



Hampton Park Elementary School

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February 7th, 2012

Newsletter to Parents

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From the small town of Wiarton in Bruce County, Ontario, Wiarton Willie, the famous Canadian groundhog failed to see his shadow, informing us that spring was going to arrive early. Students have been enjoying outdoor play both at break times and during the school day and, as educators, we value the role that outdoor activity plays in a child's academic and social education.

Teachers have continued to focus on Hampton Park's literacy goal of improving students non-fiction writing skills. This past pro-d day, teachers worked with a facilitator and engaged in professional conversations and activities focused on formative assessment. We look forward to sharing what was learned with students as second term progresses.

We have many activities taking place this month, so please continue to check our website and your e-mail regularly. Sincerely,

Mrs. Banks
Principal



HOT LUNCH

Dates for the PAC hot lunch for February are the 1st, 8th and 15th. Lunch Lady will be serviced on Feb. 23rd. March hot lunches are March 7, 14, and 21. Lunch lady will be served on the 29th.

HEALTHY TREAT DAY

Yummy! On Friday, February 24th, we will be holding our Healthy Treats Day. Thank you to all our parents who are contributing to our special day - YUMMY!! We look forward to it. Healthy treats will be 50 cents.

RED, WHITE, PINK DAY

February 14th is Valentine's Day and we are encouraging the children to wear red, white or pink on February 14th. Please encourage your children to wear one of these colours.



GRADE 5 VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

On Tuesday, February 14th we will be having a Valentine themed bake sale at recess. cookies, cupcakes, squares and other treats will be for sale for 50 cents each to the students and staff at Hampton Park. All proceeds will go towards our Grade 5 Graduation fund. Thank you for your support.



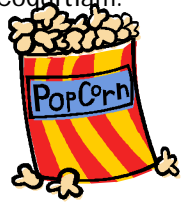
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Mark Your Calendars! If your child turns five before December 31, 2012, he/she is eligible for Kindergarten. Registration will take place at all elementary schools February 7-9. Please bring along 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, utility bill, etc.). You will also need your driver's license, Social Insurance Card or Care Card. We also require either the child's birth certificate with both parents names listed or your tax return (where you have claimed the child as a dependent). All information regarding paper work can be found on the school district website www.sd43.bc.ca. All students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment area school on February 7, 8, 9. If parents wish their child to attend an out of catchment school, the forms can also be found on the website and must be submitted between Feb. 10 and 22.

Please note that siblings of students in attendance at a school are considered as a catchment area child at that school and will be grandfathered in.

NON-RESIDENTS

Please contact the International Education Department @ 604-936-5769 or visit at 1100 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam. Bring along proof of citizenship for parent and student, proof of residency and proof of guardianship (if applicable).



POPCORN DAY

Popcorn will be sold by our PAC on Monday, February 13th for 50 cents. This is a very popular item with the kids so please send them to school with their 50 cents to avoid disappointment.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

We will be holding our twelfth annual Multicultural Day on Thursday, February 16th to celebrate the many rich and diverse cultures represented in our school. The students will be taking part in stations that will feature games, crafts, dances, etc. from various cultures. They are encouraged to wear traditional clothing.

The students will be invited to take part in a cultural taste experience and will be sampling different foods. However, the students will still require their regular lunches and drinks on this date. (Note: If you do not wish your child to eat food prepared by others [due to food allergies] please make sure that you inform him/her of this ahead of time.)

(Important: If you are providing a food dish, please ensure that you label it and tell us which country the recipe is from. Drop off your food item at the office beginning at 8:45am or no later than 10:00am on February 24th. Attach a note if your dish needs to be heated up or refrigerated. Also, please place your name on the bottom of your dish if you'd like it returned.)

If you would like to help us with our Multicultural Day, please notify the office by Tuesday, February 14th.

PLEASE NOTE: To wrap up our Multicultural Day, we will have an assembly at 1:00pm. We are looking forward to performance by Wheat in the Barley, a Canadian folk group. Please join us if you can, as this promises to be an exciting performance.

DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO SCHOOL

Our next PRO D Day is scheduled for Friday, February 17th. There will be no school for students on that day.

THANK YOU FROM THE PAC

Thank you to all the families who came out to our "Smurf" movie night. And a special thank you to Celia Chiang-Tsui for your floral creations for our poinsettia Christmas fundraiser.



CROSS CATCHMENT PROCESS 2012 - 2013

Parents have the right to choose the school their children attend subject to availability of space. Should you want to choose a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school you must submit a "Cross Catchment Form" as outlined below.

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school on February 7, 8, or 9th before completing a Cross Catchment Form.

Features of the 2012-2013 Cross Catchment Process:

- There are two separate forms:
 - o Kindergarten Cross Catchment
 - o Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment
 - o All registrations will begin February 10th @ 9:00 a.m. and close February 22nd at 4:00 p.m.
- The District is encouraging use of the electronic version of the application form accessed through the District website (www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning February 10th
- Paper forms will also be available at all schools and on the District Website as of February 10th. All completed paper forms must be returned in person or by mail to the School district Office at 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7 by the closing date. Faxed or email copies will not be accepted.
- Process details:
 - o Requests will be processed based on the availability of space in schools and on a first come-first served basis (in-district priority then out-of-district).
 - o The system will automatically mark the time we receive the request for the online process.
 - o The receptionist will mark the date and time of all paper copies as they are received at the front desk in the School Board Office.
 - o The District will then enter the paper requests into the online system and record the appropriate date and time.
 - o Principals will be able to access information about requests as they are received.
 - o The process will close off promptly at 4:00 pm on February 22nd.
 - o The District response to cross catchment requests will be communicated in writing and/or email during the week of March 5-9, 2012.

