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THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

excerpt from: The Primary Program: A Framework For Teaching

In a summary of research into parent and family involvement and student success, Henderson and Berla (1995) conclude that "the evidence is now beyond dispute. When parents are involved in their children's education at home, their children do better in school." Specific research findings highlighted by Henderson and Berla include the following:

- When parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socio-economic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' education level.
- The more extensive the parental involvement, the higher the student achievement.
- When parents are involved, students exhibit more positive attitudes and behaviour.
- Different types of parent/family involvement produce different gains; to have long-lasting gains for students, parent activities must be well planned, inclusive, and comprehensive.
- Educators hold higher expectations of students whose parents collaborate with the teacher; they also hold higher opinions of those parents.
- In [early intervention] programs designed to involve parents in full partnerships, student achievement for disadvantaged children not only improves, it can reach levels that are standard for middle-class children; in addition, the children who are farthest behind make the greatest gains.
- Children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when parents and professionals collaborate to bridge the gap between the culture at home and the learning institution.
- The benefits of parent involvement are not confined to the early years; there are significant gains at all ages and grade levels.
- The most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family is able to:
 1. create a home environment that encourages learning;
 2. communicate high, yet reasonable, expectations for their children's achievement and future careers; and
 3. become involved in their children's education at school and in the community

Parental engagement with children's learning at home is more important to children's achievement than parental involvement at school (Wang et al. 1993). Researchers have identified several types of parental involvement in home learning that are consistently associated with improved school performance (Finn 1998):

- **actively organizing and monitoring the child's time:** regular home routines are associated with better school performance (Astone & Lanahan 1991).
- **discussing school matters with the child:** the nature of discussions is important to children's progress; it is important for parents to talk with children about their learning difficulties as well as their successes and play a supportive, encouraging role (Steinberg 1996).
- **reading to and being read to by their children:** reading with children is crucial to their literacy development (Adams 1990); programs that help parents develop a regular structure for home-based literacy are beneficial (Edwards 1995).

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Burnaby School District's Code of Conduct has been established to maintain a safe, caring and healthy learning environment.

It is the shared responsibility of students, staff, parents / guardians and the broader community, to demonstrate positive conduct while attending any school or district related activity, at any location.

All members of the school community have an obligation to:

- Support learning
- Promote safety
- Respect property, environment, personal space and privacy
- Model courtesy, compassion and respect

All members of the school community must refrain from engaging in any in-person or digital communication or behaviour that is considered to be:

- Interfering with the learning and working of others
- Bullying, harassing, intimidating, retaliating, discriminating or violent
- Unsafe or illegal including the possession, use or distribution of illegal or restricted substances or the possession of weapons or replicas

All members of the school community are expected to comply with the purpose and spirit of the BC Human Rights Code, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender and age.

Every effort will be made to support individuals and to determine the root causes of behaviour. If the safety or educational program of others is compromised, or if there is an ongoing failure to meet the expectations of the Code of Conduct, a range of consequences will follow. Whenever possible, incidents will be resolved by discussion, mediation and restitution.

All members of the Burnaby School District community have the right to be treated fairly and consistently, and should know and understand this Code of Conduct.

Adopted Spring 2016



The Terry Fox run was a huge success! The sun was shining and Brentwood Park ran as a community. We are 52% of the way to our \$5000.00 goal! Students from Division 2 will continue to collect donations until October 6th. It's not too late to join Terry's Team.



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West-Coast Recess/Lunch –Please Dress for the Weather!

At Brentwood Park we believe it is healthy for kids to get outside throughout the day for fresh air and exercise. Living on the West Coast we know that our climate contains a consistent amount of rainfall especially throughout the winter months. It makes sense that in our climate we are well prepared to be outside in the rain. Given that students will be outside for lunch and / recess even when it's raining it is important to send your child to school well prepared.

Being prepared for the weather

We know that if kids are well prepared to be outside in the rain they actually enjoy it. As long as they stay dry and warm there is a great deal of fun to be had in all kinds of weather. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to have:

- A rain coat or water resistant covering
- Rubber boots so they can enjoy the puddles (if you are able to provide them with a pair to keep at school that would be perfect)
- "Muddy Buddies" – rain pants they can quickly slip over their clothes (much like they would snow pants)
- An umbrella
- A rain hat or coat with a hood
- A change of clothes just in case (sweatpants, socks, underwear, t-shirt)



Rainy Weather FAQ

I am concerned that my child will get sick being out in the rain.

