



Morley Elementary School

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Safe Welcome Responsible Learners

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Dates to Remember

Friday, October 23

Common Professional Development Day-no school for students

Monday, November 2

Poppy Fund donation collection begins today (until November 10)

Friday, November 6

National Indigenous Veteran's Day (November 8)

Photo Re-takes this morning

Tuesday, November 10

Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly

Wednesday, November 11

Remembrance Day – school closed

Wednesday, November 25

PAC Meeting, 6:30 pm

Friday, November 27

Professional Development Day



Don't forget: The school is closed tomorrow, Friday, October 23.

(See our website at morley.burnabyschools.bc.ca for the full year's schedule)

Student Assessment Changes in the Burnaby School District for the 2020-2021 School Year

We are approaching that time of year when students and teachers are in a routine, schedules are set, and classrooms are engaging in a variety of forms of assessment. This year, the Burnaby School District is piloting a new reporting format established by the Ministry of Education. Teachers will need to do **3 informal reports/meetings** with parents and **2 formal reports** to parents.

At Morley, our 3 informal reporting periods for the 2020-2021 school year are:

Parents as Partners (September)

Either an Interim Report or Parent Teacher Conference (December)

Student Led Conference/Portfolio share (February)

Our 2 formal reporting periods for the 2020-2021 school year are:

Report Card (March)

Year-end Report Card (June)

For the Fall informal reporting period (December), different teachers will use different formats. Some of our teachers will send home an Interim report that will indicate the student's progress in engagement, behaviour and social development and areas for further growth. If the teacher has any concerns about the student's progress, this will be communicated with parents in this Interim report. Other teachers may choose to have a Zoom meeting that can involve the student/parent/teacher or just the parent and teacher. In these conversations the teachers will share the same information that will be written up in the Interim reports.

Please remember, at **ANY TIME** a parent can call the school and leave a message for the teacher to call back. We encourage a close working relationship between teachers,

students, and parents as this benefits the academic and social emotional achievement of our students.

Hallowe'en @ Morley

Hallowe'en is just around the corner and we want to remind students to be safe. Teachers will be going over the expectations for costumes but here are some important guidelines:

- No weapons of any kind (no swords, knives, guns, etc.)
- No costumes or face paint that will scare young children (e.g. Dripping blood, graphic violence, etc.)
- Costumes that won't cause any tripping hazards for the child wearing the costume or for others
- No costumes that are culturally insensitive (portray offensive material or stereotypes)
- No masks. Please allow for safe vision, hearing and eating.
- Costumes should be easy to put on or take off.

Pumpkin Carving Contest



We will once again be having our pumpkin carving contest at school this year. On Friday, October 30th, if you would like to submit an entry, please bring your carved pumpkin to your classroom. Please ensure that the student name and division is clearly marked on the bottom of the pumpkin. Please, only one entry per student.

We will be judging the entries under the following categories:

☞ Scariest ☞ Most Original ☞ Funniest ☞ Most Detailed

Please do not bring pumpkins to school before Friday, October 30th and all pumpkins must be taken home at 3:00 on October 30th.

Thank you

A big thank you to our two local grocery stores who graciously donated pumpkins to our school. Save On Foods at Highgate has been a long-time supporter of our school and donated 200 pumpkins! Buy-Low Foods, a new grocery store on Edmonds and Kingsway, donated 100 pumpkins so that we could offer each student at Morley a pumpkin to carve and take home for Hallowe'en. Thank you to both local grocery stores for their generosity and community spirit! **Students must bring a strong grocery bag to bring home their pumpkin on Monday, October 26th.**



Don't forget your mask!

We are reminding all students and parents that students, especially in grades 5, 6 & 7, need to remember to bring their mask(s) to school each day. We need students to remember to pack their masks in their backpacks the same way they would pack their lunch and their recess snack. We need it to become habit to tuck a face covering into their backpacks or pockets. Thank you for helping your child to remember this important task.

Outdoor Recess and Lunch

Our rainy and cold weather has arrived, and all children will be asked to go outside for recess and/or lunch. Children need fresh air and exercise in order to thrive. Please ensure that your children dress appropriately for the weather. Please also ensure that your children have a change of clothes at school should they get wet.

Poppy Fund

We will be collecting money for the Poppy Fund beginning on Monday, November 2. A donation of a loonie is recommended, but students can bring any amount of change to donate. Donations will be collected every day in the classroom. All students will be given a poppy to wear for our virtual Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10th.



Morley PAC

Please check out the PAC welcome back letter on the Morley website. They are looking for new members for our Parent Advisory Committee and feedback about what you would like to see at school this year. If you are interested in attending the virtual PAC Meeting, please contact grady.hunter@burnabyschools.ca. Mr. Hunter will connect you up to the zoom meeting on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 pm.

