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March – May Newsletter – 2025

Upcoming School Events/Dates:

- Student-Led Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:48)March 13th
- Early Dismissal @ 1:48.....March 14th
- Spring BreakMarch 17th – March 28th
- Report Cards Go Home (Week of).....March 31st
- Good Friday (School Closed).....April 18th
- Easter Monday (School Closed)..... April 21st
- Professional Development Day (Classes not in session).....April 28th

Updates from the Principal

Despite some cooler weather earlier, it looks like spring is finally here. The school has been very busy with classroom and school-wide activities including Jump Rope for Heart and a February Celebration of Learning. Our Community Council recently hosted a very successful Movie Night – A big thanks for an event that brings our Edmonds families together for a night of fun. Spring Break marks the start of the final term, we are hoping that our students come back refreshed and ready to learn. A big thanks to the staff and wonderful Edmonds community.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Hamilton

A few reminders...

- **We are a Scent Aware School** - Exposure to perfumes, colognes and other scented products can trigger adverse health reactions in some individuals with asthma, allergies, and other conditions. Let’s work together and avoid the use of scented products in our school.
- **Reminder - March 13 and 14th, we will be having an early dismissal at 1:48** to accommodate our student-led conferences. Parents and

caregivers please make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up early. There will be a notice specific to this event.

- **Summer Session Information** has been sent out. We will gather pre-registration information for all our Edmonds students. This year, the morning will be the regular Summer Session, the afternoon will be a little bit different. Instead of having afternoon programs provided by the Burnaby School District's Summer Session there will be Community Programs (e.g. BFC) offered from July 7-18th. Information on signing up for those programs will be coming out soon from the Community Office.

Technology at School and Home

At Edmonds, we want our families to be technology-aware. Often problems originate from outside of school but end up impacting **student learning and well-being**. As parents/caregivers, supervising children in a digital world it is very challenging as more and more interactions are happening online. Traditional views of supervision change when children are online or on social media. Here are some basic tips on understanding and supervising what is happening in the online world.

- **Create rules** for media and technology that are in line with your family's values. Discuss these rules with your child(ren) in a way that is open and receptive to their needs and interests. For example, set time aside each day when there are "no screens". Rules may change as children get older.
- **Have devices where they can be supervised**. This can look like moving the laptop to the main room or putting cell phones in the drawer after a certain time.
- **You can't always control exactly what your kids will see or experience**, but you can help them learn how to process situations and manage emotions around what comes up. Use the mistakes as a chance for children to learn about the world around them in age-appropriate ways – build trust!
- **Learn about what your child knows** and ask them to be a "teacher". Your children may know more than you about social media. Ask them the networks they use, why they like it, who they connect with, etc.
- **Know your child's passwords and sites they are on**.
- **Children often do not have the same understanding of safety, privacy, and security** that adults have – this is the same as on social media. Consider others' privacy and rules around taking pictures of others and uploading them.
- **Understand how your child(ren) behaves online and encourage digital citizenship**. Calling people names, pretending to someone else, sending hurtful messages are all potentially forms of bullying. You want to know who your child is online.

For additional resources, these sites can be useful:

<https://safesocialmedia.co/parents/>

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/How-to-Make-a-Family-Media-Use-Plan.aspx>

Sports at Edmonds

We have finished basketball season and are looking forward to our last school sport for the year with Track. A big thanks to Ms. Doyle, Ms. Kashima, Ms. Edwards, and Mr. Jeffrey Fletcher for their dedication and time spent coaching our Edmonds Basketball teams. Our teams participated in the district league as well as the final tournaments. It's now Track Season and Edmonds Community School has both a grade 4/5 and Grade 6/7 track team that practices and participates in the district meets



Our Friends At BASES

As you may know, the Edmonds community benefits greatly from ongoing support from the BASES Thrift Store. They are a major support for our afternoon school programming. From the BASES website, *BASES vision is a community where ALL children, youth and families are able to develop strong foundations for an independent, positive future. Since 2014 we have provided over \$830,000 in funding to elementary and high schools in southeast Burnaby and New Westminster for inclusive, barrier-free extra curricular programs. Our partner schools are richly diverse communities with significant numbers of families who might not be able to access this quality programming for their children. We want to ensure that the children and youth in our target neighbourhoods have the same opportunities as other students. You can support BASES in three ways, volunteer, donate, and shop! (<https://www.basesburnaby.ca/>)*