

• Friday, January 23, 2026

# Lakeview Elementary Weekly News

Dear Lakeview Community,

We're excited to celebrate our upcoming Literacy Week with our school community next week. Today, we kicked off the week with an assembly and "Name that Character" contest; some of the teachers were not recognizable!

This year's theme, "Into the Wild with Words." We are inviting our students to explore how reading and writing help us imagine new worlds, express ourselves, and connect as a community. Literacy is a lifelong skill that opens doors, and this week we're shining a spotlight on the joy and power of writing, which connects to our school goal.

Throughout the week, students will explore the power of literacy through creative activities, special guests, and school-wide events that spark imagination and connection.

Highlights include an author visit, story workshops in the library, setting-inspired writing activities, a fun Word Whiz challenge, guest readers, an outdoor story walk, and a school-wide scavenger hunt. We'll finish the week with our Readathon and Pajama Day, where families are invited to join us in celebrating our shared love of reading. I've included a full outline of these events further along in the newsletter.

We look forward to a week of curiosity, creativity, and going "wild" with words together!

Amelia Poitras, Principal Lakeview Elementary



## Dates to note:

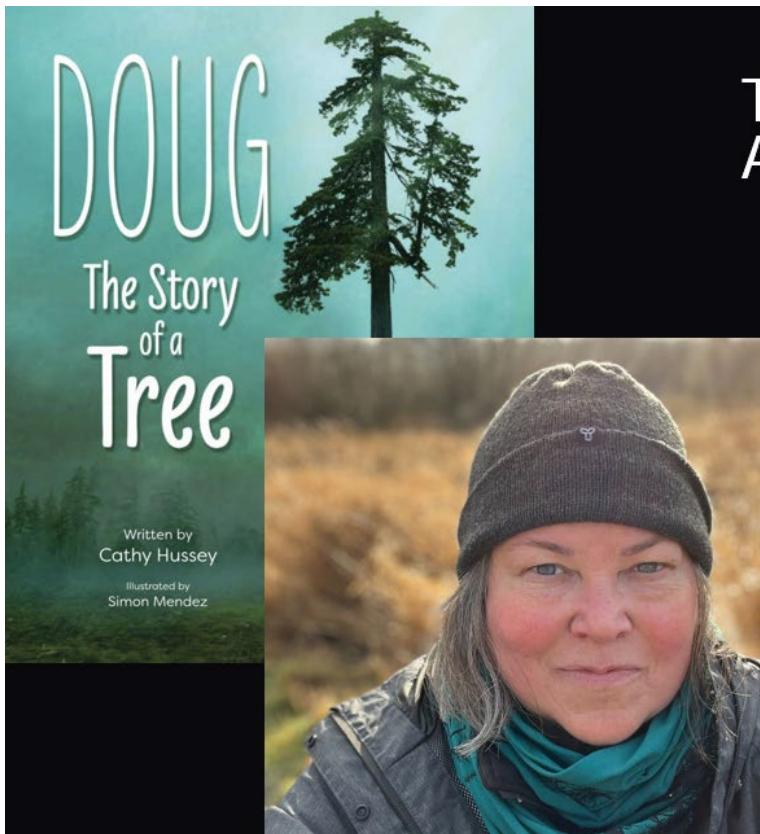
- Mon. Jan. 26 Pro-D Day (No School)
- January 26-30 Literacy Week see schedule below
- Wed. Jan. 28 Primary Skipping Club @ 8:15
- Wed. Jan. 28 Division 3&4 Rockhounds Fieldtrip
- Thurs. Jan. 29 Girls Basketball Game
- Fri. Jan. 30 Readathon – Families please join!
- Fri. Jan. 30 – Allyship Meeting @ lunch

## New in the Library





Kicking off Literacy Week in style; can you guess these characters?



Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Author Visit: Cathy Hussey

**Author Presentation**

**– Whole School @ 1:00 in the Gym**

Cathy Hussey delivers an inspiring talk about her writing process and the joys of creative literacy.

**Interactive Writing Workshop**

**– Division 7, 8, 9 @ 1:50**

Students engage in hands-on writing exercises focused on narratives, character development, and descriptive language.

