

# Burnaby Village Museum

## 2025-2026 School Program Guide



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# 2025-2026 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Burnaby Village Museum provides a range of educational programs tailored to various age groups, aligned with B.C. 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, book an Outreach Program for your classroom, or rent an Education Kit, Burnaby Village Museum has resources to support and enrich your students' learning experiences.

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## IN YOUR CLASSROOM Outreach Programs

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



**NEW!**

*Burnaby Village  
Museum Outreach  
Programs now  
available this Fall!*

### Grades K-3

Social Studies

## ANIMALS OF THIS LAND

Want to learn about the animals that hold deep meaning in Coast Salish culture? Join an Indigenous educator to explore the roles of four important animals: mountain goat, Coast Salish woolly dog, sockeye salmon, and bald eagle, through stories, discussion and hands-on stations. Engage with materials like pelts, salmon leather, and goat horns while discovering where each animal lives, what it eats, and what makes it unique.

### Grades 4-6

Social Studies

Program available  
in English and French

## EXPLORATIONS IN IMMIGRATION: THE CHINESE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

Have what it takes to be a historian? Test your critical thinking skills by analyzing primary sources focused on the Chinese Canadian 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 consider how big of a change one person can make? *Agents of Change* explores influential people and communities in Burnaby and examines the different ways they enacted positive change. Analyze the strategies used by these historic figures and apply them to current social justice causes becoming agents of change in your own communities.

### Grades 4-6

Social Studies

## SUITCASE STORIES

Explore the contents of five suitcases while uncovering the stories of the individuals who travelled with them. Discover how push and pull factors influence migration. Stories vary from a displaced Japanese Canadian family interred during WWII, to that of a Vietnamese refugee who fled to Canada in the 1970s.

## IN YOUR CLASSROOM

### 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 belongings and teacher resources. This rental option supports integrating Indigenous perspectives at your own pace.



**NEW!**

*Education Kits  
A 3-week rental  
includes: lesson  
plans, objects,  
and stories.*

#### Grades 1-7

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 cultures 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.

#### Grades K-7

Physical Education  
Social Studies

Program available  
in English and French

### INDIGENOUS GAMES

Bring energy and meaning to your class with a collection of Coast Salish and Indigenous traditional games. This hands-on program introduces students to the diverse traditions of Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island through engaging activities that support physical development and cultural learning.

Designed to encourage coordination, teamwork, and active movement, each game is accompanied by clear instructions, equipment, and teachings that deepen understanding for both teachers and students.

Available in the late fall and late spring, students have the opportunity to embark on self-guided tours of the museum. These visits offer a chance to delve into the museum's rich history through interactive exhibits and conversations with knowledgeable Museum Interpreters.

## AT THE MUSEUM

### Self-Guided Tours



All Self-Guided Tours include a curriculum-connected scavenger hunt, carousel ride, lunch space, and take-away craft.

#### Grades K-7

Social Studies  
Science

Program available in  
November & December only.

### WINTER WONDER

Discover vibrant winter celebrations while exploring all that Burnaby Village Museum has to offer during Festive Village. This self-guided program showcases diverse cultures and communities and the different ways we celebrate the season.

#### Grades K-7

Social Studies  
Science

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.

## AT THE MUSEUM

### Guided Programs

From January through May, visit the museum to receive a 90-minute Interpreter-led interactive program. Students are encouraged to use their critical thinking skills to explore the museum's exhibits 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. Visits to the Interurban Tram, the General Store, and a heritage home, offer insights into both past and present ways of life. Discover the rich variety within neighbourhoods and reflect on how these connections shape our 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 the Cedar Grove, the Matriarch's Garden, and the Indigenous Learning House.

## | Guided Programs

#### Grades 3-4

Math

Program available  
in English and French.

### NEW! VILLAGE VALUES

Discover math in the village with a roll-playing adventure. This interactive experience brings mathematical concepts to life in real-world settings and highlights how math is all around us every day. Visit the Royal Bank to practice depositing and withdrawing money, Bell's Dry Goods to learn about budgeting, the Cedar Grove to discover patterns in nature, and the Central Park Theatre to visualize fractions.

#### Grades 3-5

Social Studies

Program available  
in English and French.

### BACK TO SCHOOL: EDUCATION THEN AND NOW

Step back in time and explore a 1920s classroom! This immersive experience allows you to compare and contrast the education system of the past with 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.



## OTHER LEARNING Opportunities

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



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Burnaby Village Museum is pleased to offer professional development opportunities for educators, both onsite and at your institution. To learn more, please contact the School Booking Clerk at [schoolprograms@burnaby.ca](mailto:schoolprograms@burnaby.ca) or 604-297-4565.



### REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR

Make history exciting by creating Heritage Fair projects with your students and the help of museum staff! Select students could participate in the Spring 2026 Regional Heritage Fair for grades 4-10 held at Burnaby Village Museum. French and English projects are welcome.



### HERITAGE BURNABY

Heritage Burnaby is an online hub for community assets, heritage services, and historic collections. Resources include oral stories, photographs, education, and videos. Visit [HeritageBurnaby.ca](http://HeritageBurnaby.ca) to learn more.

#### Travelling exhibits:

Interested in hosting a travelling exhibit in your school or library?  
Please call 604-297-4565 for more information.

School bookings start in September  
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Online: [Burnaby.ca/form/bvm-school-booking-request-form](http://Burnaby.ca/form/bvm-school-booking-request-form)  
Address: 6501 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm

## BOOKING INFO

#### In Your Classroom Outreach Programs

(90 minutes)

- » Available: Throughout the school year.
- » \$134.00 per class.
- » Minimum 2-3 class booking depending on distance.
- » Maximum 30 students per program.

#### In Your Classroom Education Kit Rentals

(3-week rental)

- » Available: Throughout the school year.
- » \$52.00 + \$104.00 refundable deposit.

#### At the Museum Self-Guided Tours

(2-3 hours recommended)

- » Available: November & December 2025, June 2026 | Tuesday-Friday.
- » \$9.15 per student | Maximum 60 students per booking.
- » Booking includes a curriculum-connected scavenger hunt, carousel ride, lunch space, and take-away craft.

#### At the Museum Guided Programs

(90 minutes)

- » Available: January-May | Tuesday-Friday, 10 am and noon.
- » \$9.15 per student | Minimum payment for 16 students required. Maximum 30 students per program.
- » Booking includes a lunch space.
- » Please note, carousel rides and self-guided museum exploration are not available unless otherwise specified at your time of booking.

#### Teacher Information

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 when you book.

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 Workshops are due 14 days in advance.

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