Important Information about Schools at Capacity:

A number of schools have reached capacity and it is anticipated they will continue to be in this position for the next few years. Therefore, based on limited space, we want to clarify that the District may not be in a position to honour requests for cross catchment to the following schools:

Aspenwood, Glen, Glenayre, Panorama Heights and Pinetree Way Elementary Schools.

However, please be aware that the District can only approve "cross catchment requests" up to the available space in any given school.



KARATE CLASSES AT LUNCH

Personal Best Martial Arts is offering karate classes to students from kindergarten to grade five. These classes run from February 20th to February 24th in the school gym from 12:00-12:30 pm. The cost is \$40.00/child. If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for these classes, please fill in the bottom portion and return it (along with a cheque made out to Hampton Park Elementary PAC) by Tuesday, February 15th, 2012.

This is a fundraising event and the profits will be given to Hampton Park PAC. Thank you in advance for supporting our school.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

No Child Without Free MedicAlert Membership for Students at Our School

The Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation has developed a program to protect children and provide school officials with the help they need to address concerns about students living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs.

This program is called *No Child Without*. It was developed to ensure children across Canada from Junior Kindergarten up to their 14th birthday receive MedicAlert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education. The program follows the child should they move to another school in Canada. There is a significant benefit to the school because *No Child Without* blends in with the school's safety plan and illustrates the importance of children's health and safety.

As a national charitable organization, MedicAlert has been protecting people for 50 years through customized medical identification. Over one million Canadians have chosen MedicAlert to provide them with protection and peace of mind in case of a medical emergency.

During the school day, students can come in contact with up to five adults responsible for their care and safety. Before and after school programs, recess, lunch and the classroom are often the responsibility of different individuals.

In case of a medical emergency, children can be the most vulnerable because they are often too young, too afraid or too hurt to express themselves. That is why parents often feel better knowing their children's MedicAlert identification can speak for them if they're not around.

The program is being funded by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation, Lions Clubs across Canada, grants from the Government of Canada and corporate and local businesses.

Students receive a choice of a bracelet or necklace listing their medical conditions, allergies and or medications with their identification number, a wallet card, access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline, notification of personal emergency contacts at the time of emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call is made to the Hotline.

No Child Without brochures are available in the office. If you choose to participate in the program, please pick up a brochure and contact MedicAlert directly after obtaining the brochure. Your child's MedicAlert identification and wallet card will be sent to you within two to three weeks.

If your child is already a member of MedicAlert, call MedicAlert directly to transfer your child to the *No Child Without* program.

Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program.

OUR NEXT PAC MEETING

Come join the growing numbers of parents at the next PAC Meeting on Monday, February 20th at 7:00 pm in our library. These meetings are always interesting and informative as parents work together bettering opportunities for Hampton Park children.

SPRING BREAK DATES

The school will be closed for Spring Break from Monday March 12th to Sunday, March 25th. The school will reopen on Monday, March 26th.

HEALTH NEWS

Guidelines for keeping your child home when ill..... The spread of most illnesses can be prevented by:

Keeping your child home when ill, encouraging frequent handwashing, discouraging sharing of drinking glasses and utensils, covering coughs and sneezes, and carefully disposing of tissues. Some symptoms that indicate that your child should be kept home are: diarrhea or vomiting, fever above 38 degrees C, headaches, irritability, malaise, poor appetite, sore throat accompanied by a fever, weepy or crusty drainage from open areas, unexplained rashes or spots accompanied by a fever or other symptoms and/or severe itching of head or body.

Handwashing keeps us healthy!

Did you know germs that make people sick can be passed on to others from our hands? Food particles left on hands can also be passed on, and can cause life threatening allergic reactions in some people. Regular hand-washing is the single best way to reduce the spread of infection and/or serious allergic reactions. You should wash your hands before and after preparing or eating food, after using the toilet, changing a diaper, or cleaning up body fluids such as vomit, after sneezing, coughing, blowing your nose, after playing outdoors and before giving medicine or applying ointment.

How to wash your hands – wet your hands under warm running water, add soap to your wet hands, rub for 20-30 seconds all over your hands (front and back) and between your fingers, and make sure you get under your finger nails too. Rinse your hands well under running water; dry your hands with a clean towel, and if in a public washroom use paper towel to turn off taps and open washroom doors. Discard the paper towel into a garbage bin.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Tri-City Youth Basketball Association (TCYBA) spring league registration for NEW PLAYERS will open February 27th. We offer a variety of registration options based on practice location, practice date and practice time – you choose the time that fits into your schedule - Games are Friday nights (no games for grade 2/3 teams). Roster spots are filled on first come basis – early registrations will not be accepted.

There are two levels for most grades. New players to the TCYBA register in the division where their current grade will be the higher of the two grades – for example a new Grade 5 player to the TCYBA must register in the Grade 4/5 level. We offer teams in the following age division (boys and girls):

- Grade 2/3 Grade 3/4
- Grade 4/5 Grade 5/6
- Grade 6/7 Grade 7/8

Registration for New Players will open on February 27th.

- League Practices will start on week of April 2nd
- League Games will begin on April 13th (no games for Grade 2/3 division)
- League will finish on June 8th
- League Fees for new players includes a jersey, shorts, a basketball and Basketball BC membership/insurance.
- Complete list of our League FAQs is available on our website under the header 'DIVISIONS'

TO REGISTER, please go to our website www.tcyba.org and click on the BLUE Member Login Button. Create a New Member profile prior to selecting a team to register to.

If you experience any problems, please feel free to contact our registrar at registration@tcyba.org.