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IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please have this translated.

November/December Newsletter - 2023

Upcoming School Events/Dates:

Observation of Remembrance Day (School not in session)	Nov. 13th
Professional Development Day (School not in session)	Nov. 24th
Festival of Lights in the Gym	Dec. 13/14th
Reports Card Week	Dec. 18th
Pancake Breakfast and final day before Winter Break	Dec. 21st
School Closed (School Closure Day)	
First Day Back for 2024	Jan. 8th, 2024

<u>Updates from the Principal</u>

It's hard to believe that we are already entering the winter season. Programing is in full swing. In the fall, we had a number of memorable school, class, and community events. Barbecues, celebrations of culture, a pumpkin patch, school sports, field trip, all happened to name a few. I want to thank the Edmonds school and larger community for working together to make our school such a vibrant, welcoming place of learning.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Hamilton

A few reminders...

• Traffic in the parking lot – the parking lot is for staff and visitors.

Please do not use the staff parking lot as a drop-off zone. Many students and families walk to school through this area and it creates a safety concern if there are cars driving through. It also blocks access for staff and emergency vehicles. If you are parking your car and taking a younger student to school - there is residential parking along 18th Avenue. For older students, there is a 5-minute drop-off zone in front of the school.

- <u>Rain Jackets</u> As we enter the winter season, we can expect the weather to turn colder and wetter. We want students to be outside as much as possible to get fresh air. <u>Please make sure your child(ren)</u> <u>have a jacket for colder, wetter weather.</u> In the case of <u>extreme</u> <u>weather,</u> we will have inside days. For grades K-3, it is <u>advisable to have a change of clothes at school.</u>
- As we enter cold and flu season, we typically see more staff and students getting ill. Please keep children home if they are sick (e.g. coughing, runny nose, fever, stomach pain, etc.). If we are noticing symptoms at school, the office will phone home and request the student gets picked up. We are working together to keep everyone as healthy as possible.
- If your **child is not feeling well or coming late-** please call the office **before 9:00** each morning your child is away. This avoids a follow up phone call from the office. The phone number is (604) 296-9012 and press "2" after the recording.
- If you are picking your child up EARLY from class let your child's teacher know ahead of time – this will help us locate and get the child ready.

14th Annual Edmonds Night of Lights!

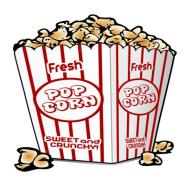
Parents, families and community members are invited to join us for our special winter celebration- the **Night of Lights**, on Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 14th. Come and walk our light labyrinth, make a wish for the world and feel the magic of being together! Parents and families are invited to walk with their children's classes. Dates and times for parents are coming soon!. Community members interested in walking the labyrinth, please contact Karin Johnson at karin.johnson@burnabyschools.ca by December 8, 2023.



Edmonds Community Council and Popcorn Sale at Edmonds

Our Community Council is planning a number of fundraisers throughout the year. In the future, we are planning to have popcorn sales (at the end of the day) so students (and parents) can have a treat for the way home. They raise funds that directly enhance learning and the student experience at Edmonds. This makes field trips, school events, and larger projects such as our **school garden** and **Outdoor Learning Space** possible. We are very excited to begin work on **upgrades to our gym** with a **new sound system**, **projector**, **and automatic**

screen. This is possible through the dedication of our Community Council and Burnaby School District support.



Sports at Edmonds

It's volleyball seasons and Edmonds Community School has both a girls and boys Grade 6/7 Volleyball team that participates in the district league play. It's great to see the kids learning the basics of this great team sport. Big thanks to our coaches – Ms. Doyle, Ms Edwards, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Law, and Ms. Wang. Go Edmonds- Good Luck at the upcoming tournaments!



School Cash Online

The School cash on-line system is available to pay for field trips, events, hot lunch program, etc. If you have any questions about set-up and use - please contact the office at 604-296-9012. We are encouraging as many families as possible to use the School Cash Online system. **The button is located on the Edmonds webpage.**

Construction Updates

You may have noticed that construction is well underway and shortly we will be temporarily relocating classes to other spaces in the school as the contractors work to complete specific sections of the school. At some point, you will likely hear from your child's teacher that their class will be moved for 2-3 weeks while the construction contractors complete that section. Thank you for your understanding.