# Literacy Week Events 2026 “Into the Wild with Words”

Tuesday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Author Visit - Cathy Hussey 1:00-1:45 Whole School Presentation 1:50-2:50 Division 7,8,9 Writing Work in the library
Wednesday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Setting Walk and Write <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Classes have created different story settings on their bulletin boards for everyone to view. In the morning, each class will do a “setting walk” and in the afternoon, students will return to their favourite setting and complete a piece of writing inspired by it.</li></ul> Word Whiz Wednesday Activity at Recess <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students will have to find a definition and word pair while playing outside - words are from the Word Whiz Wednesday announcement (Tier 2 Words) from the last 6 weeks.</li></ul>
Thursday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Library Story Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Buchanan will host classes throughout the day.</li></ul> Family/Guest Readers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Each classroom teacher has invited someone special to read to their class at some point during the day</li></ul> Shirts with Words Spirit Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students and staff are encouraged to wear shirts with words on them.</li></ul> Outdoor Story Walk <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A story walk will be posted outside for classes to view.</li></ul>
Friday, January 30	Library Story Workshop continues  Lunch Hour Scavenger Hunt <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Outdoor scavenger hunt featuring Indigenous animals; students collect clues to create a word in hul’q’umi’num’</li></ul> Readathon and Pajama Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Students will be reading for approximately 45 minutes. ALL Lakeview Parents and Families are invited to join us. Students will be given a pledge form to fundraise for literacy initiatives. Students are encouraged to collect pledge donations from their family, friends and relatives.</li><li>- There will be Family Prizes DRAWN for Families who hand in their pledges and each class that participates will be entered into a draw for a Pizza party sponsored by <b>Johnny’s on Oak</b>. Most importantly, we are celebrating our appreciation and love of reading together as a community.</li><li>- When: Friday Jan 30, 2026 Where: Lakeview Elementary School Gym 9:15-9:50 – Division 9 (Chatt)&amp; Division 10 (Mah) 9:55-10:30 – Division 11 (Ng) &amp; Divisions 12 (Knapp) 10:55-11:30 – Division 5 (Ross) &amp; Division 6 (Mastromonaco) 11:35-12:10 – Division 7 (Sinclair) &amp; Division 8 (Patterson) 1:10-1:45 – Division 3 (Chung) &amp; Division 4 (Suh) 1:50-2:20 – Division 1 (Mott) &amp; Division 2 (Sihota)</li></ul>



Division 11 and 6 partner reading.



## ONLINE INDIGENOUS LESSON

This week Students gathered to learn from Sempúlyan Stewart Gonzales in our Online Indigenous Session. Sempúlyan Stewart Gonzales is a member of the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and serves as a Councillor on the Squamish Nation Council. He has long been involved in community work, including sharing cultural knowledge and supporting language learning. This week, he shared hən̗qəminəm' (Hun'qumi'num) and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh sníchim (Squamish language) with our students, emphasizing the importance of family, identity, and maintaining the languages of our ancestors.

He also spent time teaching about protocol, highlighting the importance of understanding and respecting the land we are on and the teachings of the Coast Salish Nations: xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh).



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/ huy ch q'u / thank-you

Our Primary  
Skipping  
Club started  
this week!



# A Parent Information Evening

For Parents of Children with Disabilities or Diverse Abilities



Burnaby Schools Student Art

**Thursday, February 19th, 2026**  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**

**Burnaby Central Secondary School**  
6011 Deer Lake Pkwy, Burnaby, BC V5G 0A9

To register, scan the QR code.

Welcome to Kindergarten  
Information Evening, Thursday,  
February 19th, 2026



Is your child with disabilities or diverse abilities starting Kindergarten in the Burnaby School District? Join us for a **parent information session** designed to help families prepare for this exciting transition. Learn about the steps and timelines, discover the supports and services, meet our district inclusive education team. This is a great opportunity to learn, share, and feel supported as you prepare for your child's first year of school.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact [fin.mullins@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:fin.mullins@burnabyschools.ca)

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## Babysitter Training Course

# BABYSITTER'S TRAINING AT LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY

Must be 11+ years old



## Student Reference Manual



Children learn valuable skills, emergency procedures and tips on child-care. Certificates are awarded to those who successfully complete the course, which uses Canada Safety Council Babysitter's Guidelines. They recommend that children under 12 not babysit without adult supervision. This program is generously subsidized by the school.

**Thursdays, 6 sessions, \$95.40**

Lakeview Elementary

Location: Library

February 5-March 12, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Activity Number: 96898

**Registrations starts on Thursday, December 11th at 10am.**

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Call 604-297-4838 or visit any Burnaby recreation centre

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