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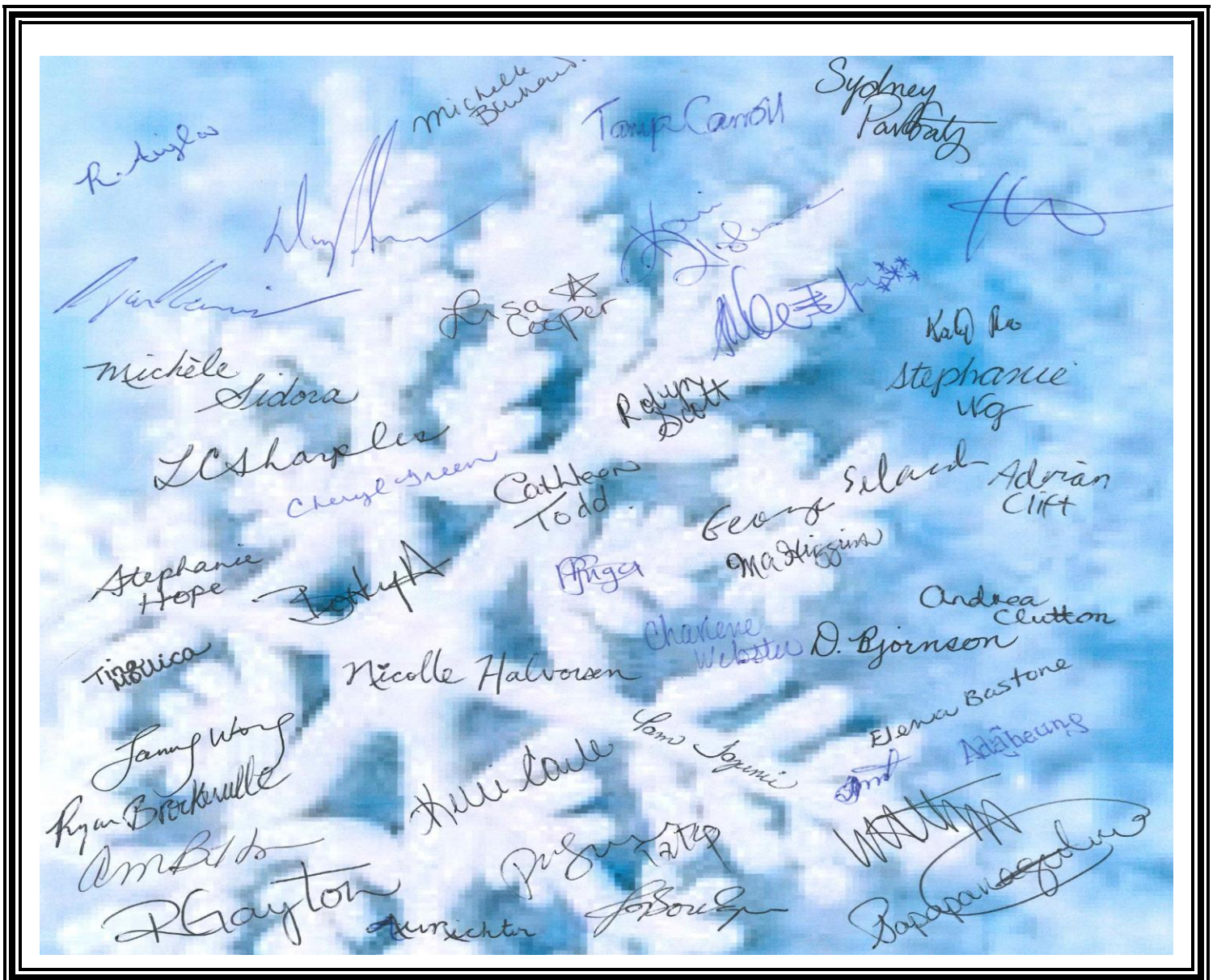
Dates to Remember:

- December 14 1st Term Report Cards go home (please return signed envelope)
- December 14 7:00 p.m. – PAC General meeting, Library
- December 16 Annual **Santa Breakfast** AND **Last full day of classes** before Winter Break
- January 3 School re-opens**
- January 11 Annual Ice Skate Event
- January 20 7:00 pm – PAC General meeting, Library
- January 25 9:00 am bus departure - [Young People's Concert #2 Divisions 1 to 10](#)
- February 6 – 10 La semaine de Carnaval !

