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 معلومات مهمة. الرجاء ترجمتها. | Información importante. Por favor, que esto se traduzca.
 معلومات مهم , لطفا این ترجمه را انجام دهید . | لطفا از شخصی بخواهید تا این متن را برای شما ترجمه کند.
 ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾਉ। | 중요한 정보입니다. 이것을 번역하시기 바랍니다.

January-April Newsletter – 2026

Important Dates:

School Opens.....	January 5 th , 2026
Professional Development Day (School not in session).....	January 23 rd
Family Day (Holiday).....	February 16 th
Professional Development Day (School not in session).....	February 27 th
Spring Break Begins.....	March 16 th
School Re-Opens.....	March 30 th
Good Friday (Holiday).....	April 3 rd
Easter Monday (Holiday).....	April 6 th

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to send wishes of peace and joy to the community. I hope our families and staff have a restful break. January marks a particularly important stretch in the school year. With routines now firmly established and fewer interruptions on the calendar, this is one of the most productive times for deep learning. At Edmonds, we believe every day is an opportunity to learn new things and strengthen skills. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and dedication to our school community. I look forward to seeing what our students will accomplish in this new year

Updates from the Principal

- **Weather-Related School Closures – Please see our District Website and graphic attached (<https://burnabyschools.ca/weather-related-school-closures/>)**

Key points:

- All schools will remain OPEN unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances – such as a power outage – that make it impossible to open for instruction
- We do our best to communicate school or District-wide CLOSURES by 6:30am.
- **Please note, no announcement will be made that schools are open except under extreme circumstances.**
- The information about closures will typically be posted on both the District website and X/Twitter account. However, please keep in

mind that there may be situations where this is not possible, such as a power outage. Generally, only closures or delays are announced. Another way to learn about school closures is through local news stations (online, radio, and TV).

- Due to cooler, wetter weather, we want to remind all **families to make sure their child(ren) have jackets and suitable shoes.** Unless the weather is extreme, students will be outside at recess and lunch. **This means that it is a good idea to send your child(ren) with a change of socks and shoes.**
- **Please note due to traffic concerns in the staff/visitor parking lot, we are reminding our community to not use the parking lot as a “turn around” area. We have some drop-off parking in front of the school and there is neighbourhood parking along 18th Avenue. We have asked RCMP to remind the community around safe drop-off procedures.**

Kind Regards,

Mr. Hamilton

Accessibility in Burnaby Schools

The Burnaby School District is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all students and families. Part of this commitment involves working with community to help inform our work.

You may not be aware that the District has advisory and working committees to gather information about accessibility and assist in identifying barriers in the District. We encourage feedback. You can find information about how to share your feedback via an online form, email, phone, or regular mail [here](#), where you can also learn more about Accessibility in Burnaby Schools.

We welcome your input to help us

Kindergarten Registration

February is the time when families register for Kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year. We are always excited to receive our new families or the younger siblings of our Edmonds students. Registration can be done online starting on February 1st at <https://burnabyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

Sports at Edmonds

We concluded a successful volleyball season. Thank you to our coaches (Ms. Moreno, Ms. Doyle, and Ms. Johal). We entered both a boys and girls team into league play and entered two teams in the CoEd Competitive Tournament at Burnaby Mountain. We are looking forward to an upcoming basketball season.

From Fraser Health Authority

Keep your child healthy during winter

As the chilly winter season approaches, there are things you can do to help keep your children healthy and well.

Get ready for winter at home and in the community

Winter can bring extreme weather and it's important to have plans to be safe during cold weather, storms and power outages, including staying warm, having a carbon monoxide detector and planning for emergencies. Learn about programs that can support your family:

- [Get ready for winter: Snow and cold safety for you and your home - Fraser Health Authority](#)

Bundle up for the cold

Dressing appropriately for cold weather keeps your child comfortable and protected. Wearing multiple layers is a great way to trap body heat and provide insulation against the cold.

Keep a warm hat, gloves, scarves and warm, waterproof boots handy. Remind your child to wear these items before heading outside to play or going to school.

Learn about [hypothermia](#) and [frostbite](#) as children can be more susceptible.

Protect against winter illnesses

Winter brings an increased risk of colds and flu. Ensure your child receives their annual flu vaccine and talk to a health care provider about any additional vaccines that may be recommended. Teach your child good respiratory etiquette such as regular hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. If they are sick and cannot stay away from others, masks can help to reduce the risk of spreading illness. Learn more about masks [here](#).

Keep their bodies moving

It is important to keep your child active during winter as regular physical activity is important for good health. Outdoor activities such as skating, sledding and going for walks as a family are all great ways to keep active. On colder days, indoor play and activities such as dancing, yoga or sports are great ways to promote movement. Look for drop-in programs at local community centres or indoor sports facilities.

If you play on frozen lakes or ponds, be sure that the ice has been tested for strength and safety.

Learn more on the [Lifesaving Society's website](#).

Find more tips for a healthy winter on Fraser Health's [Winter Health](#) page.