



Hampton Park Elementary School

Hampton Park... We believe in **Safety, Pride Achievement Respect and Kindness**

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Dear Parents:

As we progress into fall we realize that we are in our 7th week of school. Students and staff have settled in to the school year and student engagement in their learning is highly visible. Students welcome the opportunities for enrichment, such as drama and music, to their school day program.

During this school year, communication will be most important. I encourage all parents to be in touch with their child's classroom teacher in regards to their child's progress. I would like to stress that an absence of a formal report card does not mean the absence of purposeful, thoughtful and meaningful teaching and learning experiences.

On behalf of all staff and students, I would like to extend our gratitude to Hampton Park's PAC for generously supporting the purchase of necklaces and charms for all students. They were delighted to receive their first charm for completing the Terry Fox run. In addition, many thanks for supporting the drama program. Students thoroughly enjoyed their time participating in the various activities facilitated by Rob Randall.

Please visit our website regularly to keep informed on upcoming events: www.sd43.bc.ca/hamptonpark

Sincerely,

Tamara Banks

PRO D DAY

Our next PRO D Day is scheduled for Friday, October 21st. There will be no school for students on that day.

TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox Run was a great success. Your children raised over \$1719.00 for cancer research. Well done, Hampton Park Community! Thanks for supporting donations to this worthwhile fund.

PAC SPONSORED HOT LUNCH

Our PAC parents work very hard to provide your children with a pre-ordered hot lunch every Wednesday of the month (except for the last Wednesday). This month the dates are October 5, 12, and 19th. The LUNCH LADY (a privately run company) provides you children with a lunch program on the last Thursday of each month. This month the program is on October 28th.

MONTESSORI PROGRAM

The Annual General Meeting of the Coquitlam Montessori Society will be held on Wednesday, November 9th, at 7 pm at Monty Middle School. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We are pleased to now have 4 Montessori classes start this year: 1 Kindergarten, 1 Grade one, and 2 Grade 2/3 classes.

The Montessori classrooms in School District #43 (Coquitlam) differ not so much in "what is taught" but "how it is taught" and the materials used. At all grade levels, children follow the curriculum as prescribed by the BC Ministry of Education. The Montessori philosophy is somewhat modified to accommodate the British Columbia school curriculum. Montessori teachers participate in district in-service as well as Montessori workshops. The Montessori philosophy places an emphasis on individual student choice in learning and a balance between whole class lessons and individual lessons

- emphasis on individual student choice in learning
- balance between whole class lessons and individual lessons
- students work independently with self-checking materials at times
- emphasis on individual exploration of curriculum

Many thanks to Sheri O'Neill for volunteering her time again to be the Montessori parent representative for our school

BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program is part of Act NowBC, an initiative to improve the health of BC children and families. Participation in this program is at no cost and is designed to deliver 2 servings of fresh and ready to eat fruits or vegetables to our school every other week for 14 selected weeks in the school year. Students will learn the healthy benefits of fruits and vegetables and types of produce grown in BC. Eating the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables improves children's health and improves children's ability to concentrate. Many thanks to Mrs. Nordin for coordinating this program.

ZERO GARBAGE INITIATIVE

An exciting goal we have again this year is to drastically reduce the garbage we produce which ends up in the landfill. Our aim is to try to recycle and compost as much as possible. All of our classrooms are equipped with special recycling towers so that students can dispose of their recycling waste easily. Please encourage your children to get involved and recycle.

Healthy Treat Day!

Yummy! On Friday, September 30th Ms. Brech's class sponsored our Healthy Treats Day. Thank you to all our parents who contributed to our special day – YUMMY!! Next month Mrs. Smith's class will be sponsoring our Healthy Treat Day. We look forward to it. Healthy treats will be 50 cents.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our PAC Fundraising committee will be having "A Harvest Festival" on October 28th from 6-10pm in our school gymnasium. We would like to invite our school community to come together for a fun night of carnival type games and great prizes. In addition we will be trying some old fashion games such as pumpkin bowling, hanging apple bobbing, corn shucking, pie eating contests, cookie and pumpkin decorating. We will be serving hotdogs, chips, assorted drinks, popcorn and Halloween candy bags. Volunteers are always greatly appreciated and they are what make these fundraising events a success. If you would like to volunteer for this day, please let the office know.