It is not cold that makes us sick but rather viruses. "People get sick more often in the winter because they are exposed to each other more in the winter than in the summer. When it is cold outside people tend to stay inside and are more likely to spread germs to one another" (from "Does Cold Weather Cause the Cold or Flu?"). Turns out that getting outdoors is more likely to protect our kids from illnesses than keeping them indoors.

My child has been sick but is now returning to school. Can he stay inside today?

We are quite reluctant to allow this for a couple of reasons. First, if your child is still not quite better it would be better to keep them at home until they are 100% ready to function fully at school. If he is too sick to go outside he is also probably too sick to get through the day's work successfully – give him another day of rest. Secondly, we have very limited supervision inside so if more than a couple of kids are requesting this it becomes problematic. We do make exceptions to this based on special circumstances so if you want to chat about your child's specific health conditions please phone me and we can chat about your concerns.

Why don't you keep them in – they would be far more comfortable – it doesn't seem fair!!

We are concerned that if we set things up for our kids to avoid inclement weather by staying indoors we are teaching them that they need to protect themselves from it. The habits we set up with our kids as they grow up tend to last into adulthood. Rather than feeling that they need to stay indoors we want to encourage them to find ways to enjoy the rain. We also are fortunate to have large undercover areas for students to get out of the rain if they wish. Students are very happy when it rains as they are busy constructing canals, dams, and islands so they are happy when the rain arrives to fill them. These types of imaginative play are very healthy learning experiences for our kids!!



Another reason why it is so important that our kids go outside is that it is extremely difficult for most of them to focus on their school work in the afternoons when they have not had the opportunity to get some fresh air. In the past when we used to keep kids inside more routinely due to rain our students struggled through their afternoons.

Are the children ever allowed to stay inside due to the weather?

We occasionally have weather conditions that are unreasonable to expect students to stay outside. These days include hard, driving rain with extreme cold or wind. In these situations we intend to declare it an inside day however we don't expect to have more than 2 or 3 of them a year.

Additional Resources

["Last Child in the Woods author on how outdoor play helps children thrive"](#)

["Children should be allowed to play in the dirt"](#)



Coats for Kids

As the cooler months approach, Brentwood Park is once again assisting the Rotary Club with their annual "Coats for Kids" campaign. If your child has outgrown his/her coat and it is still in good shape for another child to use, please send it to the school over the next few weeks. Students from the school leadership committee will be coming to collect all donations from your child's classroom.

Thank you in advance for your support of this very worthy cause

PARKING

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS

In an effort to maintain the security of our building, keep our children safe and minimize the foot traffic through the hallways, we ask that parents **drop off** and pick up students outside the school and not in the inside hallways. Please remember that students are to use their outside classroom doors to enter and exit the school building before and after school, and at lunch and recess. Students in Divisions 11, 14 16 and 17 use the doors in the primary undercover area and students in Division 9 use the doors in the intermediate undercover area. Anyone coming to school during school hours (after 9:00 a.m. and before 3:00 p.m.) is asked to check in at the office. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter. Please understand that we want parents to feel welcome in our school, but we can all agree that student safety is a primary concern.



Both the parking lot at the front of the school and the parking lot between the school and the child care centre are strictly **off limits** to parents dropping off and picking up children. We have children and parents in our community who use the wheelchair accessible door and it is difficult to access this area if vehicles are in the way. Also, please remember that parking in Burnaby lanes is illegal. Families are strongly encouraged to walk to school with their children. If you absolutely must drive, there is ample parking on side streets throughout the neighbourhood.

Please be aware of the rules if parking at *Brentwood Park Alliance Church*:

- There is a large parking lot located behind the church with plenty of parking. Anyone using their parking lot should park in *the LOWER LOT ONLY* and refrain from using the upper lot
- There is **NO PARKING** in the driveway at any time. It is a fire lane and must be kept clear.
- There is **NO PARKING** in the driveway at the front of the church

From the Library:

We are open and well underway at Brentwood Park Library. The library is a hub and a busy place. We are reminded of how important the library is to the students as they have eagerly been awaiting our opening and the excitement generated when we met as a big group. A reminder that our library runs on an open and flexible program which means students, teachers and parents are encouraged to regularly stop by to discuss their inquiry and literacy needs.

I was struck this year as we raced through the September start up, how the students and teachers walked through the library doors carrying on with their learning and needs just as we left on in June. The room was busy and buzzing and it was evident that this is a nurturing and multi-purposed learning commons. Libraries are those special places that adapt and evolve to the needs of their patrons.