NEW AND IMPROVED !!! Please visit our NEW school website: <http://seaforth.sd41.bc.ca/>

Subscribe today at the bottom right hand side of the website.

Happy Holidays from École Seaforth School Staff !



Jingle Bell Walk's 22nd Anniversary

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our Seaforth families and our community for their generosity in making our 22nd Annual Jingle Bell Walk a heartwarming experience and success. Through the help of many, we managed to collect enough goods to fill nearly 170 boxes for donation (plus cash and cheques) to The Greater Vancouver Food Bank. A special thank you to our parents for helping. Thanks also to Seaforth's PAC for arranging the tasty treats that were served after our walk. To our students and staff, we appreciate your support in making Christmas special for so many others.



Seaforth Angel Project Toy Drive

The PAC would like to extend a huge thank you to the Seaforth families and staff members who contributed to the Angel Project Toy Drive.

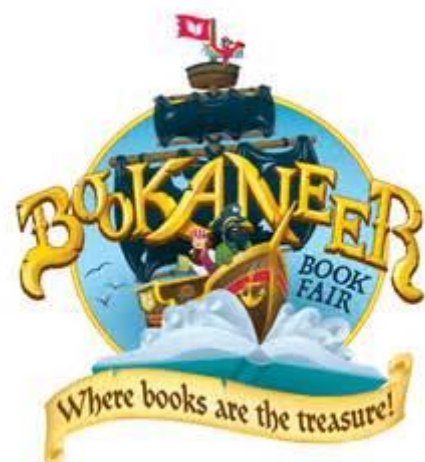
All the toys collected have been sent to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau's toy room and will be distributed to Burnaby children who otherwise might have gone without this Christmas. A special thank you to our parent volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Sandra Mankoo, for organizing this special event.

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we were able to deliver over 100 toys!

As always, we are moved and amazed by the spirit of community that can be found in our school!

Ahoy, Mateys! Thank you for your Support!

Thank you to all the students and their families who came to the **Scholastic Book Fair**. It was a great success; so much so, that Ms. Higgins will be able to purchase new books with the funds that we raised. As they say, everybody wins: families have new books for their home and the library has new books for the students! The winner of the Family Draw prize was a student from Mrs. Clutton's class. Both Mrs. Clutton and the student won \$25.00 worth of books. A big thank you to Parent Volunteer, Mrs. Michelle Sherwood and her crew of volunteers who devoted their time to run the book fair. Thank you also to the library monitors from Division 3 who volunteered to help at lunchtime and after school.



Grade 6/7 Girls Volleyball

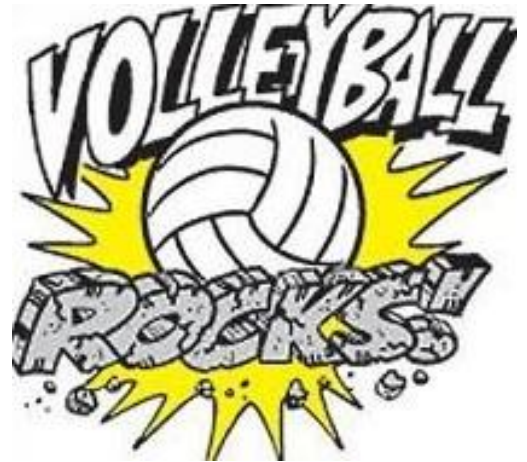
Mr. Brockerville had the privilege of coaching the Girls Volleyball Team during Term 1. The ladies showed tremendous team spirit and commitment while participating in two practices and one game each week. All ladies showed major improvements over the duration of the season and really came together as a team. Seaforth Grade 7s showed remarkable team spirit and sportsmanship during the Playday at Alpha Secondary School on November 24th. Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball Team for an astounding season! A special thank you to parent volunteer Annie Hobson for her coaching assistance and to all parent driver volunteers.

