



BAKER DRIVE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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November Social Responsibility Focus: Peacefulness

This month at Baker Drive, we are talking about Peacefulness as part of our Virtues based Social Responsibility Program. We are teaching the students that Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm. We feel it in quiet moments of reflection and at times when we feel thankful. Along this theme, we are teaching students to solve conflicts so everyone wins. Fighting doesn't solve problems, and no one really wins. With peacefulness, any problem can be solved. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. Peace in the world begins with peace in your heart. You are practicing Peacefulness when you...

- Create inner peace with quiet reflection
- Use peaceful language even when you are angry
 - Speak gently and respectfully
 - Avoid harming anyone
 - Appreciate differences
- Find peaceful solutions to every problem





NOVEMBER

- 08 Multi Sport starts again on Nov 8 - Nov 29
- 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11 Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
- 14 District Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 16 Ice Skating for Divisions 5 & 6 (9:00-10:45)
- 16 Ice Skating for Divisions 1 & 2 (10:30-12:15)
- 17 Ice Skating for Divisions 3 & 4 (9:30-11:15)
- 18 Ice Skating for Divisions 6,7 & 8 (9:00-11:00)
- 30 Food Bank/New Toy Drive starts - more info to come

DECEMBER

- 02 Hot Lunch Day - Pasta Pollo
- 08 Food Bank/New Toy Drive PICK UP
- 09 Baker Drive Family Christmas Skate
- 19 Christmas Break Begins

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS REGARDING REPORT CARDS

Please see the attached letter from our Superintendent of Schools in regards to Interim Report Cards and Report Cards. Formal Report Cards are scheduled for distribution on Tuesday, November 29th.

Early Dismissal on Dec 7th Cancelled

As part of the BCTF Teacher Job Action, teachers will not be meeting for teacher parent interviews on Dec 7th as previously scheduled. Therefore, we will be cancelling our early dismissal on that day and school will end at 3:00pm as per usual.

Litterless Lunch

We are waiting for word on the results of the "Litterless Lunch Challenge" that took place from October 17th to 21st. Our school had excellent results when compared to our statistics from last year's challenge. Many thanks to the families and teachers who went out of their way to teach and/or pack litterless lunches that week. Our hope is that this becomes the norm for the whole school year. Let's try hard to pack a litterless lunch everyday!

Oct 17 to 21st Litterless Lunch results

Div. 1 87%	Ms. Capel	27 students
Div. 2 79%	Ms. David	27 students
Div. 3 85%	Ms. Cooper	21 Students
Div. 4 82%	Ms. Sabourin/Capt	21 students
Div. 5 82%	Ms. Osbourne	20 students
Div. 6 74%	Mr. Christensen	21 students
Div. 7 100%	Ms. Mackay	17 students
Div. 8 90%	Ms. Bain	19 students
Div. 9 93%	Ms. Lederer	19 students

The winners of the Baker Drive Elementary litterless lunch challenge is Division 7 100%

STUDENT RECOGNITION FOR SEPTEMBER

Teacher	Div	Student
Ms Capel	1	Aidan S. , Ryan P. , and Perry K. all for fitting in so quickly and making friends at their new school.
Ms David	2	Makenna H. for working so well in class and completing all work on time. Royce G. for working hard to complete his work in class without disturbing others. Jason McR for being a responsible student and always contributing to class discussions.
Ms Cooper	3	Eric S. and Elizabeth Y. for being positive role models who demonstrate leadership in the classroom.
Ms Sabourin/Ms Capt	4	Noah L. and Sierra B. for being helpful to their classmates and teachers and for working hard on all assignments.
Ms Osborne	5	Ian H. for trying his best with all school assignments. Cassidy G. for always being willing to help her classmates.
Mr Christensen	6	Landon P. for an awesome attitude and courage in dealing with a dog attack. Nathan N. for showing a great love for learning and setting an excellent example for his classmates. Dylan M. for being an awesome leader in our class and looking after others.
Ms MacKay	7	Tahir J. for being a great teacher assistant and helping the younger students in the class.
Ms Bain	8	Vianna D. for being a great line leader and holding the door for all her friends when we walk in the hallway.
Ms Lederer	9	Caroline P. for taking care of others by inviting new friends to play with her on the playground and in the classroom. She is a kind and caring friend. Callie J. for taking care of this place by tidying up our classroom games and centres. She often helps others clean up their centres too. Thanks Callie!

