CHILD CARE PROGRAM UPDATES

1. BURTON AFTER SCHOOL CARE (SEAMLESS DAY) PROGRAM

Burton Elementary School is excited to announce that we are officially working towards the launch of our Seamless Day Program for 2022!

BES Seamless day aims to provide a continuum of learning by bringing continuity to the two systems of Early Years and Education through the integration of in school learning and after school childcare.

- 1. BES Seamless day is comprised of two program components which include:
 - an in-school learning component whereby a team of educators including the primary classroom teacher and a qualified Early Childhood Educator collaborate in the design of programs and environments, engaging with the Early Learning Framework; and
 - an after-school care program component, in which up to 12 students, grades K-7 are eligible to register, and which will include a combination of structured activities and free play that embed strongly rooted district practices of inclusion, place-conscious learning, experiential learning, and First Peoples Principles of Learning.
- 2. Burton Elementary is currently seeking input from parents in the Burton and surrounding areas regarding their child care needs and after school programming interests, to help inform next steps. To complete the survey, click here: <u>BES Seamless Day After School Care Program Google Forms</u>. Survey responses are due by Wednesday December 15, 2021.
 - Additional consultation regarding child care needs and programming interests may take place in January as required
- 3. Licensing is still underway, and the District continues to work with the health authority to complete the licence application.
- 4. Recruitment efforts for a qualified Early Childhood Educator continue. A <u>current job posting</u> is out, and applications will be accepted until Tuesday January 4, 2021.

2. NAKUSP CHILD CARE CENTRE HUB

- 1. With the exterior and interior construction continuing to move along towards completion, expected for January 2022, interior set up including electrical, IT, and furnishings, etc. will then follow starting in February.
- 2. In the interim a follow up survey regarding child care needs as well as after school care programming interests is in process and is expected to be released prior to the winter break for parents to complete. This feedback will be instrumental in identifying licensing priorities.
- 3. To assist with the startup of child care operations, the District will be recruiting for a Child Care Coordinator to work alongside the District team to apply for licensing and to address staffing needs. The posting is expected to be released prior to the winter break and close in the first or second week of January.