

École Seaforth Elementary School

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Dates to Remember:

2 November	Photo Retakes - Student Portraits @ 9am - Library
10 November	Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 am
11 November	Remembrance Day – SCHOOL CLOSED for students
16 November	PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm @ Library
25 November	Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL CLOSED for students

Please visit our school website to view our regularly updated school calendar:

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

Principal's Message

Dear Seaforth Families:

Welcome to fall!! Looks as though we have the accompanying weather to go along with that lately! Soon we will have shorter days and more darkness in the mornings to look forward to as well. I do not like when the days get short like that. I miss the sunshine already. I am sure everyone has settled into the routine of school nicely by now and we have turned our excitement to Halloween which is just around the corner and an even more exciting holiday not too far away either. Where is the time going?

We have been busy here at school getting ready for the many things we do to celebrate Halloween. We have our Great Pumpkin Walk on Friday, October 28th and our Halloween Assembly on Monday. Soon we will be beginning preparations for our Remembrance Day Ceremony as well, November 10th. Before we know it, we will be gearing up for the Santa Breakfast, December 18th. Can you believe that we have some staff members who already had a meeting about the Jingle Bell Walk?!? Things just keep moving right along here at Seaforth.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome M Ryan Racine to our staff. He is joining us from now until the end of the school year and is replacing Mme Whitney. For those of you who have a child in M Racine's class, I am sure you have already had the opportunity to meet him. For the rest of you, please welcome him to the Seaforth community. I would also like to thank M Lucarelli for filling in for us for the past few weeks when Mme Whitney had to leave earlier than expected. It certainly was nice to have someone who was familiar with our school. It helped make the transition easier for everyone.

Please keep in mind the: [Parent Advisory posted October 12, 2016.](#) Also, if weapons are part of your child's costume, please leave them at home. Please remember there are young children participating in the day and avoid costumes that are super scary or gory (especially masks). If your child chooses not to wear their costume, perhaps they might prefer to wear black or orange.

Have a Happy Halloween everyone!!


Mr. Hiltz
Principal/directeur



Thank you to the many families that have made payments using the SchoolCash Online System.

We have had an enormous response from families using the online system to pay for various school fees (eg. student planners, Tennis, YPC, Music Records and various fieldtrips). PLEASE help us eliminate the need to send cash to school with your child(ren). We appreciate your time and consideration.

Instructions can be found on the home page of our school website:

<https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com/> The information required to create / access a SchoolCash account is the student's legal first and last name and the date of birth. A student number is not required nor will it be provided to you for that reason.

In addition to individual classroom field trips and events, CURRENTLY, payment is available on-line for:

- **NOW OVERDUE - Planners @ \$6.50 each – for Students in Grades 1 to 7;** Please note: all Grade 1 to 7 students were provided with a planner the first week of September.
- **Payment and permission form deadline is November 4: Young People's Concert Series – all Students in Grades 4 to 7 participate;** Cost of Series per family: One child \$20; Two children \$30; Three children or more \$40; Permission notices were sent home with students October 19th, 2016. The 2016/2017 Series will include the following three performances: KUNDA: African Culture and Dance, November 21-24 & 28, 2016 The Birth of the CPR: Canadiana Musical Theatre Company, January 23-27, 2017 Mistatim: Red Sky Performance, February 20-24, 2017
- **Tennis @ \$11 per student.** Tennis is part of our PE Program and is designed for all students Kindergarten to Grade 7. Sessions will run February 27 to March 10, 2017. Permission notices will be sent home February 10th, 2017.

Additional items including field trips will be added to the online payment system through the school year. We hope you find this method of payment to be convenient as it eliminates the need to send cash and/or cheques to school with your child. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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://sd41.bc.ca/schools/registration/process.htm>

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 use 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 request a letter from 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.

***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 child.

***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.

Recycling Program

As you are aware, we work very hard at recycling here at Seaforth to help reduce litter in the environment. Parents can assist us by sending lunches to school 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!

Terry Fox Marathon of Hope



On Thursday, September 29th, the students and staff participated in the annual National School Terry Fox Run. Spirited classes attended an assembly where grade seven students spoke and praised Terry for his accomplishments, courage, and determination to succeed. We thank everyone for their support and are happy to say that a donation of \$2,014.45 was sent to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Reporting Students Absent or Late

Regular attendance is vital for student success. Students should, however, remain at home if they are ill. If a student will be absent, a parent/guardian should telephone the school to let us know. Absences and lates are recorded on each student's permanent record.