STUDENT RECOGNITION FOR OCTOBER

Teacher	Div	Student
Ms Capel	1	Jennifer P. , Corbin Y. , and Gioivanni S. for being kind and helpful to others.
Ms David	2	Brendan McL. for being a responsible member of our class and being so willing to help when asked. Carsen C. for completing his work on time and to the best of his abilities. Nicole C. for always being so helpful and working so well in class.
Ms Cooper	3	Leah H. and Philip K. for being independent and responsible students who constantly strive to do their best.
Ms Sabourin/Ms Capt	4	Jonathan P. and Daniella S. for consistently working hard in all areas of the curriculum and for being a helpful and active member of the class.
Ms Osborne	5	Luca DiF. for always being respectful and actively listening to instructions. Carson H. for trying his best with all assignments and asking for help when he needs it.
Mr Christensen	6	Elyse O. for being a <u>spell-a-saurus</u> . Danaka L. for being a <u>Creative Cat</u> for cool art work. Stewart G. the " <u>Obama</u> " Award for classroom leadership.
Ms MacKay	7	April A. for being such a cooperative and friendly member of the class.
Ms Bain	8	Julian G-G. for thinking like a scientist during outside time and working with all his friends to build a pipeline. Joanne C. for being such a good friend and playing so nicely with all her friends during Montessori Work Time.
Ms Lederer	9	Owen E. for sharing his bey-blade with other children who do not have one and including others during outside and inside playtime. He is a "bucket filler" because he is taking care of others. Aidan S. for sparking our imaginations about towers. Thank you for sharing your research on the Eiffel Tower with us. We had a great time creating our own structures and towers.

Skating Fieldtrip Update:

The City of Coquitlam has informed us that bicycle helmets are not allowed on the ice rink. Please plan to borrow or rent a helmet.

Looking for Booster Seat Donations

Has your child grown out of his/her booster seat? We are looking for booster seats to keep on hand for kids who forget to bring their booster seats on fieldtrip days. If you are ready to donate your child's booster seat, please bring to our office. Thank you!

Student Absences

Please remember to call the office or complete and submit an Absence Report Form (found on our website under Parent eForms) when your child/children will be either late or absent. If you are emailing in this information to the teacher please cc the secretary at deburnett@sd43.bc.ca as sometimes there could be a TOC in the classroom for that day. If you are going to be away on vacation you can submit this form prior to the absence.

Thank You Parents!!

Once again, we have had many parents go above and beyond this month with volunteering at our school. There are many of you that volunteered in your child's classroom for Halloween and other teacher specific events - we thank you for your support of the classroom! We also thank Cherie P for organizing our clothing drive on Oct 25th, Karla S. and Karen G for organizing a spectacular evening of fireworks on Oct 31st, Karla S for organizing today's Subway "Hot" lunch, Louanne M for organizing Baker Drive's first ever afterschool Lego Club. Many thanks to our PAC for attending last night's meeting and all of the organization going into future fundraisers and events! Our staff and community are grateful for all of your support!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BAKER DRIVE



Nov 7th Assembly

Our monthly assembly will be on Nov 7th at 9:45am in our gym. This month we will recognize our students from September and October recognition (see "student recognition" above) as well as introduce our Peace Squad members. Other November topics: Peacefulness, Peace Squad conflict mediation, Playground Behaviour and more. Parents are always welcome to our monthly assemblies which occur on the first Monday of the month at 9:45am.

Nov 10th Remembrance Day Assembly

All students will be performing at our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov 10th at 10:45 in our gym. Please join us for this important event.

Nov 14th - Reminder: No School

In addition to the Nov 11th Statutory Holiday, there will also be no school on Monday November 14th. SD#43 schools are closed on this day and for an extra week at Spring Break

PAC Sponsored: Rollerblading Lessons

All Baker Drive students will be learning (or practicing) their rollerblading skills during gym class at the end of November. Helmets, skates and lessons will be provided by Stardust Rollerblading. This opportunity is being paid for by our PAC!

SHARE Christmas Food & New Toy Drive

Our Annual Food and New Toy Drive will take place November 30th to December 7th. More information will be sent home through your child's classroom teacher.

December 9th Family Christmas Skate

All families are encouraged to join our staff for a Baker Drive Family and Staff Christmas Skate on December 9th from 4:30 to 5:30 at Poirier Skate Rink. This event has been generously sponsored by our PAC. More information will be coming in a notice. Families will need to rent ice skates and helmets (bicycle helmets not allowed) at the rink. Some snacks will also be provided.

Christmas Holiday Week: Dec 12 - 16th

In addition to our Family and Staff Skate, we will also be enjoying this festive season with a morning school carol sing each day at 9:00am to 9:30 in our gym from Dec 12 to 16th. As well students may choose to dance each lunch hour that week in the gym. Parents are welcome to join us for both of these events.

