# **Forest Grove Elementary**







# Celebrate the Holidays with us

#### You're invited to join our school community

We have many chances to gather as a whole school and celebrate in classrooms. Thank you to our PAC for planning wonderful events. Please connect with your child's teacher to learn more.

- Dec 5 6-8pm Jingle & Mingle reserve your tickets ahead
- Dec 11 1pm Choir performance at Lougheed Mall
- **Dec 11** 5:30-7:00pm **Sing carols** with a live band outside our school
- **Dec 12** 9-11am **Pancake Breakfast** for all students
- **Dec 17** 12:30pm **Choir performance** at Burnaby Village Museum
- Dec 19 10:40am Sing-a-long in the gym

We are looking forward to our school wide Lunar New Year concerts on February 25th and 26th. More info to follow in the New Year.

## Winter Weather

#### How to know about school closures

In the event of weather-related closures, an announcement will be posted on the main page of the Burnaby Schools website. Our school will also email all families as early as possible.

All schools will remain OPEN unless there is heavy snowfall, damage, or other circumstances (such as power outage) that make it impossible to open for instruction. Read more about the process on our District website.

Please note, no announcement is made if schools stay OPEN.

# Term 1 Report Cards

#### Available online from Dec 18 @ 11am

Report cards are one of the many important ways we communicate student learning with families.

Need a hand remembering how to view them or setting up your account? We're using the same Parent Portal as our high schools that we used in Term 3. Please revisit our detailed website post for a refresher. You can resent your own passwords!

#### Curious to learn more?

Reporting & assessment practices in BC prioritize showing growth over time & focus on student strengths.

What do students learn in different curriculum areas at different grade levels?

I got letter grades at school. What is the Proficiency Scale?

What other changes in reporting are there & why?

# Wet & Cold Weather Warm & Dry Clothes

## Help us play & learn in a Rainforest

Living in the Pacific Northwest Coast Rainforest means we live alongside some wet weather. We go outside whenever possible. Please make sure to send rainproof & warm layers and a change of dry clothes & socks for your child.

Let our school know if we can help your family access gear. We're glad to help.

## Late or Absent?

## Please let the office know

With cold & flu season here, it's important to help stop the spread of germs by staying home when you're sick.

Staying home from school? Please call the office absence line at 604.296.9026 or email us at ForestGrove.info@burnabyschools .ca. You are welcome to also let your child's teacher know.

## Lost & Found

#### Check it out before it's gone

Our Lost & Found near the Community Room and Office is overflowing! Please come and reclaim your children's lost gear.

As usual, it will be donated at the end of the last day of school before Winter Break.

# Join our PAC meeting

#### Monday, December 8th

Please join us in our school Library. Curious to hear more about what goes on behind the scenes? Interested in lending a helping hand? See you there!

# Traffic & Parking Safety

# Keep our children safe



Please remember the following to ensure safety & help traffic flow **smoothly** for everyone.

- **Visibility near the crosswalk -** no stopping or U-turns
- **In the drop off zone –** pause to drop off, no parking
- Pedestrians off driveways walk only on crosswalks or
- Parking lots are for staff only.
- **Street parking -** follow city bylaw signs & keep all driveways clear.

Our RCMP School Liaison Officer & City Bylaw Officers work alongside us to keep students safe.

# Last day of school before Winter Break

Friday, Dec 19th is a full day of school.

Winter Break is Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our first day back at school is Monday, January 5th. Curious to plan ahead? Check out Burnaby's approved three-year school calendar.

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