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WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES - A REMINDER

With the latest arrival of the snow reminding us that it is still winter, we'd like to remind you of our winter weather closure procedures. These include when a decision will be made and what and how it will be conveyed. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see these procedures as outlined on our District website.

As always, should you wish to keep your child /children home due to weather conditions, you may absolutely do so – just let your school know of this decision. Our dedicated facilities team has been working around the clock and on the weekends clearing snow from our sites. Constructive and respectful feedback on any weather closure decisions or any snow or ice issues is always appreciated. So it can be addressed, please send this feedback to communications@sd41.bc.ca

THREE YEAR PROPOSED CALENDAR

Burnaby School District is welcoming feedback and comments until March 9, 2017, about the proposed three year calendar. The final calendar will be presented to the Burnaby Board of Education for approval on **Monday, March 27** at their regular public meeting. To view the proposed calendars for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years: [CLICK HERE](#)

REGISTER IN FEBRUARY FOR THE 2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you have a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall? Do you want your child to attend a school that is not their local school next year? Are you looking at submitting an application for your child to attend a specialized program? Or do you know families in Burnaby or outside Burnaby who might wish to attend a Burnaby District school next year for the first time? Please note that registration for the upcoming school year begins on February 1 and priority placement will be given to applications received in February. To learn more: [CLICK HERE](#)

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

An information evening is being held for parents of students with special needs who will be starting kindergarten at a District school next Fall. It will take place on **Tuesday, March 7** from 6:30 pm – 8 pm at Burnaby Central Secondary (Library room A301) located at 6011 Deer Lake Parkway. Note: No childcare available

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON REPORT CARDS

The Ministry of Education is seeking parent input with regards to student reporting for the redesigned curriculum. The ultimate goal is to develop a student reporting process that gives families a deeper understanding of their child's progress at school through timely and comprehensive information. Until **February 28**, you can submit your thoughts online: [CLICK HERE](#)

PUBLIC SPEAKING CHALLENGE

The Public Speaking Challenge is unique to Burnaby Schools. For 33 years it has provided grade 7 students the opportunity to develop their confidence and pursue excellence in public speaking. On **Wednesday, March 8**, starting at 7 pm, the top two finalists from each zone will present their unique speeches to a panel of judges. The common theme for this year's speech is "This Makes Me Proud." All are welcome to attend this free event that will take place at Byrne Creek's Centre for Dialogue.

ON WITH THE SHOW

There are three extraordinary high school shows worth checking out before Spring Break. All shows start at 7 pm and tickets will be available at the door.

Bravo to the students and staff who have worked so hard to create this magic - so many reasons to be proud of Burnaby Schools!

- **THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER** March 1- 3 at Burnaby Central (Drama Studio)
A Burnaby Central Theatre presentation \$12/\$8
- **THE WIZARD OF OZ** March 8 -10 at Michael J Fox Theatre
A Burnaby Mountain Theatre Company presentation \$15/\$10
- **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** March 1- 4 at Burnaby North (large gym) \$15/\$12

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

A reminder to families that **Monday, February 13** is the Family Day holiday. The City of Burnaby is offering plenty of great family activities to enjoy: [CLICK HERE](#) Then, **Friday, February 17** is a District Pro-D day, where teachers get the opportunity to spend the day learning. Finally, this year's spring break/District closure days take place **March 13 to 24**. The City of Burnaby is offering a wide range of activity options during this time plus for the Pro-D day. To view these: [CLICK HERE](#) Limited spaces are available so early registration is recommended.

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