

École Seaforth Elementary School

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Dates to Remember:

30 October	Great Pumpkin Walk @ 10:45am
31 October	Spooktacular Assembly @ Gym 10:45
1 November	Photo Retakes - Student Portraits @ 9am - Library
9 November	Remembrance Day Ceremony @ gym 10:45 am to Noon
10 November	SCHOOL CLOSURE
13 November	Remembrance Day Observance – SCHOOL CLOSED
15 November	PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm @ Library
24 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/>

Dear Seaforth Families:

Is it really the end of October already? We have had so many exciting events, and we are potentially going to be blessed with one more week of sunshine before the typical wet-coast weather settles in. Here at Seaforth, we have settled into our routines; cross country is already completed, and volleyball season is already upon us. In addition, students have participated in the annual Terry Fox Run, as well as two school presentations, Kung Jaadee and the Earth Rangers. We have completed some fire drills and most recently, participated in the great BC Shakeout Earthquake Drill. In addition to our routines, we have had some outstanding para-curricular activities. Several classes have gone on field trips ranging from touring the Burnaby Art Gallery to visiting the pumpkin patch, while others played golf or enjoyed a workshop with Gardenworks, to name but a few.

Currently, staff and students are looking ahead to our Great Pumpkin Walk on October 30th (remember to have kids wear orange and black), and don't forget about our *Spooktacular Assembly* on October 31st!! Also, I *boo* believe you should stop by and see our *fang-tastic* Hallowe'en display in the front hallway. *Orange* you glad we have such a fun, vibrant, active school community?

On a more serious note, we will also be readying ourselves for our Remembrance Day Ceremony which is planned for November the 9th this year. Before we know it, the wintry weather and Santa's Breakfast, on December 22nd, will be upon us!!

A.M. Bilton (for)

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.schoolcashionline.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 @ \$7 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.
- **NOW OVERDUE - Payment and permission form deadline was 13 October: 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 2nd, 2017. The 2017/2018 Series will include the following three performances:
 - ✓ BLUES BERRIES : Blues Rocks! November 20th-27th 2017;
 - ✓ MONSTER THEATRE: Shakespeare's Dream January 22nd-26th 2018;
 - ✓ SHAYNA JONES: Folk and Wisdom Tales from Around The World Feb 19th-23rd 2018

Additional items including field trips, workshops and special events 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 28th, 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 \$1,158.05 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 604.296.9028 extension "2". 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 604.296.9028 extension "2" before 8:00 a.m. when possible. If your child is absent without notice, school office staff will attempt to contact you to confirm the absence.

Students arriving late or leaving early MUST sign in or out at the office. Thank you for your continued support and consideration.

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
- **Report the above to 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>



Lost and Found

The Lost and Found will be on display **November 6 to 9**, 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 – Friday December 8, 2017

In anticipation of the intermediate skating field trip (Grades 4 to 7) scheduled for Friday, December 8, 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. Criminal Record Check Form Letters 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 November 1, 2017.

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

In September 2015, École Seaforth School started communicating with parents through the school website. It has been over a year since Seaforth STOPPED using email for general school communication.

ALL school communication is now posted to the School Website: newsletters, special events, Professional Days, calendars, messages from PAC, Hot Lunch Updates, and much, much more. There are few exceptions, when the school does communicate by email for example: direct parent communication from teachers and administration, Grade 7 communication from Parent Committees, etc.

Parents and guardians should be subscribed, to ensure receipt of new information / communication posted to the school website. 1. subscribe on the school website; 2. complete the subscription process by confirming the subscription system email.

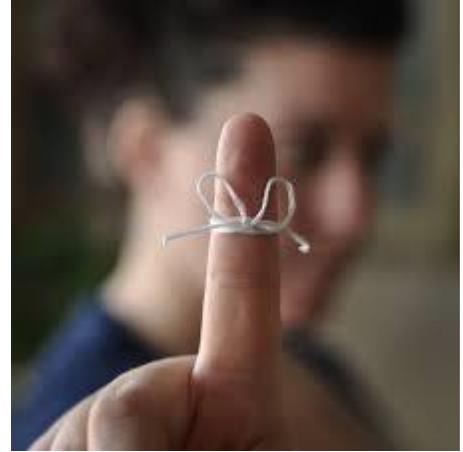
The following will connect directly to important information posted over the last month: [View all items posted to the school website for the month of October, 2017](#)

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.

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.

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.



