



BAKER DRIVE CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 9- 13 Hip Hop in PE Class time
- 13 Hip Hop Performance - 1:00pm
- 16th Van Giants Visit 10:00am
- 16 - 30 Read To Succeed - All Students
- 16 Ready, Set, Learn (3 and 4 yrs old) 1:30 Mundy Road School
- 16 PAC Meeting 6:30 ALL WELCOME
- 16 Montessori Parent Information Meetings
4:00-5:00pm or 7:00-8:00pm
Gallery Room, 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam
- 17 First Day for Multi-Sports - 3:00pm
- 25 Deadline for Montessori Registration 4:30pm
- 27 School Based Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL
- 30 - 8 Young Actors Workshop in School

FEBRUARY

- 3 Hot Lunch Day - Domino's Pizza
- 7 - 9 Kindergarten Registration
- 9 National Sweater Day
- 10 Family Dance (TBA)
- 10 - 22 Cross Catchment Process
- 20 Gymnastics at lunch starts
- 28 District Public Speaking Festival
- 29 Bully Stops Here "Pink T Shirt Day"

Look ahead on our calendar: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/bakerdrive/calendar/calendar.aspx>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Student Recognition for December

December		
Teacher	Div.	Student
Ms Capel	1	Heath B., Mark N. and Walker S. for their excellent contributions to our classroom discussions.
Ms David	2	Owen H. for taking the time to do his best work and his great poetry! Liam N. for his creative and amusing poetry and willingness to share great stories. Rebecca W. for being so helpful and always doing her best work.
Ms Cooper	3	Konrad K. and Barrett C. are recognized for excellence in math.

Ms Sabourin/Ms Capt	4	Amy L. for being an active member of all class lessons and activities and for being an outgoing, friendly student! Ava P. for being a kind, helpful member of the class and for being a very conscientious student who works hard on all assignments!
Ms Osborne	5	Nicholas L. for trying his best to sit quietly on the carpet and show active listening. Matthew T. for trying his best to complete his work during class work time.
Mr Christensen	6	Nickolas J. - The Captain Helpful Award for classroom services rendered. Aaliyah F. - The Awesome Possum Award for continued academic excellence. Ryan C. - The Why does Benny Bark Award for improved classroom communication.
Ms MacKay	7	Kailey B. for her improved work habits. Kieran D. for being a good role model for the other students in the class.
Ms Bain	8	Fisher L. for being a good friend and helping his friends when they need help. Helen K. for being a bucket filler by writing lots of cards and letters for all her friends.
Ms Lederer	9	Adam A. has been working hard and challenging himself to try new tasks and learn new and interesting things at school. Way to go Adam! Kyle P. is demonstrating good listening skills. He is able to share what he has learned about frogs by sharing many interesting facts. Awesome job Kyle!

Parent
eForms

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If you have not done so, please complete the required eForms on our school website. To find the forms go to www.sd43.bc.ca/bakerdrive and click on the button "Parent eForms". **We require the school policies form be completed**, other forms are optional. If your child has a medical concern that the school should be aware of please complete the on-line Medical Alert form.

Montessori Registration Process

(If your older child is already enrolled in our Montessori program, their younger sibling can be automatically registered for our Montessori program and thus this process below does not apply to you. Please see Mrs. Parmar)

· Children must be entering Kindergarten or Grade One in September 2012. Registration forms will be available at the January 16, 2012 information meeting (see below), or at the following Montessori elementary schools: Aspenwood (**in-catchment placements only and based on space availability**), Baker Drive, Hampton Park, Harbour View, James Park, Miller Park, and Seaview, and on the district website: www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Montessori.

· 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**.

· There are a number of spaces available for Late Montessori Program registration in Grade 6 at Montgomery Middle School and Grade 6/7 at Scott Creek Middle School. Please contact Mr. Rob McFaul at 604-939-7367 or Montgomery@sd43.bc.ca or Ms. Judy Robb at 604-945-0156 or ScottCreek@sd43.bc.ca for further information.

Please note that registration for Kindergarten/Grade One is done by a random draw and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Late registration forms will not be part of the draw.

For parent convenience, two information meetings are planned for:

Monday, January 16, 2012

(4:00 pm - 5:00 pm; or 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

Gallery Room - Winslow Centre

1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

For more information visit the School District's Web site at www.sd43.bc.ca

Kindergarten Registration Process

Kindergarten registration for September 2012 will be held throughout the district on February 7, 8th or 9th, 2012.

