



With school beginning on September 5 we welcome back all our **School Grandparents!** Our School Grandparents support children in classrooms, share skills and knowledge all while providing a valuable community service. We are looking for new volunteers to join this program. Anyone that is interested is welcome to contact the office for more information.



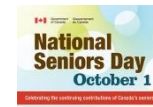
Our **12th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** is scheduled for **July 28 2018** at Confederation Park. Make sure to mark the date down in your calendar!

National Grandparents Day

On September 10 we celebrate National Grandparents Day! This special holiday was first created in the United States by Marian McQuade, who campaigned in West Virginia and other states for this needed recognition of grandparents. President Carter then signed a bill, designating the Sunday after Labour Day as National Grandparents Day. In Canada National Grandparents Day was officially recognized in 1995 and celebrated on the second Sunday of September. For more information on the history of National Grandparents Day, click on this link <http://www.legacyproject.org/guides/gpdhistory.html>

National Seniors Day

October 1 is the day we celebrate and appreciate our seniors! There are many ways to celebrate this holiday such as attending a fun event or spending quality time with your elders.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it...!



Our summer student, Candace Leung, wrote an article for the **Burnaby NOW** that will feature Kehar, a long-time Family Match and Ambassador Grandparent and recent recipient of the **Sovereign's Medal of Volunteers**. Be sure to read the article when it comes out on Friday, September 8!

Upcoming Community Events

We are partnering with Volunteer Burnaby to run a Christmas crafts table at the **Edmonds Festival of Lights**. We need volunteers on Saturday November 26, 2:30pm – 5:30pm at the Edmonds Community Centre. If you are interested, please contact the office.

"You say goodbye and I say hello..."

We are excited to say "hello" and extend a very big "welcome back" to our long-time Program Manager, Veronica, who is returning later this Fall from her maternity leave. At the same time we will be saying "goodbye" to Sarah, our Acting Program Manager. She plans on returning to our Board of Directors and looks forward to what is ahead for the organization.

Opportunity to Join the Board

We are currently seeking candidates to join our Board of Directors. Our Board is a governance board which is responsible for the overall health and financial sustainability of the organization. They meet five times during the year on the third Monday of the month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Additionally, there is an AGM in April and a yearend dinner in December. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, please contact the office.