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IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please have this translated.

November/December Newsletter - 2025

Upcoming School Events/Dates:

Indigenous Veteran's Day	November 8th
Remembrance Day (School is not in Session)	November 11th
District Professional Day (School not in session)	November 21st
Night of Lights	December 10-12th
Report Card Week	Dec. 15th
Pancake Breakfast and final day before Winter Break	Dec. 19th
First Day Back for 2026	Jan. 5th, 2026

Updates from the Principal

It's hard to believe winter is just around the corner, and our class and community programs are up and running. This fall was filled with many experiences across our school, classrooms, and community—from a very well-attended barbecue, field trips, sports events, parent conferences, and pumpkin patch visits. I'm grateful to the Edmonds school and broader community for coming together to create such a vibrant, inclusive environment for learning. There's always something happening at Edmonds Community School!

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>E-Scooters</u> Reminder for families from the district letter sent home stating that "you cannot ride an e-scooter on public roads. For those communities that are part of the pilot, children must be at least 16 years old'.
- Rain Jackets 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. Please make sure your child(ren) have a jacket for colder, wetter weather. In the case of extreme weather, we will have inside days. For grades K-3, it is advisable to have a change of clothes at school.
- 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. When your child arrives late, please sign the yellow sheets on the little table in the hallway (across from the office).
- 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.

Our Edmonds Community Council

Edmonds Community Council is a group of Edmonds Community School parents, staff, and community members who meet once a month to discuss issues relating to the school and community. The Council is here to provide resources about developing community programs and events. Everyone is welcome to join us in the discussion. The next meeting will be held on **Monday**, **November 24th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Community Room**. Hope to see you there!"

The Burnaby District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) invites you to take part in our 2025-2026 Parent Feedback Survey, created to better understand how current funding decisions and district priorities are affecting families and school communities across Burnaby (see attached flyer).

16th Annual Edmonds Night of Lights!

Parents, families and community members are invited to join us for our special winter celebration- the **Night of Lights**, from Wednesday, December 10th to Friday, December 12th. 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 5th, 2025.



Sports at Edmonds

It's volleyball season 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 volunteer coaches – Ms. Doyle, Ms. Moreno Ms. Johal, and Mr. Hamilton. We are entering tournaments at every level- Recreational, Competitive, and Co-Ed Competitive. It's been a great season so far, we have really enjoyed coaching and the players have really improved. Good Luck at the upcoming tournaments! Basketball is coming up next.

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.**