



September 25, 2024

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Mrs. L. Pitt - Principal
Ms. K. Deo - Head Teacher
Mrs. V. Crawford - Secretary
Mr. Gary Wong- School Trustee

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 Families:

Welcome back to school! Students are settling into classrooms and routines are beginning. Classrooms have set their schedules and all classrooms are reviewing the Positive Behaviour Passports each student owns. We have a common language and behaviour expectations for our community. Classrooms will visit each zone of the school and review the expectations. At each Celebration of Learning assembly, different divisions will present on these Zones too. Family members are welcome to attend. Look to our website calendar for the dates.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to our first PAC meeting. We have a new Chair and Co-chairs who are committed to meeting the needs of the school and families. Please reach out to them at twelfthavepac@gmail.com if you have any questions or ideas.

The PAC is planning for our **Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 pm**. Many volunteers are needed, so if you can help, please let the PAC know. A poster came out to advertise the event—there is a free hotdog for students and there will be games and crafts. We hope to see you there.

I look forward to working with you and your children again this year. It is such a pleasure to work in such a diverse and welcoming community.

Thank you,
Mrs. Lisa Pitt



**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 ਬਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੱਥਾ 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.



- Fri - Sept 27 - Orange Shirt Day
- Mon - Sept 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - **NO SCHOOL**
- Thu - Oct 3 - Welcome Back BBQ
- Fri - Oct 4 - Individual Photo Day
- Mon - Oct 14 - Thanksgiving - **NO SCHOOL**
- Fri - Oct 25 - Pro D Day - **NO SCHOOL**

IntroducingThe Twelfth Avenue Staff for 2024-2025

It is my pleasure to announce this year's school staff assignments. We have an amazing team at Twelfth Avenue.

Mr. R. Hait	Grade 6/7	Ms. B. Carson	Teacher Librarian
Ms. N. Warkentin & Ms. K. Yong	Grade 6/7	Ms. S. Chastko	NIS Provider
Ms. J. Koch-Kalanj	Grade 6/7	Mrs. Chen	Inclusion/Reading Recovery
Ms. R. Ruholl	Grade 4/5	Ms. K. Yong	Inclusion Teacher
Mr. M. Young	Grade 4/5	Ms. E. Askew	ELL
Ms. V. Wu	Grade 4/5	Ms. I. Chang-Joa	ELL
Mrs. T. Morsara & Ms. G Abrahams	Grade 3	Mr. W. Kadray	NIS/ELL/ILIT/International
Ms. K. Deo & Ms. K. Yong	Grade 2/3	MS. K. Hosford	Band Teacher
Ms. A. Tze	Grade 2/3	Ms. S. Mcgee	Counsellor
Ms. R. Wright	Grade 1/2	Mrs. W. Yip	Speech & Language
Mrs. K. Gataric	Grade 1/2	Ms. C. Shay	Custodian
Mrs. M. Thola & Ms. Askew	Grade K/1	Ms. M. Djasic	Custodian
Mr. P. Thola	Kindergarten	Mr. E. Kovacevic	Custodian
Ms. B. Kidd	Educational Assistant	Mr. S. Lu	Hot Lunch Coordinator
Ms. F. Samat	Educational Assistant	Mrs. L. Kocmaruk	StrongStart Facilitator
Ms. A. Purganan	Educational Assistant	Ms. T. Ly	Crossing Guard & Noon Hour Supervisor
Ms. M. Warkentin	Educational Assistant	Ms. P. Pawar	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mr. J. Llega	Educational Assistant	Mrs. V. Crawford	Secretary
Mrs. J. Hui	Educational Assistant	Ms. S.Y. Yang	Office Assistant
Ms. L. Thomas	Educational Assistant		
Ms. T. Dolma	Educational Assistant		



Informal Reporting Period #1

Parents should expect communication for the first informal reporting period between October 7 and October 18, 2024. Each teacher chooses how they will communicate with families in their classrooms during this informal reporting period and time-frame.

Teachers will communicate informal interim student progress reports in one of these forms:

- A) Through a portfolio or online collaboration platform
- B) Scheduling a conference time with parents to discuss initial student goals and self-assessments
- C) Telephone call, written summary, or email progress

Please note that at any time you can call the school to have a conversation with your child's teacher and/or share important information about them. Research shows that a strong home-school relationship supports students in their learning!

We look forward to working together this school year.



Photo Day

Individual photos of students will be taken on **Friday, October 4, 2024**

If you need a retake or missed the student photo day, retakes are on

Thursday, November 7, 2024



Student Attendance/Student Absence/ Late To School /Leaving School Early

Please phone the school at (604) 296-9035 extension 655005 between 8:30 and 9:00 or leave a message on the school's voice mail whenever your child is absent from school. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent, we will attempt to phone you. (If your child is absent for several days, please let the office know so that a call will not be made each day.)