Grade 6 Team Members:

Harmony, Avani, Amaliya, Alice, Lauren, Hilary, Mia, Jaedyn, Cailee, Malaina, Savanna, Teiya, Anastasia, Vanessa, Nikki, Kaviya

Grade 7 Team Members:

Andrijana, Leah, Shannon, Jessica C, Jessica B, Manishika, Avia, Yeira, Lucy, Amelie, Abby, Julianna, Janice, Emily, Madison, Jasmine, Diana, Alisha, Ella, Maddi



Please Return Report Card Envelopes

First term report cards were sent home December 14th. Please sign and return the Report Card envelope to your child's teacher to acknowledge that you have received and read the report. Comments are also welcome. The contents of the Report Card envelope are yours to keep. Thank you.



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

In anticipation of the intermediate skating field trip ([Grades 4/5](#) and [Grades 6/7](#)) 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 were sent home with students on December 5, 2016.

Annual Clothing Drive – Spring 2017

Winter has arrived!

After winter follows spring and spring cleaning. So hold onto those clothes your children have outgrown, or those Christmas gifts that 'Aunt Gertrude' mailed from afar and just aren't right.

There will be a clothing drive in the spring to take those unwanted clothes and small household items off your hands.



Additionally you will be supporting a worthy charity the [Developmental Disabilities Association](#).

Let your neighbors and families know.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.

A donation bag will be sent home the week before Spring Break for **collection the week after Spring break.**

This is a fundraiser supports the Annual Quebec trip.

If you have any questions please contact Wendy O'Shea: wamo@telus.net

My name is Katherine Mezei, and I am in the sixth grade at Seaforth Elementary School. For Seaforth's annual Holiday Market, I sold homemade bars of soap at my table, run by me with help from my mom. I donated all of the proceeds to the Burnaby Children's Fund, a foundation started by Burnaby teachers and counsellors. The foundation funds Burnaby children in need and their families with food, medical services or other essential requirements.



Why is it that I make soap, of all things? It all started when my mom taught me how. Soap is made by mixing lye, water and oils together. In most factory-made soaps, they add other ingredients to their batches and remove the moisturizing glycerine, which is a by-product of making soap. These other ingredients can cause rashes and dry skin on some people. My mom is one of those people. She taught herself how to make all natural soaps that she'd use. For Christmas gifts one year my mom and I made sugar scrubs, which are exfoliation products. The

next year, my mom taught me how to make soap. I instantly fell in love with the activity because it was something we could do together, even though it was complex and we had to wear safety goggles when mixing the lye and water. Something about choosing the scents and creating the pretty patterns make me feel relaxed. This year, I wanted to make more and sell them for charity. From September to November, we'd make at least one batch of soap every weekend. I am very proud that we donated \$295 to the Burnaby Children's Fund this year.

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:

- [Friday, December 16, 2016 – Last Full Day of Classes before Winter Break](#)
- [Second YPC Performance-Set Schedule: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 bus leaves Seaforth @ 9:00 am](#)
- [Dental Treatment for children without Dental Coverage](#)
- [Information on weather-related closures](#)
- [Important Information from the Ministry of Education- 29 November 2016](#)
- [Please support École Seaforth School PAC !](#)
- [Kindergarten to Grade 7 – February is application and registration month for the 2017-2018 school year.](#)

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”. This feature is also located on the home page on the right hand side.



Gr.6/7 Boys Volleyball

Coach Pankratz is very proud of the Boys Volleyball Team. They showed great commitment by showing up for two practices and one game each week. All of the boys showed tremendous growth in their skills, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, and most importantly had fun! We had a successful playday at Burnaby Central, playing 8 games in a row.

Congratulations to the Boys Volleyball Team for such a successful season! Thank you to parent volunteers Steve Tanahara and Ammi Tran for helping to coach.

