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**Quote of the Week**

“Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together.”

— Scott Hayden

# The Peregrine Post



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**Holiday Hamper THANK YOU!**

It's been awhile, but we would like to take the time to thank everyone who donated to this year's holiday hamper event. We were able to help 15 families this season and they were all very appreciative. We raised over \$1500.00 and had many toys donated. We also had community support which we would like to acknowledge. Many thanks to the following: The Beet Catering, Southside Community Church, Sepia Painting, Golden Boy Foods, Janice Hardie, Paul Hundle and The Nana Guruk Society, and Claudia at Avon Canada.

**Intersectionality Crosswalk**

Earlier this month, as I was doing my usual walk around the building first thing in the morning and saying hi to families, I overheard some students teasing one another saying that they were playing "Gaystation" and things like "You're gay". Now, having been teaching for over 25 years and having been a boy myself back when dinosaurs roamed the streets, I understand that we can say ignorant things without thinking first, as I've done my fair share. But, the part that got me was that this particular class of students had just been doing lessons on acceptance, kindness, and had been discussing LGBTQ2S+ issues, so more work obviously needs to be done in this area.

In addition, in the last 6 months, I've sadly had to also deal with a handful of racist remarks from students. One of our main goals at Forest Grove is to create a school community that cares about others and celebrates our diversity. We are anti-racist and do not tolerate slurs that put down members of our BIPOC or LGBTQ2S+ community. It would be wonderful if you could continue to reinforce this at home and continue to have open dialogue around these issues.

One of our latest initiatives is to work with the city in hopefully installing the first city **Intersectionality Crosswalk** right in front of our school to raise further awareness of our goal of **inclusiveness** and **acceptance**. I'm telling you all this because I'm hoping that there are some of you out there that could possibly help with this...as I mentioned, it's never been done outside of school grounds in Burnaby and I'd love for Forest Grove to be the first. If you're willing to help, please email me at [kurt.gurney@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:kurt.gurney@burnabyschools.ca).



K. Gurney—Principal

**Important Dates**



**Friday, Feb. 12th**  
 Coffee Orders due.

**Family Day, Feb. 15th**  
 No school

**Wednesday, Feb. 17th**  
 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Thursday, Feb. 18th**  
 WORDS Writing Contest entries due

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## So You Think You Can Write?

Well, so do we! Our annual **WORDS Writing Contest** is coming up soon with entries due by **Thursday, Feb. 18th**. Students from Kindergarten can submit poems or short stories that are no longer than 500 words that demonstrate excellence in writing. On Feb. 18th, staff will judge and select the top 15 entries to submit to the district contest.

Winners will be selected by age category with 100 students from throughout the district getting published in the annual anthology. Students can submit as many entries as they like, just be sure to indicate your name, grade, and division, and give it to your teacher. Good luck!



## Dance Club Update

Intermediate dance club is well underway and has 24 members. We are grateful to our FG PAC for their ongoing support this year. We recently did a virtual dance session at our school and will continue to work each week on creating new choreography!

**KINDNESS**  
**IS ONE SIZE**  
*Fits All*

## Pink Shirt Day (Feb. 24th)

A reminder to families that Pink Shirt Day Wednesday, Feb. 24th. The theme is around "Be Kind" and we are not only encouraging all students to wear pink, we are also encouraging our whole community to wear pink.

Ideally, at pick up and drop off, we hoping to see a sea of pink to visually show support of kindness, respect, and caring for others.

## **VALENTINES DAY WORKSHOP AT CAMERON PARK**

Enjoy a great day at the park while creating your very own hand-crafted Valentines Day crafts and gifts to give to family or friends. Join us for some heart-filled fun!

**\$18.80/child, 1 session**

**Saturday, Feb 13, 10:00am-12:00pm, 573582**

**Register early!**

[Burnaby.ca/webreg](https://burnaby.ca/webreg) or call 604-298-7946



# PAC PRESS



## Thank You!

Big Thanks to everyone who made the winter holiday celebrations very special despite the pandemic: to Selena Yip for procuring the covid-friendly cookies at a fantastic price, to Mr. Gurney (and staff?) for making hot chocolate and handing it out with the cookies (tasks that would normally be handled by the PAC), and to all the teachers who got into the spirit and facilitated the Holiday performance video, Holiday Bingo and Door Decorating Contest!



## PAC needs your help:

There are some specific areas within the PAC that need your help! Can you volunteer some time (during or outside of school hours)? For more information please email the PAC at [forestgrove-pac@gmail.com](mailto:forestgrove-pac@gmail.com) Our current needs include:

- Recipe book sub-committee members
- Helpers to write grant application(s) with Nicole Gladish's guidance



## Virtual Babysitting & Stay Safe! Courses



## Babysitting and Stay Safe Course

Want your child to be ready to stay home alone? Or, do they want to be certified as a babysitter?

Sign up for the Virtual STAY SAFE or BABYSITTING course on Friday, February 26, 2021 (PRO-D Day)

Space is limited to 25 students per course. Stay Safe: Ages 9-13; Babysitting: Ages 11-15

Registration & Payment of \$65: through **school cash online**. Any questions email [athenanturner@gmail.com](mailto:athenanturner@gmail.com)

## Join our next PAC meeting!

If you are a parent at Forest Grove you are welcome to join us for our monthly PAC meetings. This is a great way to stay up to date about what is happening at your school. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 7-9PM**. Please join us!



## Gr. 7 Fundraiser (Coffee anyone?)



We are offering 400 gm (14 oz) bag of **Holiday Blend Organic Whole Bean** coffee from Salt Spring Coffee for **\$15**.

Simply go to **SchoolCash Online** (click [HERE](#)) before **Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** to order. Orders will be sorted by school staff and stored at the school for 3 days before we distribute to your child during the week of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The funds raised (\$5.00 per bag sold) will be going towards the end-of-year celebrations for our grade 7's who will be celebrating a unique grade 7 year.

# Forest Grove Grade 7 Fundraiser

Help the planet and help the grads!

Bring refundable cans and bottles in a clear bag to

any Return-It **EXPRESS** Depot.

No sorting!

Just use the **EXPRESS** kiosk and enter

Forest Grove's phone number:  
604-296-9026 to donate your refund.



Your donations will help the grade 7 class of 2021 raise funds for farewell celebrations. **The account will be open until June 2021.** *The grade 7s thank you in advance!*

Return-It EXPRESS Locations close to Forest Grove:

6518 Hastings Street, Burnaby

6893 Hastings Street, Burnaby

435 (Unit W) North Road, Coquitlam