Our school day at Twelfth Avenue begins at 8:55 am and finishes at 3:00 pm. Students who arrive after the 9:00 bell in the morning or the 12:20 pm bell in the afternoon, please stop by the office to sign in. If a student has to leave school early, please let the classroom teacher know and please report to the office to sign out. If a student is ill, the secretary will phone home to ask you to pick up your child.



Bell schedule

8:55am	Welcome Bell
9:00am	School Begins
11:32am-12:25pm	Lunch
1:45pm-2:00pm	Recess
3:00pm	Dismissal



Student Cell Phone Policy



Thank you to our families and students for respecting the Cell Phone policy at our school. Please note that if your child is carrying a cell phone it is their responsibility to understand:

- ***Cell phones** (or any expensive items such as ipads) are here **at your child's own risk** in terms of loss or breakage.
- *All cell phones will be collected at the beginning of the day and returned at the end of the day.
- * All **cell phones are to be turned off during class time** unless the teacher has made arrangements with the student for a medical or academic reason.
- *If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office and leave a message with the classroom teacher or Mrs. Crawford.

- **We also ask that students leave all toys (dolls/cards/makeup) and/or equipment (sports) at home. Classrooms have school equipment they can take outside.

Health and Safety

Peanut Awareness

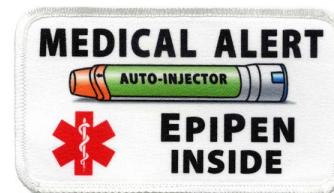
We are a peanut aware school. To respect the health concerns of our community members, please avoid sending food with nuts and or nut ingredients (e.g. oil) in snacks and lunches. Healthy alternatives include soy beans, raisins, celery, or carrot sticks. We thank you for your cooperation.



Medications and Allergies

All medication and EpiPens for life-threatening allergies must be kept in the office. If your child requires medical support, please contact the Principal.

The staff cannot administer any medication for your child unless Fraser Health, your doctor and/or School District personnel have signed off on a medication form or Care Plan. If your child needs medication during the day, parents will need to come to the school during one of the breaks to administer it, or the student should stay home.



Dress for the Weather

Everyday, our students go outside. As the weather gets cooler and wetter, student **must** have appropriate clothing.

- a warm coat with a hood or a rain coat
- Gloves/toque (hat)
- boots
- umbrella



For younger children, **a change of clothes** is helpful in case of getting very wet or little emergencies. A bag with change of socks, underwear, pants, shirt and inside shoes.

School Motto-Words to Guide Our Time Together

Twelfth Avenue students, staff, parents, and community members—SOAR!

- ◆ We will make sure we are **safe** and we will provide a safe environment for others.
- ◆ We will take **ownership** of our behaviours and our learning. We will learn from our mistakes.
- ◆ We will learn and work with a positive **attitude**. We will approach tasks with a growth mindset.
- ◆ We will make decisions and take action that is both **respectful** and **responsible**.

Foundational Skills Assessments: Grade 4 and Grade 7 Students

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of literacy and numeracy. FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know. Some students who are still learning the English language may be exempt. Mrs. Pitt will send home letters to those parents.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. Longitudinal studies show that students who are "On Track" in Grade 4 graduate on time. For our school, it will help give us data for our Numeracy school goal.

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The assessment is designed by teachers and addresses the curriculum. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks from October 1-November 8, 2024. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it won't take too much time away from classroom learning. See the table for the components of the assessment.

Once marked, assessment booklets are sent home to families (even if the student is exempt). These marks are not used by the classroom teacher so it is a low stakes assessment. If you have any questions about the FSAs, please contact Mrs. Lisa Pitt:

lisa.pitt@burnabyschools.ca .

Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes

Terry Fox Run



We held our **Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 20th**. Students helped support this annual event by bringing in a **Toonie** or parents made online donations. Our school goal was to raise \$600 for the Terry Fox Foundation and we exceeded our goal, so we will be able to celebrate with the 'soaking of teachers'!

Thank you for your generosity and support in advance for Cancer Research and to find a cure.



Parking

Please remember that our parking area is very limited. We ask families who drive their student(s) to school, to park on Hilda Street, and walk to your child's classroom door using the crosswalk. Our school is within walking distance for almost all our students so we recommend that families walk- even in the rain. We have some amazing Grade 6/7 leaders who are trained to support at the crosswalk so please set a good example for your children and use this crosswalk!

Parents who park illegally in the narrow drive-way parking lot can put our community at risk because emergency vehicles, city vehicles and school buses cannot get to our school. The driveway **MUST** be clear for buses.

If you are concerned about driving/parking habits of a community member, you can send their license plate number to the office and we will forward the information to the RCMP. RCMP officers may follow up with the driver. Violators of traffic and parking rules can be ticketed.

Please remember that there is no entrance to the parking lot between 8:45 - 9:00 am or at our dismissal time 2:45- 3:00 pm. This helps to ensure the safety of our students who may dart from the sidewalk through the parking lot. We know this requires you to walk into the grounds, but we ask for your support in abiding these safety standards.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this safety matter.



