

École Seaforth Elementary School Newsletter

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<http://seaforth.sd41.bc.ca/>

Dates to Remember:

30 September [Curriculum Implementation Day](#) – SCHOOL CLOSED for students

4 October [Hot Lunch Tuesdays, starts today](#)

5,7,11 & 14 October [Family Photo Nights – order forms due by 28 September](#)

10 October Thanksgiving Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

19 October PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm Library

21 October Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL CLOSED for students

[Please visit our school website to view our regularly updated school calendar.](#)

Principal's Message

Dear Seaforth Families:

Welcome to the 2016 – 2017 school year. A special welcome to all the new Seaforth families. It sure seems as though summer vacation was a long time ago. The school year is well underway and things are back to being busy around here. We have already had our first assembly and fire drill and classrooms are bustling with activities. Thank you to all of you for attending Intake Meetings the last couple of days, as well and for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. This is so very valuable at the beginning of a new school year! Our teachers really value the information you are able to share with them about your children as they enter into a year of learning together.

If you have checked the [Staff List on the website](#), you will see that we have many new staff members joining us this year. I know you have had the opportunity to meet your own child's teacher, but I hope you have met our other new staff members as well. If not, please make an effort to do so at your earliest convenience. Please remember to be checking our website regularly as that will be the main method of communication with our families this year. Please take a moment to [subscribe](#), if you have not already do so, to ensure you are receiving all our updates.

I hope that many of you saw our kindness display when you were in this week. We will be working with the theme of kindness throughout this school year and the kindness confetti activity was an opening week activity to kick off the theme. We will be sharing more information throughout the year and hopefully posting a shorter clip of the video the students saw at assembly this week on the website.

There are a couple of very important reminders in the newsletter including the one on traffic. Included for your reference, is the number for the Bylaw Officer should you be experiencing problems with people parked in the Pick Up and Drop Off Zone. This continues to be a problem as many parents are not respectful of the signs and continue to park their vehicles in this zone, which is not allowed and backs up traffic creating problems for other motorists and our students trying to cross at the crosswalk. I know I have spoken about this issue before but it needs repeating as the problems are continuing again this year and we need everyone's cooperation. For the first time this year, we have a Student Services School Bus dropping off and picking up one of our students. It is even more vital that the Pick Up/Drop Off Zone remain clear so we can ensure access for the bus so that the driver can maintain his/her schedule.

We look forward to another exciting year here at Seaforth and to being partners in education with you and your children. We encourage you to become involved with PAC and in school events through volunteering. It is a great opportunity to learn about your school community and become involved with your child's education.

Welcome to École Seaforth!

Mr. Hiltz
Principal / directeur

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

The entire area along Piper Avenue immediately in front of the school right down to the STOP sign on Government Road is a **NO PARKING AREA!!!** This area is for student Drop Off and Pick Up ONLY. There are signs posted all along this area. Despite this fact, we still have parents PARKING in this area. This creates real problems before and after school as it causes traffic to become backed up further up Piper Avenue. The only time you are permitted to stop in this area is to QUICKLY drop off or pick up your child. This **does not** mean that you are to be parked in this area waiting for your child at the end of the day as this prevents traffic from freely flowing through should your child not be there for pick up right away. As well, parking **is not** permitted there in the morning to walk your child to the classroom, even if their classroom may be close by, as this also creates congestion and prevents other parents from driving through the area. The area is kind of like a Drive thru and needs to be treated accordingly – traffic needs to be kept moving through the area at all times.

We recognize that there is not a lot of parking in the area for parents. We do not even have adequate parking for staff on some days. There is parking available on Hunter Street and Jensen Place, as well as at Charles Rummel Park. I have attached a map indicating the parking areas surrounding the school that has been provided to us by the City. It is also posted on our website for your reference. We certainly recognize that parking is a problem, but parking in areas that are not designated for parking only makes the problem worse. We really do need everyone's cooperation in this matter. For your information, the City Bylaw Officer has issued tickets to violators in the past. **Parents, guardians and neighbours who notice persistent violators are encouraged to report information directly to the Burnaby City Engineering, Traffic: 604.294.7460.**

SEAFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Traffic/Parking Restrictions (Based on New City of Burnaby Signs)



NO STOPPING
2:30pm-3:30pm

NO STOPPING
NO PARKING
NO PICKUP/DROPOFF
ANYTIME

PARKING ALLOWED
ANYTIME

NO STOPPING
NO PICK-UP/DROP-OFF
8:30am-9:30am
2:30pm-3:30pm
SCHOOLDAYS

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF
ONLY
8:00am-5:00pm
SCHOOLDAYS

NO PARKING
ANYTIME

PLEASE NOTE

THIS DOCUMENT IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. IT IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO OBSERVE THE ACTUAL STREET SIGNAGE.

IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THIS DOCUMENT AND THE ACTUAL ROAD SIGNS, THE ROAD SIGNS TAKE PRECEDENCE.

PARKING AND WALKING FROM CHARLES RUMMEL PARK IS RECOMMENDED

School Bell Schedule – 2016-2017

8.50 am	Welcome Bell
8.55 am	Instruction Begins
10.30 am	Recess Break
10.45 am	Recess Ends
12.02 pm	Lunch Begins
12.12 pm	Lunch Bell – Students MAY Go Outside
12.25 pm	Students MUST Go Outside (no bell)
12.55 pm	Lunch Ends
1.00 pm	Instruction Begins
3.01 pm	Dismissal

Student Permission and Verification Forms – due by 23 September 2016

We appreciate all of you who have returned your forms to us already. These forms are extremely important and need to be returned to school as quickly as possible. This information will be used to update our records for this school year. Accurate email addresses and telephone numbers are extremely important as well as Emergency Contact Information for your child(ren). It is crucial that we have updated information in the event of an emergency so please keep the school informed of changes through the school year.

If you have not done so already, please make every effort to return all forms to your child's teacher immediately. Thank you to those families who have quickly completed and returned forms.

Parents are reminded to come to the office to review and sign Medical Emergency Action Plans already in place from the 2015.2016 school year.

Change of Address Information Update

If you have a change of address, please arrange to provide the following original documents to the office in order that we may take a photocopy and update your child's file:

Proof of residency of the parent or guardian and student. This must include two items, at least one being from Category A below:

Category A: proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident

Category B: BC hydro bill, BC cable bill, Provincial driver's licence, provincial registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards

For more information, please see the Burnaby School District Website:

<http://www.sd41.bc.ca/registration-procedures/>

Visitors to the School

Parents/Guardians and Guests are reminded that they are to 'check in' with the office when coming to the school. As such, we request that all visitors are using the front door when coming to the school. This makes it convenient for stopping by the office to let us know that you are here. We are able to provide you with a Visitor Badge as well should you be here for a longer period of time. If you are just stopping by to drop something off for your child, we request that you have the item(s) labelled, and leave them in the office. We do not want classes interrupted during instructional time. We will call students to the office during breaks to pick up items that have been dropped off for them. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us track visitors to the school, as this too, is a safety issue.

Criminal Record Checks Required for All Volunteers including Drivers !

Please note that ALL volunteers, including drivers at Seaforth School must provide a current criminal record check each school year (yes, this includes parents, grandparents and care givers). There is no cost to you if you use the letter provided in the Student forms package. Additional copies are available at the office.

Student Safety

***Traffic and Pedestrian Safety**

We all share a common concern about the safety of our children. Together we can ensure this by choosing safety over convenience. We have all observed unsafe driving practices around our school and we frequently hear many concerns from parents. Please obey the traffic safety rules. **Parents, guardians and neighbours who notice persistent violators are encouraged to report information directly to the Burnaby City Engineering, Traffic: 604.294.7460.**

***Walking to School**

- Know the route your child takes to and from school and how long it takes.
- Encourage your child to walk with a friend or in a group, knowing the telephone numbers and addresses of these friends.
- Arrange for your child to arrive at school as close to the morning bell time as possible. Set a time for your child to report home after school.
- Encourage your child to wear light coloured clothing so that they are easily seen on rainy, dark days.
- Review street safety rules with your children.

***Peanut Safety**

We have a number of students in our school who have life-threatening nut allergies, especially peanuts. This means that any contact with peanuts and peanut products may endanger the child's life. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in the past with this issue. We all need to continue to be vigilant. Awareness is key and we appreciate that our students are sent to school with alternatives to foods that may contain peanuts or peanut by-products.

École Seaforth Elementary School is a Nut Free Zone !

Please do not send any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) to school.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe.



Recycling Program

At Seaforth students and staff work very hard to recycle and reduce litter in the environment. Parents can assist us by sending lunches in reusable containers. Thank you to those who have already started doing this. It helps cut down on the amount of garbage we are producing. We also ask students to take home any items that are not recyclable. This helps reduce garbage here at school!

Reporting Students Late or Absent

If your child will be late or absent, **please telephone** the school and leave a message on the answering machine at 604-664-8808 before 8:00 a.m. If your child is absent without notice, the school will attempt to contact you to confirm any absence through the "Check-a-Child" program.