Students should arrive at school on time every day. We suggest that students plan to arrive at school at 8:45 a.m. so they have the chance to say hi to classmates before school begins. Students who enter class late disturb their classmates and miss important information. If a student arrives late, he/she needs to come to the office to sign in before going to class.

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 Check-A-Child volunteer parents or school staff will attempt to contact you to confirm the absence.

Picking up Students Early from School

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 dismissed and sent to the office for pick-up. Please come to the office to pick-up and sign out your child.

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 that there is a **REVERSE CONSENT FORM** for this program, meaning 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/>

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 the above to a BC Conservation Officer at the 24 hour,**
 - **Toll Free Call Centre: 1-877-952-7277**
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- **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>



Lost and Found

The Lost and Found will be on display **November 7 to 10**, in the hallway outside the Gym. Please drop by and check it out to see if any of the items belong to your child. The office has a lost and found for small items: jewelry, glasses, house keys, etc. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity in December.

Annual Intermediate Ice Skating Field Trip – Wednesday, January 11, 2017

In anticipation of the intermediate skating field trip (Grades 4 to 7) scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017, if you have not already done so, please ensure you provide the school with a completed criminal record check and volunteer driver form. We require these to be complete and submitted well in advance of the field trip date. Forms were sent home with all students in September. Additional copies are available at the office. Thank you for your prompt cooperation. Skate Field Trip Notices will be sent home with students on December 5, 2016.

LIBRARY NEWS – Ms. Higgins



For the latest news about the Seaforth students who completed the BPL's Summer Reading Club, Rachelle Delaney's author visit and the school's Festival du Livre, please go to the School Library's blog : <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/seaforth-library/>

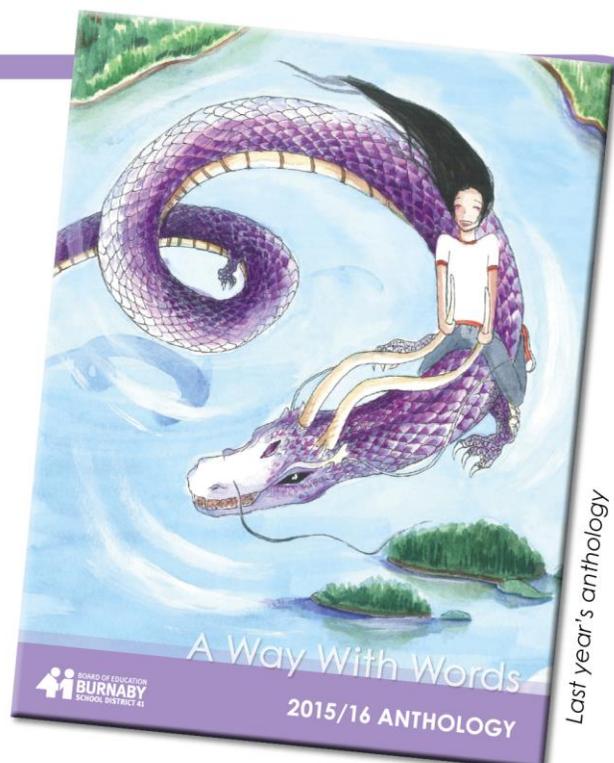
DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about
writing a story or poem
for this year's

WORDS WRITING PROJECT.

It might be chosen to be printed in
the 2016/17 WORDS Anthology!

**Submit your written work to your teacher
by February 6, 2017**



Thank you Seaforth Families – for subscribing to our School Website!