Parents should register their children at the elementary school serving their catchment area. **Proof of citizenship for parent and child (i.e. birth certificate, PR Card, Passport) and proof of residency in B.C. (e.g. rental contract, property purchase agreement or tax notice, along with utility bill, etc.) is required.** Only those students who are five years of age by December 31, 2012 can be accepted for September 2012. For more detailed information, please visit our website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/ELEMENTARY/BAKERDRIVE/ABOUT/REGISTRATION/Pages/default.aspx> or the District website at www.sd43.bc.ca

Kindergarten - Programs of Choice (French Immersion, Bilingual Mandarin, Montessori, and Reggio Emilia)

- Registration dates for all of the above programs of choice will be January 19 - 25, 2012
- Programs of Choice information is available on the school district website at www.sd43.bc.ca under the "Programs" tab.

Cross Catchment Process

If you are planning to attend a new school in September, 2012 that is not in your catchment area (ie you would like your child to attend a Middle School outside of your catchment area or you would like you child to attend a Kindergarten class outside of your catchment area), please read the details of the attachment titled "Cross Catchment Process 2012". The cross catchment on-line application process begins on Feb 10th, 2012 at 9:00am and ends on Feb 22nd at 4:00pm. Please don't hesitate to contact the office for more information or assistance with this process. Forms will be available starting on Feb 10th at www.sd43.bc.ca.

Grade 5 Parents/Students considering Montessori or other Programs of choice for next year...

Please see the attachment titled "Late Montessori Registration" for important information.

Note that information on other Grade 6 programs of choice can be found on the school district website at www.sd43.bc.ca under the "Programs" tab.

Ready, Set, Learn!! For 3 and 4 year olds in the Baker Drive Catchment area

If you have a 3 or 4 year old, please join us on Monday Jan 16th at 1:00pm at Mundy Road School for our Ready, Set Learn program. Please see the attached flyer (titled RSL flyer Coquitlam East) for more details. As well, please pass this information to other families you know in our neighbourhood.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BAKER DRIVE



Monthly Assembly - Monday, January 9th

Our monthly assembly will be moved up to 9:15 on Monday morning. The short agenda includes a short story related to this month's social responsibility focus: Commitment. As well December student recognition names will be mentioned. Parents are always welcome to our assemblies!

Hip Hop Dance Lessons and Performance - January 9 - 13th

All students will be participating in hip hop dance lessons during their PE class next week. As per the notice sent home by your child's teacher, please remember to send **\$5.00 CASH only** in an envelope marked with your child's name and division (the Hip hop teacher asked if we could request bills rather than coins if possible) on Monday Jan 9th. Parents are invited to a short performance after lunch on Friday Jan. 13th in our gym.

Read to Succeed with Vancouver Giants! January 16th - 30th

Two Players from The Vancouver Giants Hockey Club will be at Baker Drive on Jan 16th at 10:00am to launch a two-week "Read to Succeed" program at our school. All students will be asked to achieve 15 minutes of reading and 30 mins of physical activity per evening over this two-week period. Parents - you are asked to assist and support your child by tracking their progress and initialing (or completing for our younger students) each student's entry in the passport log. A successful class tally will qualify the entire class to receive tickets to attend a Vancouver Giants home game! We are pleased to announce that all teachers would like their classes to participate!

Young Actors Workshop : January 30th -Feb 8th

Detailed information about this exciting opportunity for all of our students will be sent home next week. Each class will be receiving 3 x 90min acting workshops (3 x 45 for K's) by experienced actors. The PAC has generously contributed \$1000.00 for this opportunity. A small per child fee will also be collected and details will be provided in a handout by your classroom teacher next week.

FSA's (Foundation Skills Assessment) for Grade 4's

All Grade 4's will be completing the Ministry of Education Foundation Skills Assessment over several sessions at the end of January and before February 24th. Students will complete assessment questions in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Please direct any questions regarding this assessment to Mrs. Parmar.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Lunch Time Singing Club

Ms. Capt is starting a Baker Drive Singing Club on Wednesdays at lunch time in the music room. The first club meeting/singing time will be this Wednesday, Jan 11th at 12:20. Students who join the club are expected to commit every Wednesday lunch hour (except for special circumstances). Very exciting!!!!

Floor Hockey Fridays - starting Jan 20th!

The gym will be open on Fridays (starting Jan 20th) at lunch (12:20 to 12:50) for any interested Grade 3, 4 and 5 students to play informal floor hockey. If students bring their own sticks, they must be taped to protect the gym floor. This will be supervised by Mrs. Parmar and she welcomes any parent volunteers who would like to help out in the gym!

