



# Cape Horn News

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**



We have had a busy and fun schedule since our return to school. The snow was a welcome distraction, as students enjoyed the thrill of sledding down the slopes of Cape Horn.

throughout the month of January collecting bags of clothing etc. for Big Brothers. The last day to bring donations will be this Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. We wish to thank you very much for your contributions. The money raised will go to a charity as chosen from this year's winning Sports Day Team.

Next Wednesday afternoon, Axe Capoeira, a touring ensemble, will perform as part of this year's cultural performances. We wish to thank our PAC for their fundraising efforts and to our parents for your generous participation to make these performances possible. The Student Council once again held a Clothing Drive

Grade 4 students will be writing the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) throughout the month of February. Individual student results will be shared in confidence with families by the end of March or early April.

Bill McGovern  
Principal



Learning the Voyage of Discovery

**Our Mission Statement:**

To provide a safe, caring and challenging environment so that students will be prepared for their lifelong "Voyage of Discovery"

**NEXT PAC HOT LUNCH DAY**  
Thursday, February 23rd



**NEXT PAC MEETING**  
February 22nd @ 7:00 pm in the Library

**Pro-D**  
Friday, February 17th



**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL**

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**FEBRUARY**



3	Wacky Hat Day
7	- 2012/13 Kindergarten Registration - Big Brothers Clothing Pick-up - Afterschool Cooking Session #1 begins
8	Axe Capoeira Performance at 1:00 p.m.
9	Afterschool Sports/Drama begins 3:00-4:30
10	PAC Treat Day
14	Wear Red/Pink/White for Valentine's Day
17	Pro-D (District) - no school for students
21	Public Speaking Assembly (Gr's 3-5) - 10:45 am to noon
22	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - Library
23	PAC Hot Lunch Day
24	PAC Ice Cream Day
27	Hoops for Heart Kick-off Assembly @ 11:30
28	- South Zone Public Speaking Finals (venue TBA) - Div's 8 & 9 field trip to Aquarium
29	Pink Shirt Day Anti-bullying Day

**MARCH**



9	PAC Ice Cream Day
9	Hoops for Heart Event
9	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
26	Back to School after Spring Break
<b>APRIL</b>	
6	Good Friday—No School
9	Easter Monday—No School
16	Div. 2 to Evergreen Cultural Ctr. 9:00-3:00
18	- Como Lake Relays - PAC Meeting—7:00 p.m. Library
19	Div. 3 to Evergreen Cultural Ctr. 9:00-3:00
20	Pro D (District) - No School For Students
23	Dream Rider: Water Preservation Presentation 9:00 a.m.—Everyone welcome!
26	-Div. 1 to Evergreen Cultural Ctr. 9:00-3:00 -Gr 5 Parent Night at Monty Middle 7:00 pm
30-May 4	"Kids on Wheels" Rollerblading

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The 2012-2013 Kindergarten registration dates are February 7th, 8th & 9th. Parents with children who are five years of age by December 31, 2012 may enter school in September 2012.



To register, please bring along the following documentation:

- Proof of citizenship for parent & child (one of): birth certificate; passport; PR Card; Canadian Citizenship Card.
- Proof of BC residency for parent (one of): rental contract; property purchase contract; income tax statement; property tax statement; and (two of): utility bill; BC care card; BC driver's licence; BC vehicle registration; Canadian Social Insurance #; Canadian bank of credit card statement; BC ID.

For Non-Residents of B.C., please contact the International Education Department at 604-936-5769.

If you are considering EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION (kindergarten entry) in September, 2012, please call Ms. Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

If parents want their children to be registered at another school, but reside in the Cape Horn Elementary catchment, they must first register at their catchment school and then complete a cross-catchment transfer form at that time. The electronic version of the application form can be accessed through the District website ([www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)) beginning February 10th for the Kindergarten students.

We will also need phone numbers for:

- Home, work, cell, Doctor's office, babysitting/daycare
- 2 alternates in case of emergency (every effort is made to contact parents/ guardians first)

Realizing that some of the information about daycare or babysitting arrangements may not be settled yet, please let us know in September of any additions or changes in arrangements or telephone numbers. If neighbours ask you when they should let us know that they will be coming to our school in the fall, please let them know they should do it right away. Our staffing is based on the number of students we project for September, and we can do a better job of this if people register right away. Please help spread the word – every child counts.



## HOOPS FOR HEART

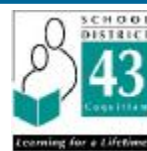
Our school is participating in the Heart & Stroke Hoops for Heart event again this year. This is a unique and fun program that gets kids physically active, teaches them about heart healthy choices, and provides our school with valuable resources. The event also raises funds to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation to help to reduce the devastating effects of heart disease.



In Hoops for Heart, students participate in fun basketball skills challenges. Prior to the event, students raise funds (pledges) from sponsors and afterward receive thank you prizes for the pledges they raise individually. For safety reasons, we suggest that students do not go door-to-door. Donations will also be accepted on line at [HoopsForHeart.ca](http://HoopsForHeart.ca). Sponsors donating online will receive an automatic tax receipt.

Hoops for Heart Dates  
Kick off assembly – February 27th  
Hoops for Heart activities – February 28th to March 8th

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS RE REPORT CARDS



As part of the job action, the Coquitlam Teachers Association has informed the district that teachers will not produce report cards in accordance with the Essential Services levels set out by the Labour Relations Board during this labour dispute. However, under the School Act and as mandated by the Ministry of Education, report cards are required.

As with interim reports, students from Kindergarten to Grade 11 will receive report cards with little if any, achievement information. Attendance information and teacher names will also appear. Kindergarten to Grade 11 students and their parents can receive their marks directly from the teacher. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions/concerns.