Students Leaving School Early

If you need to pick your child up from school early, **please write** a note to the teacher in advance indicating when your child is to be sent to the office for pick-up. Parents must pick up students at the office and sign the student "out".

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

We are pleased that our school has once again been accepted into this program, administered by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and supported by Healthy Families BC.

Please note a **REVERSE CONSENT FORM** for this program, was sent home with student in the Student Permission Forms package. This means you only respond if you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate. Thank you.

For more information regarding this program, please see: <http://www.sfvnp.ca/for-parents.php>

Wildlife

The City of Burnaby is home for many species of wildlife including bear, deer, coyote, beaver and squirrels. Viewing wildlife within an urban area can be a wonderful experience, but sometimes a nuisance or a safety concern. The province is responsible for wildlife management and conservation concerns, and provides information to residents to reduce human-animal conflict.

The following information may be useful for some human-wildlife interactions in Burnaby.

If you observe dangerous wildlife in an urban area involved in any of the following:

- Accessing garbage or other human supplied food sources
 - Wildlife that cannot be easily scared off
 - Dangerous wildlife is in a public location like a city park or school during daylight hours
 - Cougar or wolf is seen in a urban area
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- **Report a BC Conservation Officer at the 24 hour, Toll Free Call Centre: 1-877-952-7277**
 - **Report coyotes displaying aggressive or threatening behaviour anywhere in British Columbia immediately to: Ministry of Environment's Call Centre: 1-800-663-9453.**
 - For more information please visit: <https://www.burnaby.ca/City-Services/Water---Sewers/Watersheds/Fish--Birds-and-Wildlife.html>

Seaforth School Website – Information & Communication !

Thank you to the many, many Seaforth families who have already subscribed to the Seaforth School Website. Not yet subscribed? Please subscribe today.

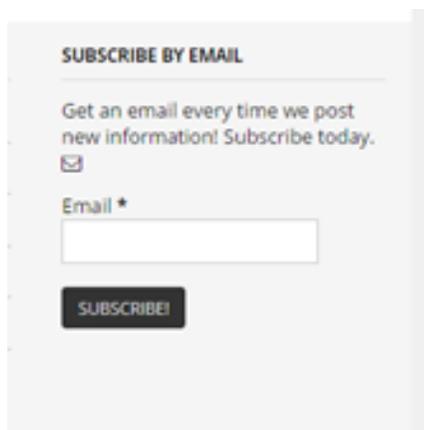
The following links will connect directly to important information posted over the last month:

- [PAC Sponsored - Seaforth Hot Lunch - Fall Session open for ordering](#)
- [PAC Sponsored – Seaforth Family Photo Nights ** DEADLINE September 28](#)
- [Ten Things to Know About BC's New Curriculum](#)
- [2016.2017 Seaforth School Calendar](#)
- [Student Supply Lists](#)

If you have not already, PLEASE subscribe to the [Seaforth School website](#).

This feature is located on the right hand side of the home page, at the very bottom.

Subscribing is an excellent option to help families stay informed. **The subscribe option (see sample picture below) will ensure an email is sent to you every time we post new information.**

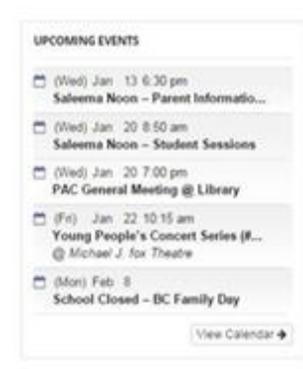


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The Seaforth School website also provides the most current school calendar: **[“upcoming events”](#)** (see sample picture above). This feature is also located on the home page on the right hand side.



Seaforth students and staff enjoyed their first week of school welcoming new staff and students and learning about the importance of incorporating **'kindness'** in our everyday school community. This will be a focus throughout the year. A school wide project was completed in which each school community member demonstrated what kindness meant to them. The results are pictured above. Please take a moment to stop by and read the wonderful messages pictured on the display in the front hallway. Thanks to all the staff and students for making this possible. A special than you to Ms. Tazumi, and Ms. Bastone for their help in creating the display.

Seaforth Childminding Club



The Seaforth PAC is looking for Grade 7 students who are interested in joining Seaforth's Childminding Club to look after children during specific PAC related events. Most PAC meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month 6:45-8:00 p.m.

