, Feb 4 - UBC Engineering Explorations 10 For Grade 10 Girls**

Participate in fun engineering activities, tour engineering labs and talk with current engineering students and professionals who will share their stories and experience. Free. Pizza lunch included. Registration is required: <http://engcite.engineering.ubc.ca/events/engineering-explorations/ee10/>

### **EVENTS**

#### **Wed, Apr 12 - Sample the VCC Campus Day**

Students with disabilities are invited to visit Vancouver Community College and learn about the programs offered by the Community and Career Education Department (Programs for Students with Diverse Learning Needs). Pre-register by March 27. Students must be referred by their Resource teacher. For more information: Mae Bickley at (604) 871-7000, Ext. 8451 or email [mbickley@vcc.ca](mailto:mbickley@vcc.ca) For more information, visit: <http://www.vcc.ca/opendoors>

### **Police Officer Information Sessions 2017**

Interested applicants for Police Officer, Jail Guard, Community Safety Officer, and Traffic Authority positions are invited for an info session. Hear an overview of policing as a career and what is involved in the selection process on between Feb to Dec at the Justice Institute of BC. For details, check <http://vancouver.ca/police/recruiting/police-officers/information-sessions.html>

### **KPU Music Program Information Sessions**

There are over 100 careers in the music industry. Attend a KPU Music Program information session & tour to learn more about careers in this area of study on Feb 11, Apr 1. For details, check <http://www.kpu.ca/arts/music>

### **Wed, Mar 8 - Langara College 'Applied Planning' Information Session**

Are you interested in Urban and Rural Planning? This technical program provides graduates with the skills to obtain an entry-level job in urban or rural planning. Visit <http://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/applied-planning/information-sessions.html>

### **Sat, Feb 18 - Explore UVic**

The University of Victoria is holding an Open House. See the campus and programs offered. Reserve your space at

<https://my.uvic.ca/Ellucian.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/EventDetails.aspx?id=5408fedc-9c86-e611-9414-0050568518f9>

### **Sat, Feb 11 - Carleton University Portfolio Preparation Workshop**

Bachelor of Information Technology, Interactive Multimedia and Design program prospective students should bring their portfolios to the session to receive feedback on their work. To register, <https://admissions.carleton.ca/bachelor-of-information-technology-interactive-multimedia-and-design-portfolio-day/>

### **Langara College Library & Information Technology Information Sessions**

The Library & Information Technology Department will host a variety of information sessions on Feb 23, Mar 22, Apr 20 & Jun 15. The sessions provide details regarding job prospects, salary expectation, admission, courses, workloads, and more. Visit: <http://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/library-information-technology/information-sessions.html>

### **Langara Course Planning Sessions For New and Prospective Arts & Science Students**

Ninety-minute sessions on Feb 1, 7, 15 & 23 is designed to help students understand university transfer and entrance requirements. For details, visit <http://langara.ca/student-services/counselling/workshops-info-sessions/course-planning-sessions.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND EVENTS**

### **Sat, Apr 29 - US College Expo in Vancouver**

Are you considering attend a US College/University after graduation? Learn about the US admissions, process, application selection, financing and student athletic consideration. Venue will be at Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre from 10 am to 1pm. To register, visit: <http://uscollegeexpo.com/schedule-of-events.html#vancouver>

**Thu, Mar 2 - Study and Go Abroad Fair.** Free admission to the fair which includes Information from top-ranked universities from around the world at the Vancouver Convention Centre from 2 pm to 6 pm. There will be a grand prize draw for an international return flight to any Air Canada destination. Register to attend. <http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/>