Thank you to the many, many Seaforth families who have already subscribed to our School Website. For families not yet subscribed, the following links will connect directly to important information posted over the last month:

- [NOW OVERDUE! – School Fees – Student Planners and Young People's Concerts and more !](#)
- [PAC October 2016 Newsletter](#)
- [Information on weather-related closures](#)
- [Parent Advisory October 12, 2016](#)
- [Interim Ministerial Order on Reporting 2016/17](#)
- [Letter from the Ministry of Education – 4 October 2016](#)

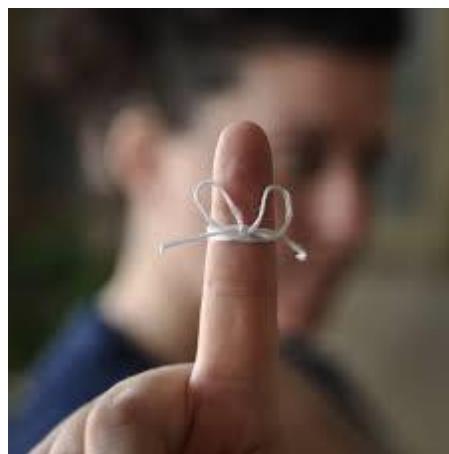
If you have not already, PLEASE subscribe to the [Seaforth School website](#). This feature is located on the right hand side of the home page, at the very bottom. Subscribing is an excellent option to help families stay informed. **The subscribe option will ensure an email is sent to you every time we post new information.**

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.

Some Gentle Reminders

HALLWAY SAFETY It is important to us that parents feel welcome in the school, and that we maximize student learning time and safety. If parents are in the hallways to drop off and pick up their children at the beginning and end of the day, this creates congestion as classes are moving from place to place. It can also result in distractions as teachers and students are going through the morning and end of day routines. We ask parents to drop off and pick up their children by the outside door. If you need to have a word with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to ensure that your child's teacher is able to give you the attention you deserve.



FORKS AND SPOONS FOR STUDENT LUNCHES A healthy snack and healthy lunch are very important for students of all ages. Please ensure to pack easy to open containers and all utensils needed for your child's snack or lunch. There are no utensils available to provide to students.

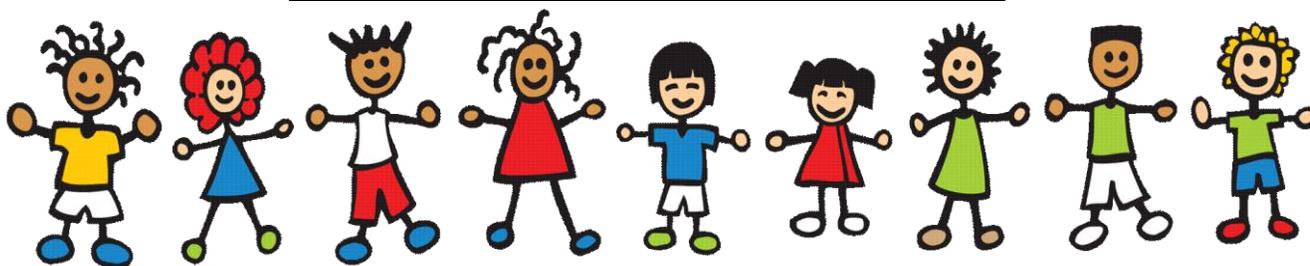
ALLERGIES There are a number of students who have serious, life-threatening peanut/nut allergies. This means that any contact with peanuts/nuts, nut products, or even traces of nuts can endanger a child's life. If you are sending treats to school, we ask you keep this in mind and please do not send snacks and lunch items that contain nuts or nut oils.

We appreciate your cooperation.



A special thank you to: Ms Tazumi for creating this month's display in the school's front entrance; and to Ms Boulanger for coordinating the pumpkins which will be distributed to students at the 'Great Pumpkin Walk', Friday, November 28.

COMMUNITY NEWS !



LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE? LET THE YMCA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL HELP!

We provide families with child care information & referrals to local facilities. From explaining your options to assisting with child care subsidy processes, we're here to help!

Contact us at:
Metrotown Community Resource Centre
4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC
604.294.1109

www.gv.ymca.ca

LOVE THE WATER? CHECK OUT WATER POLO!

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for our Boys and Girls Beginners Water Polo (6-13 years of age). Our program runs from Sept to April. Practices are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays from 5-7 pm.

Games are played on Sundays with locations to be announced.

Contact Zoran Maletic at 778-328-2657 or email contact@burnabywaterpolo.com for more information or visit www.burnabywaterpolo.com



<https://www.burnaby.ca/Things-To-Do/Be-Active-Programs.html>