You must be responsible, dependable, and work well with younger children. A Babysitting Certificate is not required, but is definitely an asset. Candidates must also be able to commit to attending a minimum of three sessions throughout the school year. Recognition awards will be given at the end of the school year to those who qualify.

A schedule will be drafted and forwarded to all candidates when applications have been received.

Please email Alison Cuvier by Monday by Monday September 26. That being said the first PAC Meeting is this Wednesday September 21st so please let me know if you would be available for that date as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank You!

Please forward this e-mail to any other grade 7 Seaforth students you think may be interested.

Alison Cuvier Telephone: 604.786.9154 [Email: alic_paris@hotmail.com](mailto:alic_paris@hotmail.com)

SEAFORTH YOUTH CREDIT UNION



Welcome back Seaforth savers! We are excited to announce that our Seaforth Youth Credit Union will be open for depositing beginning Thursday, October 6th at 12:12pm in the computer lab and every Thursday after that. Be sure to come deposit and win some prizes! We recommend our members to deposit \$1 or more.

For those of you new to Seaforth, our credit union is a Grade 6 and 7 student-run program sponsored by Ms. Yule from VanCity and Ms. Cheung at Seaforth.

Registration forms are available in the office to sign up for a real bank account with VanCity. Completed forms can be returned during our deposit days in the computer lab or to your child's classroom teacher to be forwarded to Ms. Cheung. Students can then deposit money directly into their account at school every Thursday as a great way to save and win prizes. We look forward to serving you this year!

Terry Fox Assembly & Run – Thursday, September 29th, 2016

'Be like Terry'

Parents and guardians are invited to our Terry Fox Assembly in the School Gym @ 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 29th, as we pay tribute to Terry Fox. This year's theme is "Be like Terry". After the assembly, please join us to walk or run the Terry Fox route.

Join us too in our annual "Toonies for Terry" Fundraising Campaign to raise funds for cancer research. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 which represents a donation of one toonie from each of our 500 students. Next week, Division 1 students will be coming around to the classrooms to collect the toonies.

This year, families are also able to make a donation on-line at <http://www.terryfox.ca/SeaforthElementary>

Your contribution is greatly appreciated as it will make a difference for many families who are dealing with, or will be dealing with cancer of a loved one.



Seaforth Grade 7 Band with Mr. D !

**Full Band
Tuesdays @ 7:55 a.m. and
Fridays at 9:00 a.m.**

Sectional Tuesdays @ 7:10 a.m. – Schedule: September

Tuesday 26 flutes

October

Tuesday 4 clarinets
Tuesday 11 saxophones
Tuesday 18 trumpets
Tuesday 25 horn

November

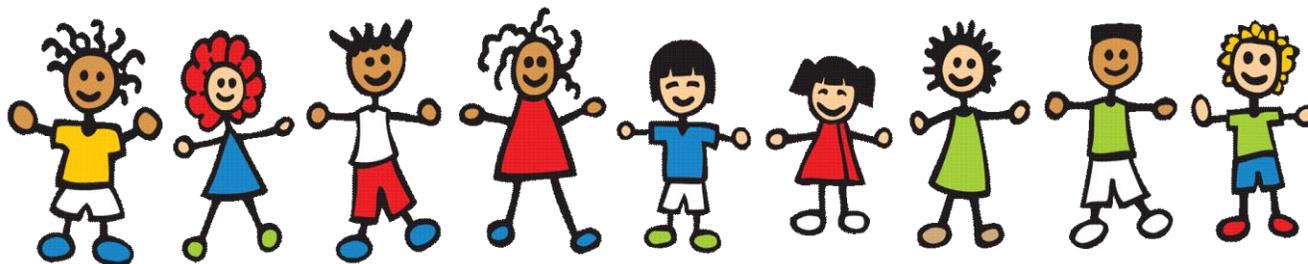
Tuesday 1 trombones / baritones / el bass
Tuesday 8 flutes
Tuesday 15 clarinets
Tuesday 22 saxophones
Tuesday 29 trumpets

December

Tuesday 6 horn
Tuesday 13 trombones / baritones / el bass



COMMUNITY NEWS !



Burnaby Public Library's Fresh Start 2016

In celebration of our 60th anniversary, Burnaby Public Library wants you to "Be Curious..." and start borrowing again! Here's an opportunity to have the overdue fines owing on your library account waived. Visit the service desk of any Burnaby Public Library branch between Monday, September 19 and Sunday, October 2, 2016, and we will waive the late fees currently owing on your library account, up to a maximum of \$100. This is a one-time special amnesty for fines accrued prior to September 19, and is only valid between September 19 and October 2, 2016