**Gilmore Community School**

**Community School Coordinator – Lawrence Ryan**

**What we offer:**

* After School Programming
* Adult Community Ed. Programs
* Family & Community Events (i.e. fireworks show, carnival)
* Preschool (re-opening Sept. 2012)
* Food Cupboard for families in need
* Christmas Hampers
* Summer Day Camp (hoping to get it running again)

**Looking toward the future:**

* How can the school better connect with the community for mutual benefit
* What are the current community needs
* How might we as a school help with those needs
* How can the community coordinators in the area stay in touch with the needs of the community

**The Role of Burnaby’s Community Schools and the Coordinator:**

* Ultimate goal (based on our funding) is to support vulnerable children
  + We believe that to do this, we must support the whole child
  + This includes the child’s family and neighbourhood
* To use the school building and it’s resources for the benefit of the community
* To respond to the needs of the community
* Coordinators are to go out and engage with the community and the social service agencies to help increase communication and co-operation