LIBRARY NEWS – Ms Higgins

Thank you to the families and students who attended the French Book Fair, Festival du Livre, during the Student-Intake meetings. With your support, we managed to get over one thousand dollars worth of French books for the school library. Thank you to the parent volunteers and student library monitors who worked so hard putting on the book fair.

Author Visit – Thursday, November 2, 2017

Shane Peacock, award-winning Canadian Children's author will be presenting to Divisions 1- 13 students. Students have an opportunity to pre-order one of his books beforehand or purchase on the day of his visit – please see Ms Higgins.

Mark your calendars!



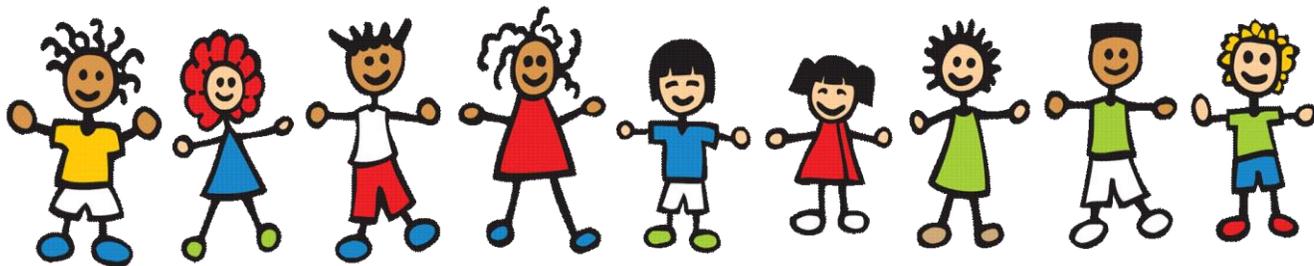
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - November 28, 29 & 30, 2017

lunch-time & after school @ the Seaforth school library



A special thank you to Ms Tazumi and her art team for creating this month's **boo**tiful display in the school's front entrance; and to Ms Higgins for coordinating the pumpkins which will be distributed to student at the "Great Pumpkin Walk", Monday October 30, 2017

COMMUNITY NEWS !



2017 BC Junior Chess Championship

at Richmond Lansdowne Centre Nov 11-13, 2017

Open to all BC Juniors (born after Jan 1, 1998)

Register Now!!

Registration and Details at:

<http://chess2inspire.org/bc-junior-championship-tournament-2017>

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**AT ÉCOLE BRANTFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6512 BRANTFORD AVENUE, BURNABY BC**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24TH, 2017 3PM TO 8:00PM
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, 2017 10AM TO 4PM**

TO BE A VENDOR OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DENISEFOXALL@YAHOO.COM



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 6512 Brantford Avenue, Burnaby BC V5E 2S1
 Phone 604.296.9002 <http://brantford.sd41.bc.ca/>

WINTER CRAFT FAIR 2017

Friday November 24th, 2017 3pm—8:00pm Saturday November 25th, 2017 10am—4pm

VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

VENDOR INFORMATION: - Craft Fair submission selection is by jury process
 - Artisan handmade items and Home Tradespeople
Application Process: - Email your application and pictures files by Monday 23 October 2017 to denisefoxall@yahoo.com or
 - Drop off application form along with pictures attached by Monday 23 October 2017
 NOTE: Please DO NOT bring the actual craft items to the school

General Information: - Fee: \$40
 - Table size: 6' x 2'6" (total allocated space, including table, approx. 6' x 6'
 - This is a craft fair for hand-crafted goods or Home Tradespeople (eg. Avon, Mary Kay etc.)

Your Label Name: (if applicable...eg. "BrantfordCrafts")

Vendor Name:		Email:	
Address:		TEL (home):	
City/Postal Code:		TEL (cell):	

Craft(s) or Home Trade(s) to be sold (general description):

Details of Main Craft or Home Trade Items	Price
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
4.	\$

SPECIAL REQUESTS (We will do our best to accommodate, but not guaranteed):

Do you require electricity?
 Electrical outlets may or may not be available. Your need for an outlet may determine the location of your craft table.

YES NO

Other: (Please describe, eg. Corner, against a wall, next to another vendor, etc.):

CRAFT CATEGORY
 (SELECT ONE OR MORE):

Jewellery

Cards

Food Items

Xmas/Holiday Items

Textiles/Fibre (eg Sewing, Knitting)

Pottery

Other (description):

By submitting this application, you are agreeing to the terms outlined in "Vendor Information" on page 2. École Brantford will make every effort to satisfy the craft fair needs specified by you in this application form. However, it might not be possible to meet all needs. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.