



# WELCOME

NEWS FROM MS.MERKEL'S CLASS



## Translation information

*The information from this newsletter will be posted on my blog. There is a translation tool there!*

<https://sd41blogs.ca/merkel/>

## Meet the Teacher

Hello! And welcome to Grade 1 and 2! My name is Ms. Merkel and I am so pleased to be your child's teacher this year. I was recently a district leader in Advanced Learning and a big part of my job was teaching the district Grade 2/3 challenge program. Before that, I have taught in a variety of classrooms, in Canada and overseas, in Grades K-3 and in teacher education programs in two universities. I have been a teacher since 2004 and have my Masters degree in Curriculum & Instruction. More importantly, I have a beautiful family with 2 young sons and my husband! When I'm not at school I am playing with them in the woods or at the library, learning and teaching yoga and cooking (or, let's be honest, doing the laundry!) Read more about me in my class book, printed for the class or on the blog.



## Class contributions

It takes a village to raise a child! There will be lots of opportunities to be an intergenerational contributor to your child's classroom this year if you would like to take part. As parents, we are also exceptionally busy so your support and love at home is perfect and enough, as well.

This month's invitations will be:

- become a 'mystery reader'- surprise your student by reading to the class (more information to come)
- donate some interesting boxes for an upcoming project (please keep them at home until called for :)
- donate indoor plants you don't want anymore
- start to think about your child's family history/culture/elders as we begin units on community, history, story and identity

## Curriculum this month

Math patterns, Community building, Elections/government, Abstract art, weaving, seasonal rounds & Fall, Team building & class routines, philosophy cafe & more!

## How to connect

Class blog: <https://sd41blogs.ca/merkell>

Seesaw app: MORE information to come soon! An app where you can see and celebrate your child's work at school!

email: [liz.merkel@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:liz.merkel@burnabyschools.ca)

## Important dates

*Sept 13th- Welcome! First day in our new class*

*Tues Sept 21st- School photos*

*Wed Sept 22nd & Thurs Sept 23rd- Student intake meetings*

*Friday Sept 24th- Early dismissal (1:45pm)*

*Friday Sept 24th- Terry Fox Run*

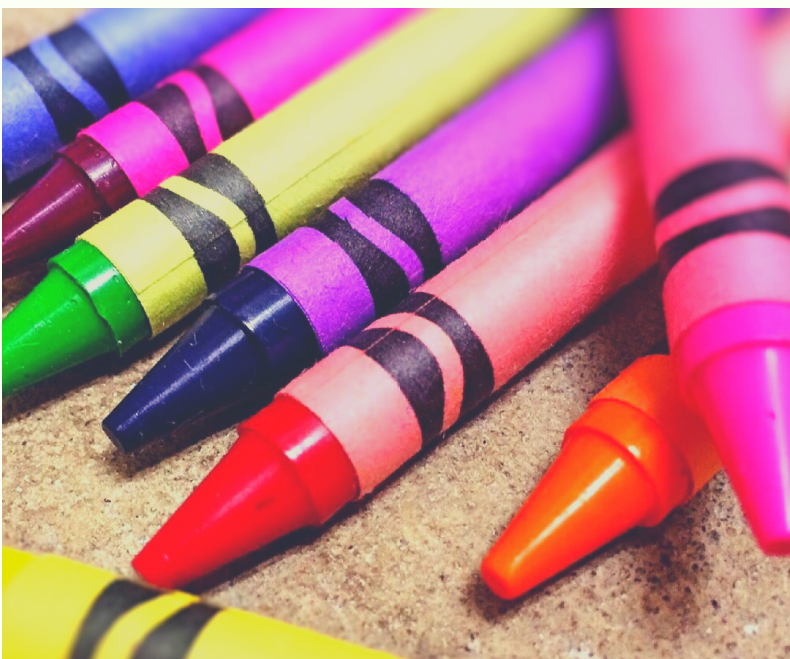
*Monday Sept 27th- Pro-D day*

*Wed Sept 29th- Orange Shirt Day*

*Thurs Sept 30th- no school, Truth and Reconciliation Day*

*love and joy*

**FROM MS. MERKEL**



*I live and work on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples - the x<sup>w</sup>məθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), sə́ilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and intend to continuously learn how to teach in the spirit of truth and reconciliation*