



DOUGLAS ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

4861 Canada Way, Burnaby BC V5G 1L7
<http://douglas.sd41.bc.ca>

Together... we can Soar!

Phone: 604.296.9011

September 28, 2017

PRINCIPAL: Ms. P. MCKAY
HEAD TEACHER: MR. M. BALDIN
SECRETARY: Ms. M. SANDBERG
SCHOOL TRUSTEE: HARMAN PANDHER, CENTRAL WEST ZONE | HARMAN.PANDHER@SD41.BC.CA

DOUGLAS ROAD SCHOOL GOALS 2017/2018:

**TO INCREASE OVERALL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN WRITING,
WITH A FOCUS ON BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN EXPRESSING THEIR
THOUGHTS AND KNOWLEDGE.**

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Mon., October 2nd

Student Photo Day

Mon., October 9th

Thanksgiving Day *School is closed*

Wed., October 18th & Thurs., October 19th

Family Photo Night

Fri., October 20th

Professional Development Day *School is not in session*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year! We are excited about this year. Students are settling into their new classrooms and the learning and fun has begun!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year working with your children and getting to know this delightful community. Please feel free to stop by my office and introduce yourself. I have been enjoying getting to know your children and look forward to meeting you as well.

Thank you to the parents that were able to attend our Student Information Conferences. These sessions are important for building relationships and learning more about your child. They set the basis for good communication throughout the year. If you were not able to attend this past week, then please contact your child's teacher to set up an alternate time.

Thank you for your attention to all the forms that have been coming home for your review and signature. There is a lot of homework for parents as we begin each school year. Updating all contact numbers is so essential for the safety of all the children. Please ensure your telephone number is current.

Our Parent Advisory Committee has once again sponsored our P.A.S.S. Soccer Program this year, so that each child

could participate in learning some basic soccer skills. On behalf of all the students, thank you. All parents are welcome to be members of our school PAC and we hope you will come out and join us at our monthly meetings. Watch the calendar for any upcoming dates!

As part of our school's safety plan we are required to have several safety drills throughout the school year. We begin with fire drills, making sure all students know how to exit the building quickly. We will follow that up with our first Earthquake Drill of the year on October 19th at 10:15am, by participating in the province-wide Great Shake Out BC. It's always a good time to review safety plans at home and practice Duck and Cover around the house too!

We do hope you plan to join in our PAC's annual Family Photo Night. The photos are a wonderful keepsake for your family and great to share with other family members and friends. Family photo nights are on the calendar for October 18th and 19th.

We will have some special Hallowe'en Activities towards the end of the month. Please watch for additional notices that will come home later this month. You are always welcome to join us!

On Friday, September 22nd we met as a staff and discussed how to support the school's writing goal, as well as how to enhance the culture of our community. I will be sending out a letter explaining the new problem solving strategies that we will be using with all students, called the W.I.T.S. program. Teachers will explicitly teach the strategies and older students will be leaders and peer mentors to help the younger ones on the playground. It would be great if you were able to help your child/children practice it at home as well!

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year together. Please remember to keep in touch. Communication is critical regarding any concerns or questions, so please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or call the office. We are happy to help in any way.

P. McKay, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Introducing the Douglas Road Staff...

PRINCIPAL	Ms. P. McKay	SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST	Ms. M. Philley
HEAD TEACHER	Mr. M. Baldin	HEARING RESOURCE	Ms. K. Grazier
GRADE 6/7, DIVISION 1	Mr. M. Baldin	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	Ms. M. Sandberg
GRADE 6/7, DIVISION 2	Ms. J. Smith	SCHOOL ASSISTANT	Mrs. D. Prest
GRADE 4/5, DIVISION 3	Mr. D. Milloy	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. C. Decario
GRADE 4/5, DIVISION 4	Ms. N. Melanson	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. N. Bharwani
GRADE 3, DIVISION 5	Mr. T. Trask	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. J. Novlan
GRADE 2/3, DIVISION 6	Ms. N. Carlyle/Ms. A. Con	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. M. Owen
GRADE 1/2, DIVISION 7	Ms. M. Sitter	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. L. Stephens
GRADE 1/2, DIVISION 8	Ms. A. Mathys/Ms. J. Cheema	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. K. Stevens
GRADE 1, DIVISION 9	Mrs. A. Toy/Mrs. S. Mattu	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. R. Turner
KINDERGARTEN, DIVISION 10	Ms. E. Ng	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. A. Tam
KINDERGARTEN, DIVISION 11	Mrs. A. Hassam	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT	Ms. C. Gee
LEARNING SUPPORT	Ms. B. Yiu	CUSTODIAN (A.M.)	Mr. M. Bowie
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER	Ms. P. Spratt	CUSTODIAN (P.M.)	TBD
LIBRARY	Mr. A. Tsougrianis	NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR	Mrs. K. Valente
MUSIC	Ms. A. Con/Ms. E. Kwok	NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR	Ms. A. Unwin
BAND	Ms. L. Chang	CROSSING GUARD	Mrs. A. Picco
COUNSELLOR	Mr. D. Ross	CROSSING GUARD	Mrs. K. Engleson
		PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	Ms. S. Williams