Online Payment of School Fees

We are pleased to offer the option of paying all school fees online. You can make payment for planners, supplies, Hot Lunch, field trips etc. directly to your child's account. Imagine how great it would be to not have to search for exact change to pay for your child's activities.

If you have already set up School Cash Online, you don't have to register again.

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

Create Your Profile:

Go to <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>

and click on "Get Started Today".

Confirm Your Email:

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside.

Sign in with your new login details.

Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.



THANK YOU!!

Orange Shirt Day– Friday, September 27th

Truth and Reconciliation Day- Monday, September 30th (school closed)

Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 27th, 2024, the school will be recognizing the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** which is on Monday, September 30th.

Students and staff will wear an orange shirt and gather for an assembly on this day: Friday, September 27. Families are welcomed to attend. It will start at 9:15 and families can enter the gym at 9:00.



Our goals are to acknowledge the Residential School tragedies and ensure all Canadians are aware of this shameful chapter in our history. Schools will focus on the importance of establishing a new legacy for Indigenous peoples and that “Every Child Matters.”

September 30th was chosen for this National Day as this was the time of year when children were collected from their homes, forced to leave their families and attend residential schools. By starting the school year this way, we hope to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies that inspire inclusion.

Orange Shirt Day is a day for Indigenous peoples to remember and/or recognize past trauma and their resiliency but more importantly it is a day for non-Indigenous people to work towards reconciliation. What will you do on September 30th? Here are a few ideas:

- Become educated on the history of Residential Schools in Canada

- Read the [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action](#)

- Confront racism, stereotypes and prejudices against Indigenous people and/or become aware of your own biases

- Attend a community event that recognizes the day

- Read Indigenous books and/or listen to podcasts

- Make posters, signs “Every Child Matters” for your windows to show your care

- Other ideas?

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day on Monday, September 30th

Federal Statutory Holiday- Staff and students do not attend school.

Legislation made this day a new federal statutory holiday. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation falls on September 30th each year. The Bill responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s [Calls to Action](#), number 80, which calls on the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish the holiday to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and honour the survivors, their families, and communities.

Emergency Drill Practice Dates:

Throughout the school year, schools must practice emergency drills. Here is the scheduled drills we have for this school year. Please be aware that due to unforeseen circumstances, we may need to cancel/reschedule these at any time.

A District letter will go home to all families in November about the Lock Down Drill. The District is coordinating that this drill be done District-wide in October or November (if possible). We recognize that some of our families have and/or are experiencing trauma from war, and that this drill could trigger some feelings or memories. Please let the classroom teacher know if you feel your child may need some support.

Fire Drills:

Thursday, September 12, 2024
Monday, October 28, 2024
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Monday, February 24, 2025
Thursday, April 10, 2025
Wednesday, June 4, 2025



Earthquake Drills:

Thursday, October 17, 2024
Thursday, May 22, 2025 (larger family group drill)



Emergency Procedures (Other):

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 (Lock Down Drill)
Friday, January 24, 2025 (Hold and Secure)



It is a good idea to practice fire and earthquake drills at home. Prepare an emergency kit to last at least 72 hours. Think about: Do you have an exit plan? Do you have a family meeting place? Who is your 'outside the province' contact?

Math Problem Of The Week



<https://twelfthavenue.burnabyschools.ca/problem-of-the-week/>

New this school year, there is a link on our school website “**PROBLEM OF THE WEEK**”, each week there will be a new math problem for Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6 and Grade 7-8.

It is not mandatory for students to solve these problems, but if students would like a challenge, they can work out the problem on their own, with friends and/or with family! Solutions will be posted on the website at the end of the week for your reference.

The pictures of the math problems are also posted on the notice board by the side of the school office for students to view.

Math Circles Workshops at UBC for Grades 5—7 Students

Students of grades 5 to 7 are invited to challenge and develop their thinking and creativity skills at the **Math Circle Workshops**.

This is an enrichment program for students organized by the faculty members of the Department of Mathematics at the University of British Columbia and the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences.

The goal of these workshops is to convey to students the importance of mathematics in the real world as well as how much fun mathematics can be.

We want to get the students excited about mathematics and to give them a setting that encourages them to become passionate about this subject.

The sessions take place on **Monday evenings from 4:30 to 5:45 pm, at the West Mall Swing Space (SWNG) - room 105 located at 2175 West Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4.**

<https://learningspaces.ubc.ca/classrooms/swng-105>



There is a \$5 fee (cash), per session, per child (parents are free).

- Parents are welcomed and encouraged to stay.
- **To book any of these days or for more information send an email to: melania@pims.math.ca.**
- Space is limited. You need to book the sessions you will like to attend. Each session is different and independent from previous sessions.

Schedule Fall 2024 at SWNG 105

October 28, November 4, 18 and 25, December 2, and 9