

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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BCSD November Newsletter

Dear BCSD Families/Guardians,

Winter is coming soon, and it's hard to believe that half the school year has already passed! Our staff have been busy preparing the report cards, which will be sent home before the winter break.

Students in ASL class spent weeks preparing for their Remembrance Day assembly performance. Kianna represented BCSD as the MC, guiding the audience through the program with confidence and clarity. The ASL 8/9 class opened the assembly with a beautifully coordinated signed performance of the Canadian national anthem. Seki followed with a moving signed rendition of *In Flanders Fields*, capturing the poem's emotion and historical significance. Anhad concluded the presentation by signing *Come Rain or Come Shine*.

Each performance highlighted the students' expressive skills, teamwork, and dedication to honouring the memory of those who served. Their contributions were both meaningful and inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work.



Four of our high school students, Meigan, Jimber, Lucy, and Nathan along with their families, had the incredible opportunity to attend the Deaf Olympics in Tokyo, Japan on Nov 15-26. This international event brought together Deaf and hard-of-hearing athletes, performers, and participants from around the world.

During their time in Tokyo, our students not only watched world-class athletic competitions but also experienced diverse sign languages, explored different cultures, and connected with Deaf communities from various countries. This once-in-a-lifetime experience allowed them to gain new perspectives, build friendships, and celebrate the global Deaf community in a truly inspiring way.

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As we move into the winter season, it's a meaningful time to reflect on community, kindness, and supporting one another. At BCSD, we value the strong connections we share with our students and families, and we want to offer extra support to those who may need it during this time of year.

Thanks to the generosity of the Deaf Pickleball Team, BCSD is able to offer support to families in need during the winter break.

If your family could use some extra help, please contact catherine.bennett@burnabyschools.ca and jennifer.zuvic@burnabyschools.ca.

Here are some important dates for you to be aware for the month of December:

- Dec 2 – BC Post Secondary Mini Fair
- Dec 20 - Jan 4 – Winter Break
- Jan 5 – School Resumes

As we move into this festive season, we want to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Our students continue to grow, learn, and shine because of the strong collaboration between home and school.

We hope you and your families enjoy a warm, restful, and joyful winter break.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Bennett".

Cathy Bennett, M.Ed., Ed.S.
BCSD Principal

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Jennifer Zuvic, M.Ed
BCSD Vice-Principal