Burnaby StrongStart Centres

Burnaby StrongStart Centres are looking forward to welcoming you back in person as early as October 26, 2020. Although we have been engaging with many families via emails, phone calls, Blogs, and Zoom it will be wonderful to see you face to face.

Burnaby StrongStart Centres will offer a blended model that will include 3 days a week of in-person programming at StrongStart centres, 1 day a week of outdoor exploration at local parks or on school grounds, and 1 day a week of virtual outreach to stay connected to families who aren't quite ready to visit us in person. Schedules will vary at StrongStart locations and not all centres will be open for in-person programming.

In-person visits will be limited to four families per day (1 parent/guardian per 3 children maximum) in order to maintain safe physical distancing. Outdoor explorations will be limited to ten families per day (1 parent/guardian per 3 children maximum) to maintain safe physical distancing. All in-person programs will run from 9:30am to 11:00am to accommodate cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

There is no drop-in StrongStart. All families (new and returning) must register online for the 2020-21 year. The total number of registered families will determine the number of times per month families can attend an in-person StrongStart program. Burnaby StrongStart programs are available to Burnaby residents only. Families can attend at one location only. Registration for StrongStart is now open!

How do I register?

- All **new and returning** families must register online for the 2020-2021 year.
- Please register for the StrongStart Centre closest to you home.

- Click this link <https://registration.sd41.bc.ca/Forms/strongstartregistration>, fill out the registration form and submit.
- Once your registration form is processed, a StrongStart Educator will contact you to schedule your visits (all visits need to be scheduled this year). Please allow time for your registration to be processed.

What do I do when I arrive at the school?

- Please arrive on time.
- There will be clear StrongStart signage at the school when you arrive. Follow the signage to the designated outdoor entrance and wait on one of the markers for the StrongStart Educator to welcome you (please **do not enter** the school building on your own).
- A Daily Health Check will be done by the educator before you come into the school or classroom.
- You and your child(ren) will be required to sanitize your hands prior to entering the school or StrongStart classroom.
- All adults are required to wear a mask.
- The StrongStart Educator will sign you in once you arrive.

What will StrongStart look like?

- In each in-person classroom session there will be a maximum of four families (1 parent/guardian per 3 children maximum).
- In each outdoor session there will be a maximum of ten families (1 parent/guardian per 3 children maximum).
- We cannot accommodate childcare providers at this time.
- All adults must physically distance from each other and children not their own.
- Children will be encouraged to minimize physical contact with each other, unless part of the same family unit.
- It is not necessary to attempt to eliminate close contact between children, recognizing the importance of children's emotional, physical, and developmental needs.
- Activities that encourage individual play and more space between children, staff, and parents will be organized.
- StrongStart classrooms will have equipment and materials set up for you and your child(ren) to explore together.
- Songs, stories, music, and movement will be organized to support physical distancing between adults.
- Access to washroom facilities is limited but not prohibited. Please use your home facilities before coming to the StrongStart centre.
- There will be no scheduled library or gym time.
- Individually packaged snacks will be distributed at the end of each centre visit.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



BASES Family Thrift Store, 7825 Edmonds St

They have recently updated their store hours and are looking for volunteers to help! No experience is needed. They are happy to provide training as a cashier, door monitor, customer service helper or a donation sorter. Even if English is your second language, they will work with you to help you gain practice and confidence! Volunteer schedules are short and flexible and offer a wonderful work experience. Please email ana.horton@burnabyschools.ca for a registration form and for further information if you are interested in this fantastic volunteer experience.

2020 Burnaby Christmas Bureau Registration

Location: Brentwood Town Centre, old Sears Store, main mall level, across from the children's play area.

Times: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm

All Christmas Bureau applicants must live in Burnaby. Qualifying families will receive new toys for their children (birth-16 years). This includes working families with low income and families receiving Income Assistance.

Proof of income will be required. Working families must provide a CPrint for each adult. To obtain one, please call 1-800-959-8281. Press * to speak to a CRA agent or access online at MyCRA>My Account>Proof of Income>Option CPrint

If you are on Income Assistance, you need to request a "Release of Information" from your Ministry Office. This will replace the CPrint.

You will also require identification for each child and proof of current address.

Please note, for safety reasons: only one family member may attend for registration and toy pickup. No children will be permitted on site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 604-292-3902.

Family Workshops @ Edmonds Park

Learn new things and create lasting memories at these fun family workshops! There are three exciting workshops to choose from: Creative Pumpkin Carving, "Do It Yourself" Spa Gifts and Festive Wreath Making. All supplies included. The program will take place outside, rain or shine. For more information, please visit www.burnaby.ca

Saturdays, 10 am – noon, \$18.80/child, 1 session

Family Pumpkin Carving Workshop: October 24 560050

Family Spa Gifts Workshop: November 7 560052

Family Wreath Making Workshop: November 21 560053

Register early! Burnaby.ca/webreg or call 604-297-4838