

Burnaby Village Museum

2024/2025 School Program Guide





2024-2025 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Burnaby Village Museum provides a range of educational programs tailored to various age groups, aligned with curriculum standards. These programs encompass themes of community, transportation, and the environment, fostering critical thinking and encouraging students to explore their roles within these contexts. All offerings are designed with the First Peoples Principles of Learning as a guiding framework and integrate local Indigenous content.

Whether you choose to visit the museum in person, arrange for an Outreach Instructor to visit your classroom, or utilize an Education Kit, the Burnaby Village Museum has resources to support and enrich your students' learning experiences.

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All Guided Tour programs take place at Burnaby Village Museum and include a 90-minute interpreter-led interactive tour. Students are encouraged to use their critical thinking skills to explore museum spaces and dive deeper into curriculum relevant themes.

Grades K-2

Social Studies

Program available
in English and French

NAVIGATING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Explore a 1920s neighbourhood and make connections to your own community today. This hands-on program includes visits to the Interurban Tram, the General Store, and a Heritage Home, offering insights into both past and present ways of life. Discover the rich variety within neighbourhoods and reflect on how these connections shape understanding of community today.

Grades 1-4

Social Studies

COAST SALISH PROGRAM

Join Indigenous educators as they showcase different aspects of Coast Salish culture and material practice. Discover how plants, animals, and community intertwine to shape the Coast Salish way of life, both historically and today. This hands-on program makes use of various Indigenous learning sites such as Cedar Grove, the Matriarch's Garden, and the newly renovated Indigenous Learning House.

Grades 3-4

Science
Math

NEW! VILLAGE VALUES

Explore math in the village with a hands-on adventure. Visit the Bakery to practice measurements, the Bank to learn about budgeting, Cedar Grove to discover geometry in nature, and the Auto Shop to understand distance and mechanical calculations. This interactive experience brings mathematical concepts to life in real-world settings and shows how math is all around us every day.

Grades 3-5

Science
Social Studies

TOOLS AND FUELS

Students discover how changes in technology and resources have reshaped the world. By visiting the museum's Blacksmith Shop, Tinsmith Shop and Steam Shed, students bridge the past with the present as they learn about industrial change through time.

Grades 3-5

Social Studies

Program available
in English and French

NEW! BACK TO SCHOOL: EDUCATION THEN AND NOW

Step back in time and explore a vintage 1920s classroom! This immersive experience allows students to compare and contrast the education system of the past with their modern-day schooling—exploring topics such as diversity and inclusion, discipline, and differing expectations. Discover firsthand how education has evolved, sparking fascinating conversations about what has changed and what has stayed the same throughout the decades.

Grades 4-6

Science
Math

Program available
January-April only.

FAIRGROUND PHYSICS

Explore concepts of simple and complex machines, all while learning how the carousel's intricate design and mechanical elements come together to create its enchanting motion. From understanding the precise measurements that ensure a smooth ride to investigating the geometry of its moving parts and the forces at play, this interactive experience offers a hands-on way to connect fun with fundamental scientific principles.

ELL Grades 8-12 and Adult

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PAST ELL Program

Expand your English language skills with an interactive adventure at the Burnaby Village Museum. Immerse yourself in one of the following exciting themes: transportation, food, or industry. Each tour is a hands-on experience that will boost vocabulary while exploring the stories and objects that make the exhibits come alive. Ready to grow your language skills and have fun? Let's get started!

AT THE MUSEUM

Self-guided Tours

Available twice a year, this the self-guided allows students to explore the museum's historical charm through interactive exhibits and engaging with knowledgeable museum interpreters. Additionally, participants can enjoy a unique scavenger hunt that adds an element of curiosity and discovery to their visit.



Grades K-7

Program available in November-December only.

WINTER WONDER

Discover many vibrant winter celebrations while exploring all the Burnaby Village Museum has to offer during Heritage Christmas. This self-guided program showcases diverse cultures and communities and the different ways we celebrate the season. Price includes a carousel ride, take-away craft, and a lunch space.

Grades K-7

Program available in June only.

SPRING DISCOVERY DAYS

Tour the Museum's exhibits and gardens at your own pace while learning about cultural diversity, community, and our local environment. Price includes a carousel ride, take-away craft, and a lunch space.

IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Bring the museum to your classroom with an Outreach Program. Our instructors deliver a 90-minute session with interactive hands-on activities, discussions, and experiences that align with your curriculum. Some technical equipment may be needed.

Grades K-3

Social Studies

TA KW'ÍNEXW TL'A TEMÍXW: ANIMALS OF THIS LAND

Curious about the many different animals that hold a special place in Coast Salish culture? Join an Indigenous educator to uncover fascinating stories about four key animals vital to Coast Salish culture and tradition—Mountain Goats, Coast Salish Woolly Dog, Sockeye Salmon, and Bald Eagles. Students leave understanding the respect and honor Coast Salish people continue to show these animals today.