Baker Drive Gr 4/5 Basketball Team

We are considering starting a basketball team that will play games after school against other local elementary schools. Parent volunteers with basketball coaching experience to assist Mrs. Parmar are needed. Please contact her at sparmar@sd43.bc.ca.

After School Floor Hockey by Sportball

Thursdays, January 12 - February 16

\$90.00 +HST

Open to students in grades 1 -4 3:05pm - 4:05pm in the gymnasium

Contact us by phone 1-877-590-4625 or email lowermainland@sportball.ca

Register online: www.sportball.ca

After School Multi-Sports by City of Coquitlam

This is a great program for children who want to play a variety of sports. This program features a variety of games and sports in the gymnasium lead by an instructor. Basketball, hockey, soccer, and gym games are just some of the sports that will be played. Emphasis will be on fun and teamwork. Program will take place both indoors & outdoors weather permitting.

Register online: www.coquitlam.ca or call 604-927-4FUN (4386)

Barcode: 382835 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm, Tuesdays, Jan 17 to Feb 14

Cost: \$25.00 for 5 weeks

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC



Thank you to Karla S and her team of helpers for coordinating and delivering today's sushi/juice hot lunch! Yum!

Next PAC Meeting - January 16th 6:15 PM

Child Minding available - please contact Kerri at kpdoucet@shaw.ca

Guest Presentation. Great Conversation. Principal Update. Be a part of the decision making! Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



SD43 Generation Green News

Please find attached the inaugural edition of the SLC's Generation Green eNewsletter. This student initiated publication is intended to share the great GREEN work that students and staff are doing in our District in order to generate more awareness and understanding around making a difference in our environment.

Read with a Big Buddy at the Public Library - Wednesday After School Activity!

Please see the enclosed pdf attachment "Reading Buddies winter 2012 " for information on how grade 1, 2,3 or 4 students can sign up to read with a Big Buddy (secondary school aged) on Wednesdays after school at the Poirier Branch.

Preschool Open House - February 15th 2012, 6:30-7:30pm

Baker's Corner Preschool is hosting an Open House and Registration session for preschoolers and their families from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday, February 15th. We are a play-based, Parent Participation preschool with half-day classes for 3 and 4 year-olds.

If you know of friends and neighbours who are in search of a fun, educational & well-respected preschool, please have them call 604-461-5848 or check the website at www.bakerscornerpreschool.com

Baker's Corner is located at **Baker Drive Elementary School**, 885 Baker Drive, Coquitlam.

NEW! Pro-D Day Camp: Jan 27 (Ages 6 - 12years) At Evergreen Cultural Centre

Evergreen is offering both full and half day camps on January 27 in support of SD 43's non-instructional days. The one-day camps will get kids excited about the visual arts. Explore the world of Pop-Art, paint like the Impressionists, or discover a famous Canadian artist. These are some of the fun projects on hand. To register call 604.927.6552

Full Day, 9am - 4pm \$45

Half Day, 9am - 12pm or 1 - 4pm \$25

After Care, 4 - 6pm \$10

PS. Day camps are also offered: Feb 17 and April 20.

Family Day at Place des Arts!

Sunday, January 15, 1:30-3:30pm

Gather up the family and tour exhibitions in clay and multi-media. Then participate in a variety of all-ages, drop-in style workshops based on these exhibits. Don't be intimidated by art, get engaged in it! Admission by donation. **Reserve your spot by calling 604.664.1636.**

Day of the Arts: Outer Space (at Place des Arts)

District #43 Pro-D Day: Friday, February 17, 8:45am - 3:45pm

Day of the Arts: *Outer Space* features a variety of visual and performing arts classes that will take you out of this world! Kids from Kindergarten to grade 5 can mold and shape aliens from clay, explore space and meet alien life through drama games, play cosmic beats on Japanese Taiko drums, draw & paint a sleek flying machine, build a 3D environmental space station and more. To view the full time-table and class descriptions, visit www.placedesarts.ca or pick up a brochure at Place des Arts. **Registration opens January 9** and may be done by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or in person at 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam.

Place des Arts Spring Break Camp

Monday, March 19 to Friday, March 23, 8:45am - 3:45pm

Place des Arts Spring Break Camp is back! This art camp offers a wide array of exciting activities in the visual and performing arts. Children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 choose one full-day block that runs Monday to Friday. Each block contains six classes

of activities. Optional after-hours care is available until 5pm for a nominal fee. To view the full time-table and class descriptions, visit [Place des Arts' website](#) or pick up the Spring Break brochure at the centre. **Registration opens January 30** and may be done by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or in person at 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam.