

## It's a Matter of "Principal"

Dear Inman families,



It's hard to believe that the last month of 2020 is here already. This year has certainly been unique and challenging and one that we won't forget. I would like to say a big "Thank You" to our amazing staff, students and families for working so hard at staying safe, and helping make our school a great place to learn and grow.

The past few months have been filled with a sense of joy for learning throughout our school. It's wonderful to see our students showing compassion and care for one another. This year our school continued the tradition of helping other people less fortunate. Please read the two stories below on the Angel Project and the Burnaby Homeless Task Force. This kindness demonstrated by our students, parents and staff makes our school a wonderful place where all children know they can make a difference for others in our community.

Traditionally for many parents the month of December marks Christmas concerts at the school. Due to Covid, this year the school adjusted their plans, went virtual, in the hope of providing opportunities for students to engage in Christmas concert. Under the teaching and direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Nordstrand we were able to film each class performing. With the help of Ms. Chung, we were able to stitch all the video clips together to create a virtual Christmas concert for everyone to enjoy. You will be able to access the video link through your child's classroom Microsoft TEAMS site. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any troubles accessing the private link in the classroom TEAMS site.

For many of us, the Winter Break cannot come soon enough! It's just around the corner, yet there are so many things to do between now and then - both in your job and to prepare for a pared-down holiday. Please stay safe over the holidays. This year, more than any other, I would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

Happy Holidays, Kelly Chow Principal, Ecole Inman



What is Microsoft TEAMS & How do Parents Access Microsoft Team?

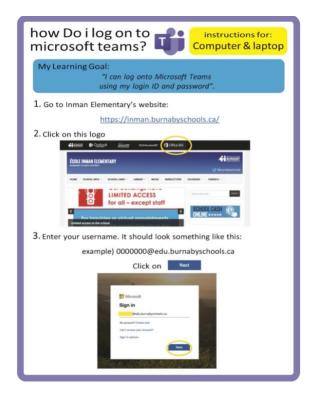
Each classroom teacher at Inman has a Microsoft TEAM classroom. All students (K-7) in the school have Microsoft account and they are attached to their classroom teacher's TEAM.

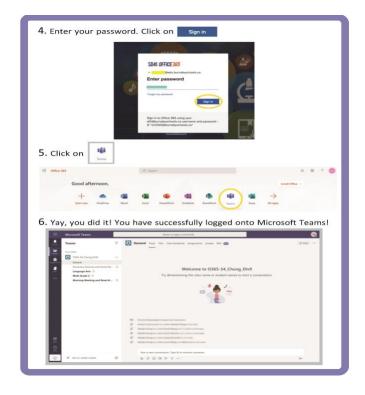
TEAMS is a secure digital hub that brings conversations, meetings, files/assignments all together in one place. Because Teams is built on Office 365, schools benefit from integration with their familiar Office apps and services. As students get into the older grades they will begin to use TEAMs more readily along with the MS tools such as MS word, Outlook, One Note. Many teachers in the school use communication tools like FreshGrade, and Blogfolios with their class parents, please know TEAMS does not replace those good tools. TEAMs will be used throughout the school year for specific purposes.

How do I login to TEAMS? your child was given a username and password from their classroom teacher. Below ar instructions on how to login through your desktop/laptop computer or using an iPAD



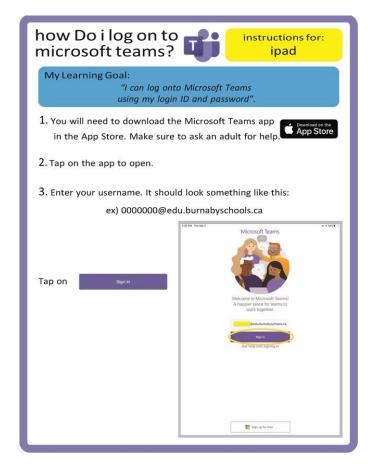
## Kid friendly MS teams computer login







## MS teams ipad login







## 5 Family Literacy Activities for the holiday season

We're all familiar with the 'summer slide', but the winter holiday break can also cause learning loss for school-aged children, who will spend two weeks off

school later this month.

Help prevent learning loss and ensure kids return sharper than ever by encouraging family literacy activities over the school break. Oftentimes, parents take time off work as well, which means it's the perfect opportunity for them to spend quality time learning together as a family. Here are a few winter-themed activities that the whole family will enjoy!

- 1. Pretend to be a Polar Bear: This activity encourages imagination through sound and play.
- 2. Polar Bear Chase Game: This winter-themed card game is fun for the whole family.
- 3. Snowman Finger Puppets: Get craft with these DIY finger puppets.
- 4. Winter Walk Scavenger Hunt: This fun learning activity will get you outdoors for some fresh air.
- 5. Snowstorm Drawing: Bring out the crayons, markers and pencil crayons and imagine what a snowstorm might look like.

More free family literacy activities can be found online at www.FamilyLiteracyFirst.ca. It's free to register.

## Do a Science a Day 2020 Holiday Calendar

UBC Science wishes you and yours a healthy and peaceful holiday season. They have put together a **Do a Science a Day 2020 Holiday Calendar**, proven to keep you and yours busy discovering, creating and baking into the New Year. Click here to see some fun activities for you and your children.

### Thank You Inman Community











#### Angel Project Thank You

Well done Inman. On Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> a volunteer from The Christmas Bureau collected a record breaking sixteen boxes of toys for this years' Angel Project. Thank you to everyone for making Christmas brighter for all children in Burnaby this holiday season.



#### Burnaby Homeless Task Force Thank you

Thank you everyone for your generosity for the Burnaby Homeless Task Force. We collected \$560 in donations, 200 scarves, gloves and handmade cards.

## **Community News**





# Calling parents and youth in BC!



#### **COVID-19 and Youth Mental Health**

Since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, many public health responses have been implemented including social distancing measures and school closures.

These measures may have an impact on the mental health of children and teens, and we need to adjust the type and amount of resources being offered our children.

The MyHEARTSMAP team needs your help to measure how much and in what ways the changes in our lives during the pandemic have affected the social and psychological wellness of our children and youth.

Using the MyHEARTSMAP online psychosocial self-screening tool, children, youth, and (or) their parents, can learn about which aspects of their mental health may be of concern and might benefit from support resources, and where to find them in BC.

Learning about our children's needs will **help guide our provincial mental health resource planning.** 

#### Who can participate in this study?

- · Children and youth aged 10-17 in BC
- · Parents with a child aged 6-17 in BC

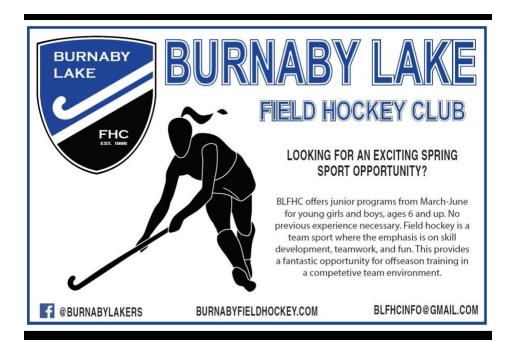
#### What is involved?

- · Answer questions about how COVID-19 has affected you
- Complete the MyHEARTSMAP Self-Screening Tool after enrolling, and again in 3 months

If you are interested in learning more and participating, please visit our website at:

MyHEARTSMAP-Pandemic.bcchr.ca





## From all of us at Inman



Holiday Mask Day & Students Learning Handbells





