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# **Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony**

Thank you to all of the families who came in to Morley with their Grade 7 students to celebrate this transition of our students to the next chapter in their lives. With photos taken, pictures sent in, videos taken, Mr. Hunter and the Grade 7 teachers have compiled a Leaving Ceremony video that we will present to everyone in our school community on Wednesday, June 24th at 10:30 am. Teachers and students will find a link to this Leaving Ceremony in all classrooms' 0365 Teams. Mr. Hunter will also share a ZOOM link with our primary teachers. Please tune in as we will have our valedictorian speeches and Grade 7 awards announced in this Leaving Ceremony. We wish our Grade 7s good luck in the future as they all embark on their high school journey. Remember: Be Safe, Be Welcome, and Be Responsible Learners.



## More goodbye's ...

games.

Last newsletter we mentioned teachers who were leaving Morley School. We are sad to say that we are also saying good-bye to the following Education Assistants: Lena Ghougassian, Lara Lee, Violeta Ruseva and Sosina Yiuzaw, one of our Settlement Workers. We thank all of them for making Morley such a wonderful place to learn and wish them well on their future endeavours.

#### Digital Responsibility: A Parent Resource

As students spend more time online, and cell phones, gaming equipment and computers become a part of their everyday routine, we all must remember to have regular conversations with children about "Who they want to be" in an online environment. Each one of us, whether we want it or not, has a digital footprint. Every site we visit tracks us, collects data, and targets ads based on what we read, search and view. As a user and consumer of these devices and sites, we must learn how to protect our privacy, if we are going to continue to engage with this technology.

Children also must learn this and learn how to react to unwanted and/or negative messages. Children must learn how to know if the content they are consuming comes from reliable sources, and they must know when to seek help if they encounter negative images and or discussions. Some parents may be at a disadvantage when it comes to technology. Many of us did not grow up in this digital age, and so without talking with our children, or seeking out knowledge about technology ourselves, we do not know about all of the different software programs, Apps, and/or

Many children this summer will spend a large amount of time online. Do you know who they are talking with and what they are doing? Please take the time to find out, as most children developmentally are not ready to negotiate this social environment and, increasingly, as professionals, we are seeing this have an impact on our youths' mental health and well-being. A great parental resource is:

https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/Resources/Raising-Digitally-Responsible-Youth---Parents-Guide-Ministry-of-Education-2018.pdf

This resource was created in 2018, and some of its content is out-of-date in 2020. This is how fast it changes. For example, TikTok, a very popular social media App that lets you watch, create, and share videos -- often to a soundtrack of the top hits in music, is not mentioned, but many of our students are using it daily at this moment in time. This App, when a person signs up, is automatically a public account, and anyone can view the content and/or talk with one another. A child would have to go in to the settings and set a private account.

Please take the time to have regular conversations with your children about their online digital footprint. This must be an ongoing conversation, and please consider limiting or banning the use of certain Apps, sites, and games until your child is old enough and/or responsible enough.

## **Thank You, PAC**

A big thank you to the Morley Parent Advisory Committee for their very thoughtful and kind thank you cards they gave to the staff. We are extremely grateful to have such a wonderful, supportive PAC at Morley and we thank each and everyone of you for the time you give us to support the students of Morley Elementary School. A big thank you to our PAC President, Polly Kainth, who took the time to write out individual thank you cards for each of our staff. Thank you.

# **Report Cards**

If you are unable to pick up your child's report card and supplies from the school on Thursday, June  $25^{th}$ , you will be able to stop by the school Friday, June  $26^{th}$  - Tuesday, June  $30^{th}$ , 7:30-11:45 am, 12:45-3:15 pm. Simply ring the door bell at the front and somebody will be by to assist you. As always, please ensure you maintain physical distancing while at the school. We may be busy with other things so may not hear the doorbell ring right away. Any report cards or supplies not picked up by June  $30^{th}$  will be held at the school until September.

## **Morley Library Books**

If your child has not returned their library books yet, please return them to the library box outside the front door before Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

# September 2020

At Morley, for September, we will have to plan for a variety of scenarios due to the pandemic and Covid-19. While I wish that I could forecast the future, I cannot. All that we can do as a school is have a Plan A and a Plan B, and wait until late August and/or early September, when the governmental bodies inform us as to what Phase of the K-12 Education Restart Plan we will be in. Please click on the link to see the Plan for yourselves and take note that we are currently in Phase 3. The voluntary in-class schooling we have done since June 1st has helped us as a community understand the strict Health and Safety guidelines we must follow, and the procedures that must be in place. Teachers are also becoming more comfortable with an online environment. While not perfect, we are doing our best to be proactive and responsive to feedback. Please ensure that you have the correct e-mail with Ms. Walters, so that before school starts, and

Please ensure that you have the correct e-mail with Ms. Walters, so that before school starts, and when we send out communication, you will have up-to-date information. We will also update our school website. Have a safe Summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.



#### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**



# **Burnaby Public Library Summer Reading Club**

The Summer Reading Club is going to look a little different this year – they are going online! Help your child succeed in school and life ... Join the Summer Reading Club online. Children who read over the summer do better in school and libraries across BC are here to help. Kids sign up online at <a href="https://www.bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club">www.bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club</a>. After reading this summer they will be eligible to receive a highly coveted Summer Reading Club medal!

During the summer, check out the website for weekly fun and exciting contests to enter. Your entries could be featured on the Burnaby Public Library website, Facebook page or Twitter! You can also find lots of great booklists and reading suggestions.

#### Disc Golf Camps @ Robert Burnaby Park – All summer long for ages 8-14 years!

Covid-19 friendly summer camp. Campers do not share equipment. There are regular sanitation breaks. Physically distant and outdoor sport. Fun sport for all levels! Professional and energetic coaches. Discount code: BurnabyDG for \$15 off! Check out: elevateultimate.com/discgolfcamps for registration information.

# Wishing you all a safe, healthy summer break.

Please watch for September start-up details on the Morley website.

