



# Birchland Elementary School

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Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal

## NEWSLETTER # 13

June 29, 2011

### Dear Parents and Students:

It is hard to believe that this school year has come to an end! It has been a year filled with great memories and outstanding accomplishment. We are so proud of our students for the great strides they have made in their learning and for continuing to show social responsibility and community spirit, both at school and in the neighborhood.

With mixed emotions, we say "so long" to our Grade 5 students and their families. We know they have great experiences awaiting them at middle school, but will miss them dearly.

We will also be saying "so long" to Mrs. Walton, who has assisted teachers with various tasks while working in the office throughout the year.

On behalf of the Birchland staff, we wish you a very happy and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,  
Ms. L. Salloum — Principal

### DID YOU KNOW????

- School Supplies can be ordered directly from Creative Children over the summer? Their contact info is; 604-469-6403 or [petert@creativechildreneducational.com](mailto:petert@creativechildreneducational.com)
- Class, panorama (all staff and students) and grade 5 photos – orders have been sent and returned to the school. If you are missing yours, please contact MJM Studios directly at (604) 299-8900 or [photos@mjmstudios.net](mailto:photos@mjmstudios.net)

## BPAC

### 2011/2012 BIRCHLAND PAC ELECTIONS RESULTS

CO PAC CHAIR.....	BRITTANY LEAVOLD & CECILIA JOINSON
VICE- CHAIR.....	<u>VACANT</u>
TREASURER.....	<u>VACANT</u>
DPAC REP.....	KARI STEWART
SPC REP.....	MICHELLE NIKULA / CECILIA JOINSON
PARENT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.....	STELLA GONCALVES
SPECIAL LUNCHES COORDINATOR.....	KAREN FAMINOFF
BOOK FAIR COORDINATOR.....	KAREN FAMINOFF
RUNNING CLUB COORDINATOR.....	AARON IWANOW
FRUIT AND VEGGIE COORDINATOR.....	SUZANNE WILLIAMSON
RECYCLING COORDINATOR.....	MICHELLE NIKULA
THEME DAYS COORDINATOR.....	SUZANNE WILLIAMSON / KARI STEWART
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART COORDINATOR.....	BRITTANY LEAVOLD
LIBRARY COORDINATOR.....	MICHELLE NIKULA / CECILIA JOINSON
EMERGENCY PREP COORDINATOR.....	DONNA LUTEYN

We congratulate all our new PAC Executive & Committee Coordinators on their newly appointed positions!



**Birchland School will be closed from July 1 to August 26. The office will reopen on Monday, August 29.**

**School Calendar 2011 - 2012**

September 6	School Opens
September 23	Non-Instructional Day (District)
October 10	Thanksgiving Day
October 21	Non-Instructional Day (Provincial)
November 1	Non-Instructional Day (Birchland)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 14	School Closed
December 16	School Closes for Winter Break
January 3	School re-opens
January 27	Non-Instructional Day (Birchland)
February 17	Non-Instructional Day (District)
March 9	Last Day before Spring Break
March 26	School Re-opens
April 6	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Monday
April 20	Non-Instructional Day (District)
May 21	Victoria Day
June 28	Last day of school for students
June 29	Administrative Day/Schools Close



**CANADA DAY 2011**  
**Celebrate Canada Day in Port Coquitlam**

8-11:30 am at Lions Park

A fishing derby in Lions Park will begin the day (Friday, July 1) at 8 am. It is a great opportunity for youth under 10 to test their fishing skills. Prizes are available to be won and families are promised a great breakfast that can be purchased on site, from the Port Coquitlam Lions Club.

Noon – Dusk at Castle Park

Starting at 11.30 a.m. at the West Coast Express Station on Kingsway, on Wilson Ave., a free shuttle bus service will take people to the Castle Park for a whole day and evening of festivities. Day time activities are free and include bouncy castles, face painting, an arts station and a climbing wall and a community showcase full of exciting local performers. There will also be an international bazaar and multicultural displays, concessions, and the grande finale fireworks. Evening performances will begin at 6 p.m. with the band

**The Big Yahoo** a local band with Terry Fox High grads, followed by **Susie McGregor** and **Andy Lorimer**.

Port Coquitlam residents are encouraged to walk, cycle or ride the shuttle bus to Castle Park as there will be parking restrictions all day. Also water taps will be available for free refills of personal water bottles.

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**FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM 2011-2012**

Do you have your Food Safe Level 1? If so, please contact the office. We have a parent who is committed to have hers in place by September. In case it is not, we would like a back up available to continue in this valuable program for our students in September 2011.

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**OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR WATCHFUL EYES!**

*As many of you know, our building has been repeatedly vandalized with graffiti again over the spring break. We have been diligently photographing and reporting each attack to the RCMP and immediately ask the district to respond by painting over the damage as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the vandals are operating largely on weekends and evenings. This means that we need our community's help to keep a watchful eye. Please use the information below to report suspicious activity. In cases where you feel an act is in progress, please contact the RCMP at 604-945-1550.*

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**Summer Camps = Summer Fun**

School District 43 Community Schools are pleased to again be able to offer Children's Summer Camps from July 4<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>. **Information and registration forms** for this year's Summer Camps are now available at Seaview, Miller Park, Central, and Pitt River Community Schools as well as at the School Board Office and the Continuing Education Office. Please note: This year's camps will only take place at Seaview and Pitt River Community Schools. Forms and information can also be downloaded - please see the School District's web site: [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and click on the link or [www.sd43.bc.ca/seaview](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/seaview) , [www.sd43.bc.ca/millerpark](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/millerpark) or [www.sd43.bc.ca/pittriver](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/pittriver) For further information please contact Steve Brown-John at [sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca) or 604 230-1233 and Heather Roemer at [hroemer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:hroemer@sd43.bc.ca) or **604 464-0207**.