Grades 4-6

Social Studies

EXPLORATIONS IN IMMIGRATION: THE CHINESE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

Program available in English and French

Have what it takes to be a historian? Students test their skills by analyzing primary sources focused on the Chinese Canadian immigration experience. Learn how Canada's past immigration policies negatively impacted Chinese Canadians and the ways this community persevered and prospered despite discrimination.

Grades 4-6

Social Studies

AGENTS OF CHANGE

Ever considered how big of a change one person can make? Agents of Change explores six influential people/communities in Burnaby and examines the different ways they each enacted positive change. Students take time to analyze the strategies used by these historic figures and apply them to their own social justice causes becoming agents of change in their own communities.

Grades 4-6

Social Studies

SUITCASE STORIES

Exploring the contents in five different suitcases, students are tasked with uncovering the stories of the individuals who traveled with them. Through this program students expand their knowledge of the different push and pull factors of migration. Themes include stories of those fleeing Ireland during the Great Famine to Vietnamese Refugees and their journey to Canada in the 1970s and 80's, and more.

EDUCATION KITS

Education Kits are designed to align with curriculum requirements and incorporate Indigenous cultural objects and teachings. Available for a three week loan, each kit includes cultural artifacts and teacher resources. This rental option supports integrating Indigenous perspectives at your own pace.



Grades 4-6

Social Studies
Science

Program available
in English and French

CEDAR: THE COAST SALISH TREE OF LIFE

Uncover the importance of the cedar tree and its deep connection to Coast Salish culture with this immersive Education Kit. Use the resources provided to learn about the "Tree of Life" and discover how this remarkable resource has been a cornerstone of Coast Salish communities, shaping their traditions, cultural objects, and daily life through the ages. Dive into an enriching journey of cultural discovery and environmental appreciation!

Grades K-7

Physical Education

Program available
in English and French

INDIGENOUS GAMES

Revitalize your P.E. class with a dynamic blend of hands-on traditional games that celebrate the cultures of Turtle Island! Explore Indigenous heritage through games that not only build essential motor skills but also immerse students in a tapestry of cultural traditions. These activities are crafted to enhance hand-eye coordination, boost stamina, foster teamwork, and much more. This kit comes with everything you need—authentic equipment, clear instructions, and insightful traditional teachings—to enrich teacher and student understanding.

OTHER LEARNINGS

The Burnaby Village Museum offers diverse learning opportunities for teachers and their students, including: professional development programs for teachers; the Heritage Fair experience for classes; and valuable research resources through Heritage Burnaby.



BVM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Burnaby Village Museum is pleased to offer professional development opportunities for educators, both onsite and at your institution. We're here to help you design a program tailored to your needs. Please contact the School Booking Clerk at schoolprograms@burnaby.ca or 604-297-4565.

HERITAGE BURNABY

Heritage Burnaby, led by the Community Heritage Commission, is an online hub for community assets, heritage services, and historic collections. Resources include oral stories, photographs, education videos, and so much more. Visit HeritageBurnaby.ca to learn more.

HERITAGE FAIRS

Heritage Fairs are back! Join our Spring 2025 Regional Heritage Fair for grades 4-10. Teachers can join in this immersive, inquiry-based program where students choose and create projects on exciting topics. French and English projects are welcome.

BOOKING INFO

School Bookings start in August
604-297-4565 | schoolprograms@burnaby.ca
Online: [Burnaby.ca/form/bvm-school-booking-request-form](https://burnaby.ca/form/bvm-school-booking-request-form)
Address: 6501 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm



| Tours and Outreach Programs



Teacher Information

Guided School Programs and Outreach Programs

- » Maximum of 30 students per time slot

Self-Guided School Programs

- » Maximum of 60 students per time slot

All onsite school programs are wheelchair accessible with the exception of *Navigating the Neighbourhood* which includes a portion onboard the Interurban Tram car. Should any of your students require additional support to meet their learning needs please indicate this in your booking.

Please ask about discounts for vulnerable school populations and for multiple bookings.

Payment & Cancellations

Fees for all School Programs including Outreach Programs, Education Kits, and Professional Development are due 14 days in advance.

Cancellations within 14 days of a program date are subject to a fee.

At the Museum Guided Tours

(90 minutes)

- » Available: January-May | Tuesday-Friday, 10 am and noon
* Fairground Physics | January-April only
- » Each booking includes a lunch space for your group.
- » \$8.80 per student | Maximum 30 students per guided program

Please note, carousel rides and self-guided museum exploration are not available unless otherwise specified at your time of booking.

At the Museum Self-guided Tours

(2-3 hours recommended)

- » Available: June, November-December | Tuesday-Friday
- » \$8.80 per student | Maximum 60 students per booking

In Your Classroom

(90 minutes)

- » Available: Throughout the School Year - Starting January 2025
- » \$129.30 per class dependent on distance
- » Minimum 3 class booking | Maximum 30 students per booking

Education Kit Rentals

(3-week rental)



- » Available: Throughout the School Year - Starting January 2025
- » \$50.00 + \$100.00 refundable deposit

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