

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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BCSD April Newsletter

Dear BCSD Families/Guardians,

We hope you are all enjoying the beautiful spring weather. As we move further into the school year, we would like to remind families that we only have 8 weeks left until summer break.

Time is truly flying by, and we are staying busy with learning, projects, graduation plans, and preparations for the end of the school year. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make these final weeks meaningful and successful for all students.

DHH Proud Event

The Provincial Outreach Program of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (POPDHH) hosted the 5th Annual DHH Proud event on April 13–14, 2026. Nearly 300 DHH students and teachers from across the province gathered for the DHH Proud Showcase competition and Friendship Day.

The event highlighted this year's theme, *“not a disability but a difference,”* celebrating Deaf and hard of hearing students' creativity, identity, and unique perspectives. Kristin Schnider, Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education, shared a powerful message emphasizing the importance of recognizing and valuing different ways of communicating and understanding Deaf and hard of hearing communities.

DHH Proud Showcase

On April 13, the DHH Proud Showcase competition was held as part of the Provincial Outreach Program of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (POPDHH) 5th Annual event. Students participated in a variety of categories, including storytelling, art, and poetry, celebrating their creativity and expression.



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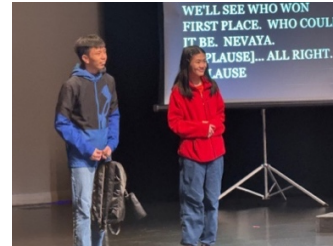
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We are proud to recognize the following our BCSD winners:

Arts Category

2nd Place – Judy Zhu

3rd Place – Alex Ramos



ASL Poetry

1st Place – Kobane Koshman and Jimber Tan

2nd Place – Anhad Thandi



Congratulations to all students who participated and shared their talents!

Friendship Day

On April 14, Friendship Day brought BCSD students, teachers, and school staff together with others at REVS Burnaby Lanes for bowling, fun, excitement, and delicious pizza.

The turnout was so large that the entire venue was reserved just for our group!



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The event was filled with laughter, connection, and new friendships. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect outside the classroom and build friendships in a fun and inclusive environment.

Transportation

The transportation form will be sent home soon. Please complete it and return it to BCSD by either emailing the form to Crystal, the secretary or printing it and bringing it to school.

We strongly encourage Grade 9–12 students to take public transit (SkyTrain) for their commute between home and school to support independence.

If students live too far to take the SkyTrain, they may use the school bus or Wheels transportation as appropriate.

Canada Video Relay Service (CVRS)

CVRS is excited to offer a presentation titled “Learn about Canada VRS” on May 5th at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Interpreters will be provided.

This is a great opportunity to attend and learn what CVRS is and how to use it, including how it can support communication in situations such as emergency calls.

CVRS will also be visiting BCSD on May 14th to provide a workshop for students.

Please refer to the separate email for additional details.

Attention Graduates

Graduation rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, May 13th in the gym. All graduates are required to attend.

Immediately following the rehearsal, graduation gowns will be distributed, along with a cap, gown, and stole, plus 2 complimentary tickets per graduate.

If you would like to purchase additional tickets, they are \$5 each. Payment can be made through School Cash Online: <https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com/>

Any remaining tickets will be sold starting May 14th at the main office, on a first-come, first-served basis. Cash only for in-person purchases.

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Graduation Celebration

The Honouring Our Youth (HOY) Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 4th. Please mark this date on your calendar. Invitations have already been sent to Grade 12 students and Indigenous families.

We will be holding the BCSD Ceremony and Awards on June 6th. Please mark this date on your calendar. This event is by invitation only for BCSD graduation families. A letter with further details will be sent out at a later date.

Here are some important dates for May:

- **May 13** – Grad School Leaving Rehearsal
- **May 15** – Professional Day (school closed)
- **May 18** – Victoria Day (school closed)
- **May 20** – School Leaving Ceremony

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Sincerely,



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