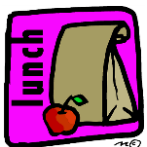


School Hours – are as follows **(STUDENTS MUST WAIT OUTSIDE UNTIL THE BELL RINGS)**:

8:55 a.m.	Students enter or line up at their classroom doors. WHEN THE BELL RINGS
9:00-11:30 a.m.	Class in session. PROMPTNESS IS CRITICAL TO SCHOOL SUCCESS
11:30-12:18 a.m.	Lunch {ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO OUTSIDE, EXCEPT IN EXTREME INCLEMENT WEATHER. PLEASE DRESS YOUR CHILD APPROPRIATELY}.
12:23-1:45 p.m.	Class in session
1:45-2:00 p.m.	Recess {ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO OUTSIDE, EXCEPT IN EXTREME INCLEMENT WEATHER. PLEASE DRESS YOUR CHILD APPROPRIATELY}.
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Class in session
	Dismissal Please note: Some classes do not always get dismissed right at 3:00 p.m. due to a variety of reasons. If your child must leave at a specific time, please write a note or call the school. We will do our best to accommodate this.



Welcome to Douglas Road's **Breakfast Club**. Instead of being late for school, arrive at 8:30 a.m., eat a little breakfast in the staffroom and be on time for class. Your day will be off to a great start!



Food Friday is a lunch program that happens each Friday. Students bring \$3.00, their own food container and utensil. They line up in the upper and lower hallway, and the menu item (Mac & Cheese, Chicken Fried Rice, Butter Chicken) is served 'cafeteria style'. This was a huge hit last year, and we're pleased to bring it back for this year.



Douglas Road School is going "green" and all lunch orders can be done online through the Munch-a-Lunch website. Parents will be able to order one lunch at a time or multiple lunches at once. All payments can be done by credit card, Paypal or cheque, also online. We look forward to offering students healthy lunch choices on Wednesdays and are happy to make parents' lives easier in the ordering process.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: We make every attempt at minimizing the number of notices you receive, as well as doing our part at being “green” (conserving paper). One solution we’ve come up with is to forward school information home by “family courier”. Thus, if you have more than one child attending Douglas Road, the youngest child will be the “courier”, bringing home any notices where all family members can be included. Monthly newsletters will also be forwarded via email and posted to Douglas Road’s website (douglas.sd41.bc.ca), so please ensure your email address is updated on the Student Verification Form that has gone home, for completion.

Please be aware the school phone is available to students **ONLY** for emergencies, not for making afterschool plans with friends. Ensure your child is aware of what their after school plans are, **BEFORE** they come to school.

Feel free to contact the office with any questions, change of contact information, or concerns you may have (☎ 604.296.9011 | ✉ Melanie.sandberg@sd41.bc.ca). Likewise, use the office contact information to report your child late or absent. Thank you.



Fall is coming. And then Winter. At Douglas Road we play outside in all kinds of weather. Please remember to dress for the rain, wind and snow. Wear your rubber boots, warm jacket, hat, gloves and bring an umbrella.



We would like to express our deep gratitude to the Burnaby Firefighters for their ongoing and significant support for our snack and breakfast program.

1st PAC Meeting...

Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00pm in the Library

Please join us for the first PAC meeting of the year. The PAC is a friendly and welcoming group of parents who enjoy having input in our school's events and culture.

