

## Information for Families of Elementary Students

### **FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENING**

French Immersion provides an opportunity for children whose first language is not French to learn a second language. Any child residing in Burnaby may apply to enter the French Immersion program. Early French Immersion starts in kindergarten or grade 1. Late French Immersion starts in grade 6.

To learn more about this language program option, parents are invited to attend an information session happening Thursday, January 18, from 6:30 - 8 pm at Ecole Seaforth Elementary, 7881 Government Road

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### **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

Burnaby's Secondary Schools offer so many opportunities for students to be inspired to reach their potential. Learning options include Career Education programs, Summit programs, Sports Academies, the BETA mini-school for highly able learners, AP courses and the AP Capstone Diploma program. New for Fall 2018 are a volleyball and lacrosse academy and three leading edge technology programs – all at Cariboo Hill.

Students going into grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to attend our Secondary School Open House Events taking place in January and February. They provide an opportunity to tour the schools, meet the staff, and learn about optional programs and course selection. [CLICK HERE](#) for the schedule.

### **WORDS WRITING PROJECT**

Does your child love to Write? The District is proud of a unique literacy tradition that began in 1985, the WORDS Writing Project. It celebrates the best in student writing and promotes literacy in our schools by inviting students district-wide, from kindergarten to grade 12, to submit an original story or poem for this year's Words Writing Project. It might be chosen to be published in the 2017/18 limited edition anthology. Talk to your child's teacher to learn more. Writing must be submitted to the teacher by February 15.

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### **BURNABY COMMUNITY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Burnaby Schools offers one of the largest district run Continuing Education programs in BC. It supports the educational needs of a variety of adult learners including those wishing to learn English, complete their high school graduation, train for a career, or those interested in learning something new.

Courses are offered during the day, evening and weekends. More than 500 medical experts, business consultants, computer technicians, lawyers, human relations experts, entrepreneurs, contractors, and horticulturists form our flexible network of instructors. Come Learn With Us Today! [LEARN MORE](#)

**COME TRY GIRLS HOCKEY – FREE**

Would you like to see why girl's hockey is one of the fastest growing sports and see if you like it? Girls from Burnaby, and neighboring cities, are invited to come try ice hockey in a fun, safe on-ice session with the Burnaby Wildcats, the female division of the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association!

**Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018** at Kensington Park Arena, 6159 Curtis St, Burnaby

▪ 12:15-to 1:15pm OR 1:45 to 2:45pm

Everything Is Provided - Equipment, Coaches, Wildcat Players & Refreshments!

Registration is required. For more information or to register [CLICK HERE](#)

**INTRO TO LACROSSE 2018 - BURNABY LAKERS MINOR LACROSSE**

Boys and girls born during 2008-2013 are invited to learn the basics of Lacrosse

Choose Friday, Saturday or Sunday sessions starting January 26. Five sessions for just \$40.

Played at Charles Rummel Centre, 3630 Lozelles Avenue, Burnaby.

Register and [LEARN MORE](#) (Click on the event tab)

\*Register for Intro to Lacrosse and receive \$20 off the 2018 Burnaby spring/summer season

**BURNABY LAKERS MINOR BOX LACROSSE SPRING/SUMMER SEASON**

The spring/summer box lacrosse season runs March/April to June/July.

Register and [LEARN MORE](#)

Need more info? Contact Susan Kirkby @ [registrarbmlc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarbmlc@gmail.com)

**THUNDERBIRDS TRACK & FIELD / CROSS COUNTRY FOR JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT ATHLETES**

Thunderbirds Track and Field Club is pleased to announce our Junior Development expansion to the new resurfaced track facility at SWANGARD STADIUM. Club membership offers year round opportunities for athletes aged 9-13 in a fun, supportive, and motivating environment with guaranteed low athlete-coach ratios, and a focus on FUN-damental skill development across all event disciplines.

All athletes welcome to one week of free "trial" training before committing to membership

Track & Field Practice begins January 9 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 6 - 7:30 pm at Swangard Stadium. (Meet in parking lot on east side of stadium, access from Kingsway)

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\*For information on financial assistance please contact [kendra@thunderbirdstrack.org](mailto:kendra@thunderbirdstrack.org) or 778-678-7595

### **LOVE THE WATER? CHECK OUT WATER POLO!**

Do you enjoy swimming? Do you like team sports? Try water polo! It's a great way to develop your water skills and it's a lot of fun as well!

Come give the game a try. Boys and girls are invited to join us for one of our free introductory water polo clinics on Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20 or 27 from 3 – 4 pm, at Bonsor Pool. Please call to reserve a spot as space is limited.

Burnaby Water Polo Club is now accepting registration for boys and girls (6-13 years) for beginner water polo. Winter program runs from January to April. Practices and games are at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, on Saturdays 3-5 pm and Sundays 8-10 am. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **CHESS2INSPIRE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 2018**

January 26 - 28 at Lansdowne Centre, Richmond

Open to all BC Juniors born after Jan 1, 1999

Online registration only: Early bird ends Jan 7. Registration closes on Jan 25 at 5pm.

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### **TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES**

Four times a year TransLink makes changes to bus schedules to reflect seasonal changes in demand and to add more service to where customers need it most. Seasonal Changes will be in effect Dec 18 - 31.

Know before you go! Always check Trip Planner for the latest and most accurate schedules. [LEARN MORE](#)

### **SEEKING CHILD CARE?**

BC Child Care Resource & Referral programs offer quality child care and community referrals, resources and support to child care providers and families in every community across the Province of BC. To find a program that fits your needs, [CLICK HERE](#)

Another useful resource is maintained by the Fraser Health Authority. [CLICK HERE](#)

### **SEEKING FOSTER PARENTS**

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Foster Parent? If so, ask them to attend a Foster Parent Information Session. These take place the 1st Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Ministry of Children & Family Development, #200 – 906 Roderick Ave., Coquitlam. For more information call 604-764-8098

*Community announcements are listed as a community service only. It does not indicate endorsement by the school district. Parents are responsible for checking references.*

*If you are a non-profit organization and would like to be considered for inclusion on the community page of the [District website](#), email [communications@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:communications@sd41.bc.ca)*