



# Bilingual Mandarin Program Registration Notice for 2012

## WHAT IS THE BILINGUAL MANDARIN PROGRAM?

- Bilingual Mandarin is a program of choice offered by School District #43 at the Kindergarten through grade three level for the 2012/2013 school year and is located at Walton Elementary School.
- Regardless of their first language, the program offers all students the possibility of completing fifty percent of the prescribed BC curriculum in Mandarin (Mandarin Language Arts, Math, Health and Career, and PE) and fifty percent of the prescribed BC curriculum in English (English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies and Fine Arts).
- Students develop strong communication skills in both English and Mandarin.
- Students develop their knowledge of other cultures and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Children must be entering Kindergarten or Grade One in September 2012.
- Registration forms will be available at the January 17, 2012 information meeting (see below) at Walton Elementary School, and on the district website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Mandarin Bilingual](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Mandarin_Bilingual).
- Completed registration forms must be mailed or hand delivered (**no faxes or emails accepted**) to the Coquitlam School Board Office (550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7) no later than **4:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25, 2012**.

Please note that registration for Kindergarten/Grade One is done by a random draw and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Siblings of students already enrolled in the Bilingual Mandarin Program at Walton will be given first priority. **Please clearly identify sibling status on the registration form.**

**Late registration forms will not be part of the draw.**

**A parent information meeting is planned for:  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
(6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)  
Walton Elementary School  
2960 Walton Ave., Coquitlam**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)**