Our previous cake walk at the yearend carnival was a big hit as many families went home with delicious baked goodies. If you would like to bring a small cake for this game, just let the office know. Thank you for all your contributions.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

On October 31st children will be involved in a variety of seasonal activities. At 1:00pm we will hold our Annual Costume Parade for participating classes. You are invited to come and be a part of the fun. Be sure to wear a costume!

BLACK AND ORANGE DAY

Once again, we would like to encourage everyone to wear Black and Orange on Friday, October 28th. This is a tradition at Hampton Park - so please try to join in!



PHOTO RETAKES

If your child missed the recent photo day, a retake day is scheduled for Wednesday October 26th. If you are interested in retakes, please remember to bring in the proofs of the pictures you DO NOT want to keep.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We will have our Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 10th. Children will assemble at 10:45 am to watch some short performances and participate in a minute of silence at 11am. You are most welcome to join us for this observance. Children will wear poppies at this special assembly for which donations will be gratefully accepted. Please join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th. There will be an early dismissal at 11:30 as we will be holding a half-day Professional Day.

SCHOOL CLOSED - school will be closed for Remembrance Day Friday, November 11th along with Monday, November 14th.



Our Book Fair was once again a HUGE success! Sponsored by the PAC, the Scholastic Book Fair ran from Sept 19-21. Total sales reached \$3763. along with a credit for books for the school in \$2614. We wish to thank our many volunteers along with a special thank you to Rena O'Neil for her tireless efforts in making this a wonderful fundraiser.

PAC MEETING

Please come! The Hampton Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is having its next General Meeting on Monday, October 17th in the library. Our PAC is a friendly and casual group of parents who work together supporting staff and parents improving the learning and play conditions for their children and yours. Their positive and energetic outlook is impressive. If you want to get involved with this great group of people and wish to make a difference at Hampton Park for your child, contact someone on the PAC executive. Thanks to the many parents who attended our September meeting.

Inclement Weather....

Wet, cold weather is upon us and is certainly a way of life in the lower mainland. We are well into rainy weather and cooling temperatures. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing. Unless weather conditions are severe, students will be outside for Recess and Lunch breaks. They perform much better in class when they have had that healthy 'dose of vitamin D', some fresh air and exercise. Boots, a coat with a hood and mitts are a good idea. As the snowy season looms, be reminded that school closures due to inclement weather are announced on radio stations as follows: CKNW (980AM), CKWX (1130AM) and CBC (690AM) by 8:00a.m.

In addition, on inclement weather days, school closure information will be posted on the school district website at www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/hamptonpark. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FINE TUNE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS

(for parents of
children aged 5 to 11
years old)

Two different parenting programs will be offered this term. The information and contact person is listed below. Register quickly to assure a space.

How to Talk so Kids Will Listen...

How to Listen so Kids Will Talk

Rochester Elementary:

The 6 week program is held Tuesday nights from 7-9 PM.

beginning October 25 and ending November 29th.

Book cost: \$20.00 (payable first class)

Steps to Effective Parenting.

Alderson Elementary:

The 7 week program will be held from 9:30 AM – 11 AM

Beginning October 19 and ending November 30th.

Book Cost \$20.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

To Register: Email: momichinski@sd43.bc.ca Phone: 604-313-8902

6 week course on Sibling Rivalry to be held in the new year. Prior attendance at these parenting classes is a prerequisite. Dates to be posted in January/2012

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

Upcoming Events at Place des Arts

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam

Day of the Arts Pro-D Day Camp: *Monster Mash!*

Friday, October 21, 8:45AM to 3:45PM

Monster Mash is the theme for this Pro-D day art camp at Place des Arts — just in time for Halloween! Kids can explore their creativity through a variety of activities in the visual, literary and performing arts, meet new friends and, most of all, have fun! Registration is now open for six blocks of classes divided into three age groups: Kindergarten; Kindergarten to Grade 2; and Grades 3 to 5. Families can pick the block of classes that best suits the interests of their child. After hours care is available until 5PM for a \$5 fee. Call 604.664.1636 to register. Visit www.placedesarts.ca for more information.

Fall Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts

We have two great fall workshops for children and youth coming up. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

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. Teacher: Kenten Bowick

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

Get knitting (10-17 years)

This one-day workshop is for youth who want to learn to knit but don't want to join a longer, more comprehensive class. In this workshop, you will be shown the very basics of knitting: casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch and casting off. Teacher: Kirsten Zerbinis

9127 • M • Oct 17 • 6:30 - 9:00 PM • \$33.50