

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

February/March 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent Teacher Meeting sign up opens on March 7th. Parent Teacher meeting will be held on March 15th from 2:00pm to 7:30pm. Be sure to sign up to meet your child's teachers. If you are unable to attend on this day feel free to connect with the teachers by email.

Byrne2Go

Another way to stay connected with the school is via Byrne2Go app. Byrne2Go will be your best and quickest source of information about Byrne Creek. For parents, you will get instant notifications about events and school information. Please visit the school website to download the App.

Course Selection

In case you missed the course selection evening and would like more information to guide your child through the course selection process feel free to contact your child's school Counsellor. A new program is being phased in and will affect current Grade 10 students and younger. The program will not be finalized until next year. Please visit the following website to learn more about the Redesigned curriculum.

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

Report Cards

Semester 1 report cards are now available electronically using the MyEd Family Portal. If you do not have a MyEd Family Portal account, please contact the school and provide us with your email address. You will receive an email directly from MyEd BC with instructions on how to access the system and configure your account. The Burnaby School District has produced reference materials for parents related to logging in and general portal use. These can be viewed at

<http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/myedbc/parent-resources/>

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in the Burnaby School District:

Are you wondering what Burnaby's policies and strategies are and how they support diversity and

address discrimination in this area? Do you know any students who identify as LGBTQ+ and are wondering what supports are in place for them at school? Are you looking for resources for your own understanding or for supporting someone else? The district is hosting an information session, run by dedicated district SOGI staff, to provide parents with information about policies, education through the grade levels, staff roles, and resources, and to share some success stories. **Wednesday, February 28, 7-8:30 pm at Maywood Elementary School** for all families in the Kingsway South Zone (which includes Byrne Creek and all its feeder elementary schools). Note that parking at the school is very limited, so parking on Imperial or neighbouring streets is recommended. School is accessible by public transit as well. Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sogi-parent-information-session-kingsway-south-zone-tickets-41523068616?aff=>

BCCPAC Conference

This conference is hosted by the BC Coalition of PACs, and covers a wide variety of topics, such as Mental Health, BC Curriculum, and always features a speaker from the Ministry of Education. Byrne Creek Council has set aside the funds to cover registration for 1-2 parents for the 1 day conference. Once the program is released, we will send out the topics, and if you are interested, Council could be sending you for free! **Friday, May 4, full day, at the Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond.** Please email Naz Jakir at jakir@shaw.ca if you think you might be interested.

Byrne Idol

Byrne Idol will take place on Tuesday March 13th in the Centre for Dialogue. Auditions will be held during lunch on February 21 and 22. Audition signup sheets will be posted outside the Band Room.



Spring vacation starts on March 19th. School reopens on April 3rd.

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Dates for Upcoming Council Meetings

March 5, 2018

May 7, 2018

June 4, 2018 - AGM

You are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a great way to stay connected with the school and to learn more about what is happening at the school and in your community and to meet other parents and school staff.

The Council Needs You!!!!

Please get involved with the Council by attending meetings, providing us with topics you would like to learn more about or joining the Executive Committee. We have vacant positions on the Executive Committee. If you are interested please contact Naz Jakir at jakir@shaw.ca to learn more about the roles. We do not fundraise. We focus on Community Education and Community Engagement.

Help Make a Difference – Please Donate

If you are interested in sponsoring a Byrne Creek Student and have not had the opportunity to do so it is not too late. Please visit the school website and make an online donation through Cash On-line.

Community Council Executives for 2017-18

Chair -	Naz Jakir
Vice Chair -	Vacant
Treasurer -	Laura McIntosh
Secretary -	Hetty Alcuias
Member at Large -	Shams Chowdhury
Member at Large -	Mons Delacruz

issues, accomplishments and diversity of youth across the province.

Wherever Youth Week is celebrated, the idea behind it is the same: *Young people are important and need to be recognized in a constructive and positive manner.* Their contributions need to be acknowledged and celebrated. This is where the Burnaby Youth Citizenship Awards come in. The Youth Week Committee has created these awards to recognize young people in Burnaby who have volunteered their time and skills, contributed to the community, are great citizens and who may have overcome adversity.

Youth Citizenship Award

Youth, 18 years and under, who have made an important contribution to their community and who have a positive attitude and demonstrate qualities such as initiative, enthusiasm and commitment – and who may have overcome adversity – qualify. Youth may be nominated by any member of the community who is not a relative. Nominations open in January of each year, with the awards presented during B.C. Youth Week, May 1 to 7. All nominated individuals are recognized by the Mayor and presented with a Citizenship Certificate. The top five nominees will also be awarded with a \$100 bursary.

For more information on BC Youth Week and the Youth Citizenship Awards, check out bcyouthweek.com or contact Raj Gill at Summit Youth Centre: [604-268-1369](tel:604-268-1369).

Coldest Night of the Year – February 24

Join Burnaby Community Services and the Society to End Homelessness in Burnaby on a fundraising walk, [Coldest Night of the Year](http://www.coldestnightoftheyear.ca), to raise money to support and provide services for Burnaby's homeless citizens. Last year's event raised \$44,000! To join simply sign up and start collecting pledges. You can register as an individual walker or as a team at <https://cnoy.org/location/burnaby>. Show your support, help spread the word.

Fiction Book of the Month – March 7

Bob Prittie Metrotown Library is hosting a free **Fiction Book of the Month** event in an informal, librarian-led book club setting. March's book is [Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0312369612). Registration required by calling 604-436-5410.

BC Youth Week

This international celebration of youth is held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of fun, interaction and celebration that focuses on building strong connections between young people and their communities and that profiles the