Some Literacy Food for Thought:

We need children to get on the reading ladder: anything that they enjoy will move them up rung by rung, into literacy!"—Neil Gaiman

Is It OK for My Child to Read Graphic Novels?

by the Literacy and Language Center Media

Graphic novels offer many benefits to young readers.

They get kids reading

They're inclusive

They can lead to writing practice

They're great for thinking and talking about picturing



Coming Literacy Events at Brentwood Park:

Scholastic Book Fair: November 27 – December 1

Read-a-thon: January 26th (in celebration of Family Literacy Day)



HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch days will be on **Wednesdays** this school year. On the website, click >Parents then >Hot lunch. Sign up with Munch-a-lunch to get started (or to update your info). If you have questions or would like to help out, please send us an email at bphotlunch@gmail.com

BELL SCHEDULE

8:55am students enter school and prepare for the day
 9:00am instruction begins; students arriving after 9:00am should report to the office
 10:30am recess begins
 10:45am recess ends
 12:05pm lunch begins
 12:53pm students enter school
 12:58pm instruction begins
 3:00pm students dismissed



SICK CHILDREN

When your child is not feeling well or vomiting we are advising you to keep your child at home. The Fraser Health Authority has stated in their website that it is critical that students stay **home for a minimum of 48 hours (2 days)** after vomiting.

1. If your child is vomiting and/or has diarrhea with an upset stomach please keep them home for at least 2 full days following the illness.
2. Please insist that your children wash their hands thoroughly with warm water and soap after going to the washroom and prior to eating.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is important if your child is to gain full benefit from the school program. If your child is going to be away for any reason, please call the school office before 9:00 a.m. to confirm his/her absence. Leave a message on the answering machine with the following information:

1. Child's first and last name (please spell last name)
2. Teacher and Division
3. Absent or late (please give anticipated arrival time)



If we do not hear from you, we will call home to ensure your child's safety.

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

We have a team of dedicated professionals who are committed to the learning needs of our students. We are pleased to announce the following staff assignments for this school year:

Div. 1	Mrs. McCormack/Gil
Div. 2	Mrs. Keeler
Div. 3	Mr. Ricker
Div. 4	Mr. Jung
Div. 5	Mrs. Willis
Div. 6	Ms. Allen
Div. 7	Mrs. Davis
Div. 8	Mr. Peters
Div. 9	Mrs. Nielsen
Div. 10	Ms. Deo
Div. 11	Mrs. Brolin/Ms. Wajji
Div. 12	Ms. Helfrich
Div. 13	Ms. Hickman
Div. 14	Mrs. Singh
Div. 15	Ms. Yap
Div. 16	Ms. Ballos
Div. 17	Ms. Smith
Div. 18	Mrs. Brolin / Mrs. Fleming
Div. 19	Ms. Taylor
Div. 20	Mrs. Tedham / Mrs. DiSpirito
Div. 21	Ms. Bouvette
Head Teacher	Mrs. McCormack
Resource	Mrs. Baird
Resource	Mr. Baumann
ELL Teacher	Mrs. Krishna
ELL Teacher	Ms. Gil
Teacher-Librarian	Ms. Delvecchio
Music	Mr. Yanko / Ms. Nicholson
Band	Ms. Weseen
Counsellor	Ms. Stewart
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Rakic
Office Assistant	Mrs. Carr
Education Assistant	Ms. Appleby
Educational Assistant	Ms. Begon
Educational Assistant	Ms. Drumm
Educational Assistant	Ms. Fong
Educational Assistant	Mr. Hubscher
Educational Assistant	Ms. Schmidt
Educational Assistant	Ms. Stewart
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Ungaro
Education Assistant	Ms. Webster
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Yasuda
Education Assistant	Ms. Young
Custodian	Mr. Kumar
Noon-hour Supervisor	Mrs. DeAngelis
Noon-hour Supervisor	Mrs. Harpestad
Noon-hour Supervisor	Mrs. Mazzuca



SMILE!

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Brentwood Park annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.

This year's contest will be conducted as follows:

Pumpkins will be carved at home and brought to school on

Monday, October 30th, no later than 9:00am. Pumpkins will be displayed in the front hall, and the judging will take place on Monday, October 30th at 3:00pm. They will be lit and displayed on the stage for the school to view on Tuesday at 1:00pm. A battery operated candle must be provided by the student in order for the pumpkin to be lit.

All pumpkins must be taken home on Tuesday October 31st at 3:00pm. (Unfortunately, pumpkins not picked up will be thrown away.)

There will be 8 prizes awarded to primary students' entries and 8 prizes for intermediate students' entries. The judging committee look forward to seeing original and interesting pumpkins!

