

# October

## Twelfth Avenue ELEMENTARY

*Twelfth Avenue Elementary School is a diverse, dynamic, and inclusive community. As a team, we strive to provide a safe and structured environment which nurtures and empowers each member of our school community, and challenges all of us to reach our potential. We foster a positive self image and equip all students with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that will enable them to become lifelong learners.*

### Principal's Message

Dear Twelfth Avenue Families and Community,

September always seems to fly by so quickly, and here we are into early October. Our first month of school was a great success. Thank you to our staff for ensuring a purposeful, engaging and fun start to the school year. This year our theme for our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is the "Star Wars". Our 13 classroom have been busy working and practicing these three principles: "Being Respectful", "Being Responsible", "Being Safe". The mascot this year for PBS is the Jedi Master. The Jedi Master visited Twelfth Avenue for a Community Gathering this week to set up a goal for his Padwans. The goal is for the whole Twelfth Avenue school community to earn 500 Thunder Tokens by demonstrating Respectful, Responsible and Safe Behaviours in the different school zones. Once the whole school has collectively earn their 500 Thunder Tokens, the Padwans will receive a double recess, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Thank you for your support with reviewing and reminding your child about our PBS expectations in all the different zones around the school.

In Partnership,

Ms. Eva Young  
Principal



Burnaby School District

October 6, 2017

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED**

**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS**  
Prière de les faire traduire.

**重要資料**  
請找人為你翻譯

これはたいせつなお知らせです。  
どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。

**알려드립니다**  
이것을 번역해 주십시오

**CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG**  
Xin nhờ người dịch hộ

**ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ**  
ਬਿਰਧਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੱਠਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE**  
Busque alguien que le traduzca.

**اطلاعات مهم و سودمند**  
لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند

**ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON**  
Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan

**يرجى ترجمة هذا**  
**معلومات هامة**

**ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ**  
Переведите это, пожалуйста.

### School Closure

**Monday, Oct 9** Thanksgiving

**Friday, Oct 20** Pro-D

**Monday, Oct 23** Curriculum  
Implementation



## PAC Executive Members 2017-2018



I would like to introduce the new PAC Executive Team :

PAC Chairperson	-Nermina Agetovic
PAC Vice Chairperson	- Hena Siddiqi
PAC Treasurer	- Fernanda La Porta
PAC Secretary	- Naimah Asad
DPAC Representative	- Suresh Venakatesan

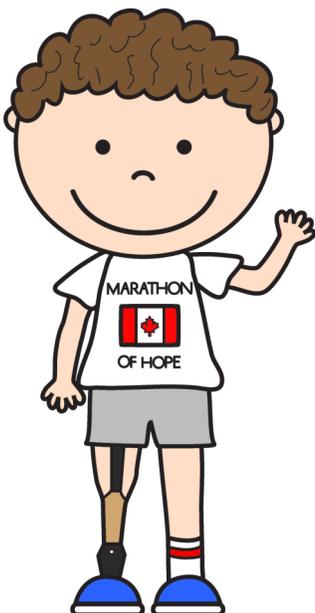
### Thank You Mrs. Ward!

We would like express a big Thank You to Mrs. Kari Ward for her leadership and dedication the past few years as the PAC Treasurer and stepped in when we did not have a PAC Chairperson last year. We would like to say Thank You for all your countless hours in ensuring and securing the funds to support staff, students and programs at Twelfth Avenue. You have made an incredible difference in our school community. All the best to you!



Please come and join us at our next PAC meeting on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> @7:00 pm in the Library.

### Terry Fox Run- Thank You!



A Big Thank You to Ms. Cho and Division 2 for organizing and planning a successful Terry Fox Run. Thank you to the Twelfth Avenue community for contributing generously and raising over \$502.95 for Cancer Research.

Twelfth Avenue Community Rocks!

# Reading At Home.....Can Make a Huge Difference!

It's the beginning of October and we have settled into a routine for school and our extra-curricular family lives. As you enjoy this time of established routines hopefully you have included some healthy literacy components to your day. Engaging with your child in reading and conversations about what you are reading is the best way to build vocabulary and comprehension skills along with strengthening family ties.

Reading at home is a very important part of a child's development. It creates a connection between the home and school and allows students the opportunity to practice new reading skills such as fluency and comprehension. Here are a few tips that can help make home reading more effective.

**Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time! Family time is so important... Why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids?**

Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.

Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.

**Choose Books That Are At An Appropriate Reading Level For Your Child**

- Use the five finger rule. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read.
- Put up a finger every time your child does not know a word. If you have put up more than five fingers before the end of the page, this book is too hard for your child.
- Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.

Keep plenty of reading materials in your home: books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Children enjoy having a variety of reading materials!

**How To Read With A Beginning Reader:**

- Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading a sentence each or a page each.
- Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think this character feels?

- Don't be afraid to read the same book again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency! 15-20 minutes is plenty for a beginning reader!

**Check For Understanding**

- Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?
- Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- What was the problem in this story?
- How did the character feel when...?

Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, a movie?

**Read Books Online!**

There are many fun and interactive websites for literacy. Here are a few FREE online resources:

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[www.speakaboos.com](http://www.speakaboos.com)

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

[www.wegivebooks.org](http://www.wegivebooks.org)

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com>





## Staying Healthy is In Your Hands

Hand washing is easy to learn, cheap and incredibly effective at stopping the spread of disease causing germs. Dr. David Butler Jones, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, recommends handwashing as one of the ways to a healthier life.

### Steps to good handwashing technique

- 1) Remove all rings and wet your hands with warm running water.
- 2) Put a small amount of liquid soap in the palm of one hand. Bar soaps are not as hygienic as liquid soaps because they stay moist and attract germs. If a bar soap is the only option it should be stored on a rack so that the bar doesn't sit in water.
- 3) Rub your hands together for 20 seconds so you produce lather. Make sure your scrub between your fingers, under your fingernails and the backs of your hands.
- 4) Rinse your hands well with clean running water for at least 10 seconds. Try not to handle the faucets once your hands are clean. Use a paper towel to turn off the water.
- 5) Dry your hands with a single use paper towel. If you use a hand towel be sure to change it daily. During cold and flu season you may want to give each family member his or her own hand towel.
- 6) Use hand lotion to put moisture back into your skin if your hands are dry.
- 7) Model good hand washing technique to your children. Have them sing a song like "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" while rubbing their hands together to teach them the amount of time it takes to clean their hands properly.