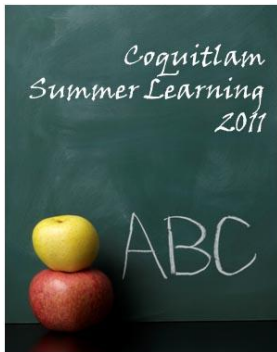
When you see suspicious activities, please call **604-927-7600**

The call is anonymous and confidential. No one will ask for the caller's name or phone number. Security personnel will investigate and either take action or involve the police. The line is available 24/7. Callers are invited to telephone as soon as they become concerned and not wait for the damage to be done.

Neighbours should never get involved in a confrontation. The tip line phone number should be shared only with responsible persons.

# Coquitlam Summer Learning

- **Elementary Program**  
(Grades 1-5) July 12 – 29  
Heritage Mountain, Parkland,  
Pinetree Way
- **Middle Program**  
(Grades 6-8) July 12 – 29  
Scott Creek
- **Academic Remedial &  
Skill Building Programs**  
(Grades 8-10) July 5 – 29  
Charles Best



- **High School Credit Program**  
(Grades 10-12) July 5 – Aug 12  
Centennial, Gleneagle, Coquitlam Open Learning
  - Online Courses
  - Face-to-Face Courses

For registration and contact information, please see us at [www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)

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Hey kids, you can gobble up some great reading this summer and “Savour Each Word” when you join this year’s Summer Reading Club at the Terry Fox Library.

The library will be filled with exciting activities that you won’t want to miss out on. Registration begins in June and continues throughout the summer. Everyone who joins the Summer Reading Club will be given a colourful reading record and a bookmark. Visit the library regularly and collect stickers for your record book. At the end of the summer you may receive a medal for your efforts. Enjoy cool programs and contests throughout July and August. There are lots of great prizes to be won!

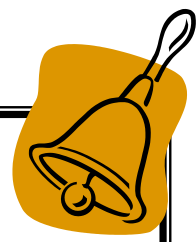
For more information about this year’s Summer Reading Club you can phone the Terry Fox Library (604-927-7999), check out our website ([www.fvrl.bc.ca](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca)) or visit us at 2470 Mary Hill Road, Port Coquitlam.

## ***SOCIAL MEDIA vs. SAFETY... The Facebook Dilemma***

The influence of technology in our society has presented us with both benefits and challenges. I would like to draw your attention to one particular challenge that we face – keeping our kids safe from the *risks that correspond with unsupervised use of the internet*, particularly social media sites such as Facebook.

The creators of Facebook have set an age limit on membership that clearly indicates that users under the age of 13 are not yet at a developmental stage that allows them to foresee and avoid dangerous and/or inappropriate situations. We strongly suggest that parents give consideration to this restriction and the protection that it is meant to provide.

We are discouraged to see many of our students experiencing stressful consequences as a result of their inappropriate use of the Facebook site. We are asking that parents partner with us in our effort to address this situation by maintaining open communication with your child regarding their internet and computer usage and helping them to choose activity that is age-appropriate and follows the site’s policies and restrictions.



### **Bell Schedule**

8:50	Students enter (bell)
8:55	Instruction begins (bell) PA announcements Attendance to office
10:25	Recess begins (no bell)
10:40	Recess ends (bell)
11:54	Lunch period begins (no bell) and students go outside to play
12:20	Students come in to eat (bell)
12:40	Lunch period ends (bell)
12:45	Instruction begins
2:55	Student dismissal

## 2011 FAIR AT THE PNE TO INTRODUCE FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

Now in its 101st year, the Fair at the PNE is proof some things get better with age, as it gets set to offer FREE gate admission for all children 12 and under during the Fair's run from Saturday, August 20 to Monday, September 5, 2011.

For the first time since the 1940's the PNE won't be sending a free entrance ticket home in elementary school report cards across the province. Instead, children 12 and under will be admitted free with an adult throughout each day of the Fair at the PNE.

*"We know that with report cards going home over the next few weeks there will be students and parents wondering where their PNE ticket is, and we are very pleased to be announcing that program, traditionally seeing about 70,000 students redeem their free tickets annually, expanded so families can attend the Fair a number of times and take in all shows, exhibits and attractions that are geared to elementary school aged children,"* says Michael McDaniel, President & CEO.

The annual Fair at the PNE is BC's premier summer time event offering a wide range of new and classic family entertainment, including the all-new Family Theatre, Summer Night Concerts, Peking Acrobats, Evolution of Extreme motorsports spectacular and Pop City, a Pyro Celebration and the Superdogs.

- A maximum of five (5) children aged 12 and under will be admitted free per one paying adult.

Event: The 2011 Fair at the PNE  
Date(s): August 20 to September 5, 2011  
Location: Hastings Park, Vancouver  
Gate Admission: Fair Gate Pass (13 – 64 years) \$20.00  
Seniors Gate Pass (65 years+) \$8.00  
FREE admission to children 12 years and under  
Fair Ride Passes: One-Day Fair Ride Pass \$42.75  
One-Day Junior Fair Ride Pass (Guest under 48" tall) \$29.75  
More information: Visit [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca) to purchase tickets or for more information

If you have any questions please contact the PNE at [schooltickets@pne.ca](mailto:schooltickets@pne.ca)

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Receive one free child admission with one paid adult admission.

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