Caution - Pumpkins tend to spoil very quickly, and as a result it would be better if the carving of your pumpkin could be done as close to the entry day as possible.

A reminder to **enclose a battery operated tea light** with your pumpkin so that it can be safely lit.

SAFETY PATROL

The 2017/2018 Student Safety Patrol team has completed their training! They will now be out at the Delta Street crosswalk to help Brentwood Park students arrive at and leave school safely. Look for them in bright yellow and orange vests before and after school. We are very grateful for this contribution to the school community- thank you team!

CUTLERY FOR STUDENT LUNCHES

Please remember to send any necessary utensils to school with your child for their lunch. **THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE GIVING THEM OUT.**



PAC CORNER

Happy October and thank-you to all those who attended the Pizza Party/ PAC Meeting extravaganza! It was lovely connecting with each other and having our kids frolic in the sunshine. A special thank-you to Banoo for bringing delicious, homemade cupcakes. We have a wonderful community at Brentwood Park!

Our PAC aims to build community by providing families opportunities to socialize, be involved and support our children's education.

What does PAC do? We organize the Welcome Back Tea, Pizza Party, monthly PAC meetings, Hot Lunch, Popcorn Sales, BC Fruit and Veggie Program, Spirit Wear Sales, Gift Card Sales, Gift Basket Raffle, Breakfast with Santa, Spring Social, Grade 7 Celebrations and Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Why do we fundraise? Our fundraising efforts enable us to provide \$150 to each teacher toward classroom expenses, \$300 to each division for fieldtrip school buses, buses for the Whistler Ski School, emergency supplies for each classroom, student presentations, recess equipment for each classroom, and support for classroom/school technology.

All of our children benefit from these events and initiatives and they could not take place without generous volunteers and supporters. Please contact us if you would like to be involved!

Hot Lunches are up and running...thank-you Vernon! See the school website to place your order with Munch-a-Lunch.

Spirit Wear is back! PAC is happy to offer families a chance to buy a black 'Brentwood Tigers' t-shirt. Ordering details will be available soon!

Winter Gift Baskets: If you or someone you know can donation items for a gift basket (or donate an entire gift basket) please email the PAC executive @ brentwoodpac@gmail.com.

PAC Meeting dates: Meetings will be held the last Wednesday of the month from 7-8 pm in the school library. Grade 7 babysitters will be available to watch your kids. The dates are as follows: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Jan. 31, Feb. 28, April 25, and May 30.

PAC Executive needs you! The PAC Executive is looking for capable, team oriented parents to fill some openings on our executive. If you are interested in being a Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer, or Fundraising Coordinator please email us for details.

Sincerely, Margo, Donna, Kamal, Sharron, Connie and Raquel

Brentwood Park PAC Executive

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Join an All Girls Hockey Team!

Burnaby Wildcats is home to over 70 female hockey players from Burnaby and New Westminster. We have teams for players from 5 to 15 years old. We play other all-girl teams in the Lower Mainland. Participate in games, practices, tournaments, jamborees and team socials!



Season goes from September to March. New player registrations starts on July 1st. Check our website for all the info: <http://www.burnabyminor.com/default.aspx?p=newplayer>

Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Presents

MENTORING WITH MATH

A FREE after-school program

WHAT IS MENTORING ?

- Mentoring with Math is a free program for boys and girls in grades 3-7 who are struggling with math.
- Children are matched with mentors who help make math fun and achievable.
- Mentors are mostly SFU students and have been recruited by Big Brothers.
- Each session is 1.5 hours - the first hour is focused on math, while the last portion is spent building a friendship between the child and mentor through play.
- Snacks and tasty treats are provided.

PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN: 4:00-5:30pm starting October 10th - December 12th, 2017 (tentative)
 WHERE: North Burnaby Neighbourhood House - 4908 Hastings St. Burnaby
 COST: This is a FREE program for children who need math support but do not have access to paid tutoring.

REGISTER:

ONLINE at bigbrothersvancouver.com/math

Or CONTACT JOANNE at joanne.kautz-allard@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca | 604.876.2447 ext.301

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Brentwood Math Club

(Grades 1-7)

Join The Brentwood Math Club this Fall from Tuesday Oct. 3 to Tuesday November 14, 2017: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Room 18.

The Math Club is run by Quinn Harris, a certified BC teacher and parent in the Brentwood Community.

Please bring pen/pencil and paper. We will play various fun games and work on difficult math problems together.

For more information, please contact Quinn Harris directly at qharris@vsb.bc.ca

Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please send this registration form to the school office.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Name/Signature: _____ Telephone: _____