Tom Grant  
Superintendent  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

## VALENTINE'S DAY/RAK WEEK



On Tuesday, February 14th students and staff are encouraged to wear something red, white or pink or a combination of those colours to celebrate Valentine's Day. The week of Feb. 13 -17th is Random Acts of Kindness Week throughout our school district. Everyone is encouraged to get caught up in the act of going out of their way to do something nice; to make a compliment; or to encourage someone less fortunate. Random Acts are contagious and will make everyone feel good!



## FRUIT AND VEGGIE SNACK PROGRAM

Please note that the following fruits and vegetables are scheduled for the upcoming weeks:



*Week of February 5th - Sliced Apples*

*Week of February 19th—Mini Cucumbers*

*Week of April 15th—Spartan Apples*

*Week of April 29th—Baby Cucumbers*



If you wish, for any reason, that your child not participate in the snack program on any of the above weeks, please notify the school office at 604-526-4428.

## STUDENT FILE DOCUMENTATION

We have been reviewing our student files to ensure that the Ministry of Education mandated documentation requirements (parent/child citizenship & proof of residency) have been met. As the requirements have changed in the last few years, our School Board has asked that we check and update the files. We will be sending home a notice requesting that any missing documentation (original documents) be brought into the school office for copying and placing in the student file. Thank you for attending to this extremely important request. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. McGovern.



## PUBLIC SPEAKING FESTIVAL



Intermediate students are working on their speeches and will have the opportunity to present their rehearsed speeches to their classmates in February. Those students exceeding expectations in their class will have the opportunity to present their speeches to a much larger audience in the gym on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents are welcome to attend. A grade 4 and a grade 5 student will be selected to represent Cape Horn at the Zone Public Speaking Festival on Tuesday, February 28th - place TBA.

## USED ITEMS NEEDED

Our school is looking for donations as listed below for our sensory room, and for art supplies. If you have any of these items that you no longer need, we would be very happy to take them off your hands: exercise stretchy bands - helmets - a rocking chair - yoga balls (2) - pup tent - crawl tunnel - training wheels for a 6-9 year old's bike. Art supplies: egg cartons, magazines, old Christmas cards, baby food jars, and paper roll tubes. Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you.

## "SUPPORTING THE SCHOOLS" FUNDRAISER

Cape Horn Elementary has teamed up with corporate sponsor, Networx Windows & Doors, to launch an exciting fundraising initiative within our school community. Networx has agreed to donate back 5% of any project done through the school community back to Cape Horn Elementary as part of their Community Champions Program. Networx has been in business for over 20 Years and has built their reputation on outstanding products, quality workmanship, and unbeatable service. If you or someone you know are looking to replace windows, doors, or siding, speak with a Networx consultant – and receive the added benefit of money going back to Cape Horn Elementary to support future education. Please ensure you complete the following steps:



1. Call Networx office 604-625-0960 or email [info@networx-excellence.com](mailto:info@networx-excellence.com) if you are interested in a window, door, or siding project.
2. Mention the "Supporting the Schools" fundraiser and that you are affiliated with Cape Horn Elementary (this ensures the money goes to the right school).
3. A consultant will meet with you to discuss your specific project requirements.
4. Upon job completion – Networx will mail a cheque worth 5% of the pre-tax invoice to Cape Horn elementary to be used toward the betterment of the educational quality and environment.

This is not just limited to just parents of the school, tell all your friends – as long as they mentioned Cape Horn Elementary when they call. Let's work together to raise money for a better educational future!

Call Networx at 604-625-0960 or email [info@networx-excellence.com](mailto:info@networx-excellence.com) to setup a consultation. See the Cape Horn website for further details.



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**Wacky Hat Day**



Cape Horn's student government has declared Friday, February 3rd to be "Wacky Hat Day". Join the fun and wear your craziest, wildest, wackiest hat!

**Canadian Tire Money**



We have set up a collection box on the office counter, so if you find that you end up recycling your Canadian Tire money, we would be very happy to take it off your hands! Our school would like to use the money to purchase a park bench for our courtyard. Thanks to those people who have donated to our bench fund!



**PAC NEWS**

**PAC MEETING**

We would like to invite you to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm in the library. We really want to encourage all parents to join us. There will be no meeting in March as it is a short month, the next meeting will be April 18th.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS:**

Upcoming fundraisers are: Darvonda Nurseries Mother's Day plant sale, MJM studios photo night, Spring Carnival, Movie Night.

Our Movie Night in December was a smashing success! A big Thank you to Tina Feaver, for all her hard work organizing and running the event with the help of wonderful parent volunteers! This was a fun and profitable fundraiser, raising over \$800 profit!

We want to repeat the fun on April 23 by having a second Movie night. Look for forms to come home with more info!

In time for Mother's Day, the CHPAC will be offering hanging baskets and potted plants from Darvonda nurseries as well as holding an MJM family photo night on April 5. These fundraisers will take place right after spring break to have the orders back in time for gift giving!

Mark your Calendars! A Spring Carnival is scheduled for May 10. Fun and games, including a Dunk Tank and more! Volunteers will be needed to run this event.

Dates to note:

- April 5- MJM family photo night
- April 23- Movie Night
- May 10- Spring Carnival

- PAC Meetings:
- February 22nd
  - April 18th
  - AGM May 23rd



**SNOW DAYS**



January brought fresh snow, which makes driving interesting, however, the students (and Mrs. Braidwood and Mrs. Donald) had a wonderful time at recess and lunch sledding on Cape Horn's hills.