After school Music Class for November

Who: Grade 1 - 3 students with no prior formal music sight reading experience

When: Tuesdays 3:00 - 3:45 in Music Room (Nov 8 - 29, 4 sessions)

What: Learn rhythm, clapping, reading and writing some treble clef and base clef notes

What to bring: a pencil and notebook

Cost: Free - limited to 10 participants

Teacher: Mrs. Damiera Jan (Baker Drive Parent and school district employee), over 20 years of experience teaching with Royal Conservatory of Music

To Register: email deburnett@sd43.bc.ca before Nov 7th (5 student minimum for class to run)

MESSAGE FROM THE PAC



Trivia Night

Just a reminder that the Trivia Night Early Bird ticket promotion (that gives you a FREE drink ticket) ends Tuesday. Regular promotion will continue. Please sign up for volunteer positions - such as bar /raffle ticket sales, set up (Fri), clean up crew, paper bag raffle wrap, either leading up to the 19th or on the night of the event. Sign up sheets are located at the school or email Charlene at bcdozzi@shaw.ca

Thank You.

The Trivia Night Committee

Grade 5 Fundraisers

The grade 5 leaving committee is working on several fundraisers to raise money to fund Grade 5 graduation activities.

An account has been set up to collect deposit refunds when you return your cans and bottles at Encorp Return-it at 2554 Barnett Hwy in Coquitlam under the name Baker Drive Gr. 5 the account number is 228.

Krispy Kreme donut order forms will be coming out in the next week, orders will be due on Nov 18 and the donuts will be ready for pick up on November 30.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Celebrating the Return of the Salmon



Hyde Creek Recreation Centre and Hyde Creek Educational Centre & Hatchery

November 13, 2011 11:00am-3:00pm
Free Family Event
Environmental, community groups exhibits
Arts & Crafts, entertainment, BBQ salmon

Cheers,
Sandy Le Monnier
Festival Coordinator
604-942-4946

Upcoming Events at Place des Arts

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

Family Day at PdA!

Sunday, November 20, 1:30-3:30PM

Gather up the family and tour Place des Arts annual *Positively Petite* miniature exhibition. Then participate in a variety of all-ages, drop-in style workshops that celebrate *small* and create your very own lantern in preparation for *Light up the Square a Lantern Affair* on December 3. Don't be intimidated by art, get engaged in it! Admission by donation. **Reserve your spot by calling 604.664.1636 before Tuesday, November 15.**

Light up the Square: A Lantern Affair

Saturday, December 3, 4:30-7:30PM

Welcome in the light during Light up the Square's lantern affair! Discover the Japanese taiko drumming tradition that lures the sun; drop in on a variety of arts and crafts activities for all ages; get into the spirit of the season with live music and song and be entranced by a musical performance of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* staged by RA Productions. This is a free community event.

Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

Place des Arts has some great workshops for children and youth coming up in November and December. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

Family Time: Felting Fun Workshop (2+ years)

Explore the art of wet felting with your child, and acquire the necessary skills to create finished pieces such as beads, vessels and flat felted pieces. Once you learn the basics of this ancient craft, the possibilities are endless—create embellishments, small wearable pieces and gifts.

9205 • M • Nov 14 - Nov 21 • 2:00 - 3:00 PM • \$28.00

Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years)

Create your own stop-motion animated film! Plan a story, make a storyboard, design and build your own characters and sets, and then shoot and edit your film, practicing techniques in shot composition, movement and timing. Add voices and music and upload it to YouTube! A digital camera with removable card is recommended for this class.

9139 • W • Nov 23-Nov 30 • 3:30 - 6:00 PM • \$46.50

Felted Christmas Ornaments (8-14 years)

Create beautiful felted ornaments such as jewelled Christmas balls or a garland of felted stars. Explore different wet felting techniques and acquire the skills necessary to create finished pieces. Felting is quick, fun and a great way to make gifts. Materials kits provided.

9043 • TH • Dec 1 • 6:00 - 9:00 PM • \$29.50

Christmas Clay Magic (4-6 & 6-12 years)

Hey Kids! Make you own clay Christmas decorations and gifts for the special people in your lives in this fun and magical class.

4-6 years

9044 • M • Nov 28 - Dec 5 • 3:45 - 4:30 PM • \$26

9047 • TU • Nov 29 - Dec 6 • 3:45 - 4:30 PM • \$26

9048 • TU • Nov 29 - Dec 6 • 4:45 - 5:30 PM • \$26

6-12 years

9045 • M • Nov 28 - Dec 5 • 4:45 - 5:45 PM • \$26

9046 • M • Nov 28 - Dec 5 • 6:00 - 7:00 PM • \$26

9049 • TU • Nov 29 - Dec 6 • 5:45 - 6:45 PM • \$26

31st Annual Coquitlam Christmas Craft Sale

Friday, December 2 from 5 to 9pm

Saturday, December 3 from 10am to 4pm

Sunday, December 4 from 11am to 4pm

at the Poirier Community Centre

624 Poirier Street in Coquitlam

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children & seniors

I've attached a poster if you're able to incorporate that.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephanie MacDonald

Coquitlam Christmas Craft Sale

coquitlamcrafts@gmail.com