

• January 12, 2024

# Lakeview Elementary Weekly News



Dear Lakeview Community,

Happy New Year and first week of school in 2024! I have had an amazing first week in my new role as Principal of Lakeview Elementary. Getting to know students, staff and families is my top priority. I have had the opportunity to visit each class this week, spend time with students outside, connect with staff and I have started to meet some families.

I am a community and student focused leader. Previously I was working in the North Vancouver School District as the District Vice-Principal for Inclusive Education. Prior to that, I was the Vice-Principal at Larson Elementary. These experiences enabled me to follow my passion of inclusive education and to focus on fostering environments where every student feels a sense of belonging and support.

Additionally, I recognize the importance of collaboration with our families. Strong partnerships between home and school contribute significantly to a student's success. I am keen on creating opportunities for open communication and involvement to ensure that we work together in the best interest of our students. Please come say hello and introduce yourselves if you are in the school or when you see me outside.

As we embark on this journey together, let us embrace the opportunities for growth and learning that the new year brings. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to learning and working with each of you.

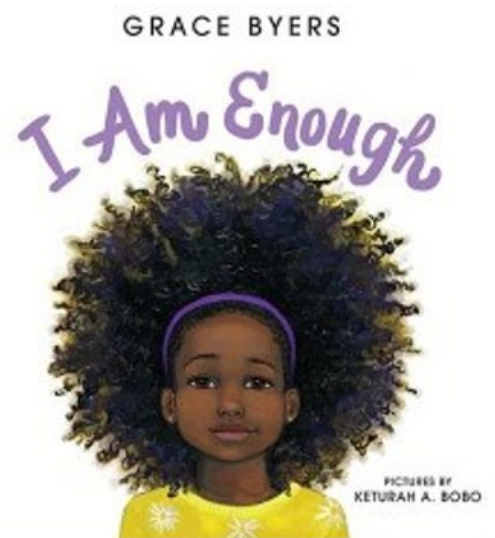
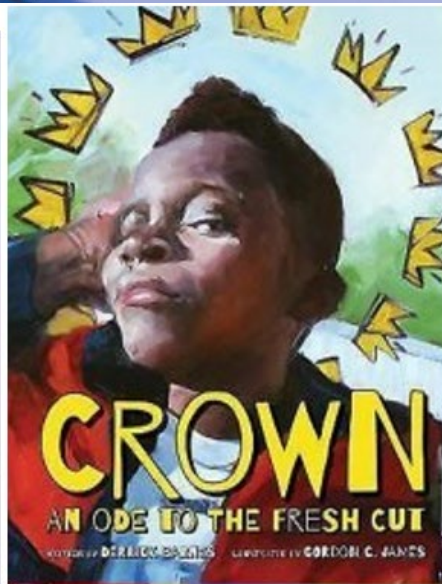
Here's to a fantastic start to 2024!

Amelia Poitras, Principal Lakeview Elementary

## Dates to note:

- January 15 Black Excellence Day
- January 16 Primary Skipping Starts
- January 16 Division 4 Swimming
- January 16 Boys Basketball Play Day @ Edmonds
- January 17 YPC (Bus @ 12:45)
- January 17 & 24 Indigenous Virtual Teaching
- January 18 Girls Basketball Play Day @ Edmonds
- January 23 Boys Basketball Play Day
- January 24 Hat Day
- January 25 Girls Basketball Play Day
- January 25 Crochet Club @ 3:15
- January 26 Literacy Week Kick Off Assembly
- January 28-February 2 Literacy Week
- January 30 Boys Basketball Play Day
- February 1 Girls Basketball Play Day





### **Black Excellence Day**

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> is the third annual BC Black Excellence Day. Black Excellence Day was created by Ninandotoo Society and takes place on January 15<sup>th</sup> each year. It is an opportunity to celebrate the joy, resilience, contributions, and achievements of Black People around the world. We want to honour the history and narratives of the past while uplifting and supporting the voices of our futures.

Next week, intermediate students will have the opportunity to view a virtual event hosted by Burnaby. This event is a learning opportunity and celebration of Black contributions, achievements, stories, art, history, joy and love. The aim is to raise awareness and uplift and bring hope to not just Black youth, but all racialized and non-racialized youth through the sharing of lived experiences.

In addition to the virtual event, classes will be engaged in learning activities and reading books celebrating Black Excellence. We will also be sharing stories of noteworthy individuals each day on the morning announcements.

For more information on Black Excellence Day please see the website <https://blackexcellenceday.ca/>



### **Cold Weather Reminders**

Outdoor physical activity is important for students; it helps them focus for learning and it is an important factor in positive mental health. We will do our best to have students outside daily.

Please remember to send students with warm clothing, jackets, mitts/gloves, boots and hats during the cold weather days. It is also helpful for students to have a change of clothes if they do get quite wet at Recess or Lunch.





# Burnaby Schools Welcome to Kindergarten

**AN INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DIVERSE  
ABILITIES**

**Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00-7:30pm  
Ecole Alpha Secondary School Library  
930 Alpha Avenue, Burnaby, V5C 3E2**



For further information and to register for the event, scan the QR code.