Grade 6 Team Members:

Declan, Kian, Fredson, Kyle, Anthony, Jalen, Sahil, Dylan, Dayton, Spencer, Alex, Lorenzo, Skyler, Brendan

Grade 7 Team Members:

Elvin, Zia, Abdullah, Vincent, Quinn, Nicholas, Jakob, Zach, Tommy, Charlie, Marcel, Troy, Joey, Pari

Co-Ed Volleyball

Coaches Mr. Brockerville and Mrs. Pankratz chose players for the Co-Ed team based on their attitude in practices and games, consistency in play, and skill level. After only two weeks of practicing together, the team will play at Burnaby Mountain on December 15th against very skilled teams. Good luck Co-Ed Team!

Co-Ed Team:

Quinn, Jakob, Marcell, Charlie, Madison, Emily, Abby



Seaforth Holiday Market

The Seaforth Holiday Market was a great success. We would like to thank all the families that came out and supported the event as well as all the volunteers that helped put such a successful event together. A special thank you to the vendors that came out and supported the event.

Happy Holidays from the Green Elves

This winter break, our school will be participating in a district-wide holiday shut down program to help reduce energy waste. We wanted to invite all our families / staff to practice energy efficiency (at home) over the holidays too. So here are our top tips for reducing energy waste and staying on the nice list this holiday season:

1. **Turkey Dinner** – did you know opening the oven door reduces temperatures by as much as 25 degrees and increases cooking time? Use the oven light to take a peek at that pie when you can, and consider cooking more than one item in the oven at a time (leaving space around the dishes for the heat to distribute evenly). If you've got lots of dishes on the go, microwave ovens use as little as 50% of the energy of a conventional oven.
2. **Merry and Bright** – if you haven't already made the switch, LED lights use 80-90% less energy than incandescent and don't heat up – protecting little hands from burns, keeping the house cooler, and reducing fire hazards. They come in a wide variety of colours and you can check BCHydro.com for incentives.
3. **Time your Lights** – you want to keep the festive cheer going, but maybe not all night! Consider using timers on your lights (indoor and outdoor) for the nights you forget to unplug. Timers also work great if you're going away for the holiday and want to make it look like someone is home.
4. **Warm Wishes** – the holiday season can also mean a workout for your heating system. Clean or change your air filter to save energy and improve air quality. Reducing the heat before your guests arrive also means your space will be more comfortable when all the family is there. If you're feeling ambitious, try turning down the heat by a degree or two every day to make better use of those fantastic holiday sweaters and long johns.
5. **Unplug and Unwind** – did you know that an estimated 5% of the energy used at home is "phantom power" – energy consumed when an appliance isn't in use to power adapters, clocks, lights and other small loads. Use smart strips or power bars to save this wasted energy and if you're headed away for the holidays, consider unplugging items altogether. If you're purchasing electronics or appliances for the holidays look for the EnergyStar label to find energy efficient options.



The following represent student work "AS IS". Errors are a part of each student's style at this time and are published unchanged. – Mrs. Boulanger



My name is Alden and I live in Burnaby B.C. I think we should work together to end homelessness. I think we should work together because people do not have enough money to rent a place or buy a place.

Or maybe they weren't qualified enough for a job. They may have a job, most of the money goes to rent. Or they don't have enough money for food, water, shelter, clothing and shoes. I think we should work together to fundraise by asking for donations. The money raised will be used for programs. One program would help homeless people in job interviews by giving them skills to get the job. Another program will be training them for the job. Lastly we can volunteer to build a house with them so it is cheaper and they have a place to live. Rent free.

These are the ways to work together to help homeless people.

Sincerely, Alden - Grade 5



My name is Aidan and I live in Burnaby, B. C. I would like to inform you that even Children can become homeless.

These are some ways that Children and families can become homeless, some parents leave their families or one of the parents dies and there is just one parent only one parent affording every thing for the family. That means not enough money for the child and the Parent to afford food, a home or clothes, etc. I think we should Increase family wages so they are livable, this means that families living in poverty can Probably Afford food, clothes and a house.

Build family shelters so they can live some where if they do not have enough money. Provide housing by the government so people living in poverty Can have a Home. (Have a) food Program at school so kids can have something healthy to eat every day. Have fundraising and donations so kids and families with not enough money can get clothes and school supplies, etc. (Provide) funding for teens and Parents to go to school with a good education so they can get good jobs that pay.

Even children can become homeless.

Sincerely yours Aidan - Grade 5



My name is Evan, and I live in B·B·Y·B·C. I think that people shouldn't be judged by the way they look.

One reason why we should do this is because Joshua Bell did a experiment. He dressed up like a homeless person in the subway on Friday January 2007. He played music (one of the most famous songs "Ave Maria".) to see if people notice him and most people just passed him!

That mean's people judge people by the way they look!

Secondly, we should ask families to teach their children about homelessness (because children can grow up and change the world!) and read them the book "The Man with the Violin".

If we do judge people then everyone will judge people by the way they look (which is bad because then there will be no friends.)

Please remember: Don't judge people by the way they look.

Sincerely,

Evan - Grade 4



My name is Alayna and I live in Port Moody, B· C. I think we need more jobs that pay enough for people's survival needs.

Firstly I believe people are't getting enough money for their survival needs, if they get payed enough money they won't get sick much.

Secondly I think that we need more teachers and doctors for this situation because more doctors will help people to not get sick as much.

Thirdly I believe people should stay in University longer, so they can get a better job.

However I also think we should increase the minimum wage to about 15.00 per hour so they can have enough money to pay for there survival needs.

Last but not least I thank you for your time.

Alayna - Grade 4



My name is Ryan and I live in Burnaby B.C. Could you please print my letter? I think people don't have enough money to buy food. I think people have no money because they are spending money on expensive things like rent, food, drinks and clothes. They cannot buy what they need. They cannot pay rent, take a bus, pay for hydro and internet.

Some people do not earn enough money because their jobs pay very little. We need more jobs and higher minimum wage. We need to encourage people to make more donations to food banks.

The government should cut taxes and build more low rental houses.

Sincerely,

Ryan - Grade 5

[Information Regarding Winter Weather School Closures](#)

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff about Burnaby School District weather related school closure announcements.

All schools will remain **OPEN**, unless there is heavy snowfall, damage or other circumstances (eg. power outage) that make it impossible to operate safely. The district will do its best to communicate school or district-wide closures or cancellations by 6:30 am. This information will be posted on the front page of the district website and tweeted out (follow us on Twitter @burnabyschools). However, please keep in mind that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems.

The most reliable way to learn of school closures is to listen for updates on the following radio stations:

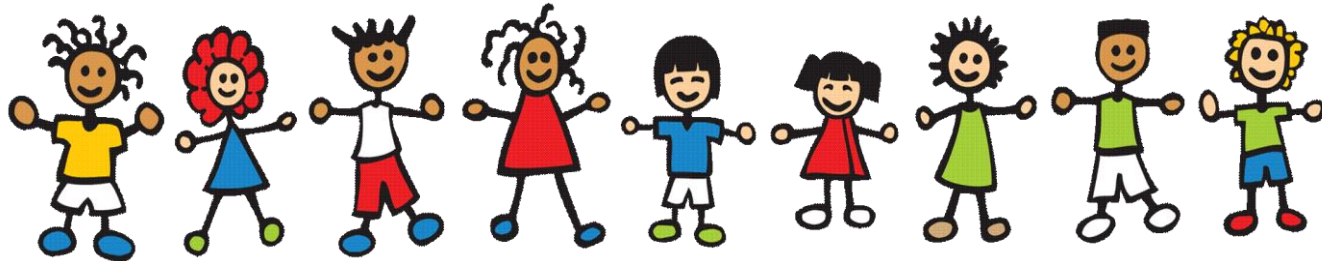
CBC AM 690 CBC Radio One FM 88.1 CKWX AM 1130 – NEWS 1130 AM
CKNW AM 980 Fairchild AM 1470 Fairchild FM 96.1

Please do not call the radio station – simply tune in and listen for the announcements which will be made on a regular basis.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. Please walk elementary children to the door of their school if you are uncertain whether the school is open or not. If for any reason you feel that your child cannot travel safely to school then you should notify the school that your child will be absent.

Student safety is a shared responsibility. With your cooperation and support related to winter weather procedures, we can achieve safe conditions for all.

COMMUNITY NEWS !



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