



Hampton Park Elementary School

Hampton Park...Encouraging and supporting Safety, Pride, Achievement, Respect and Kindness

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Newsletter to Parents

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Principal's Message

Over the next two weeks, Hampton Park will be full of "hustle and bustle" as students participate in a myriad of planned activities focused on giving, kindness and a bundle of fun, in addition to the focused learning that will take place during each school day.

Clearly, December is a very busy month for all. We look forward to seeing you at the various events that are planned for this month, especially the Christmas Song Sharing which will take place during the afternoon of December 16th.

I would like to offer all of my very best wishes for a restful, peaceful and fun-filled holiday.

Warm regards,
Tamara Banks,
Principal

Thank you to our PAC

Our fabulous PAC has worked very hard this year to bring many fun events to our students, and to regularly help out around the school. So far this year, some of their volunteer efforts have included: Harvest Festival, QSP magazine fundraiser, Entertainment book fundraiser, Purdies chocolates, Hot lunches, Book Fair, delivering Fruit & Veggies to the classrooms, regulating traffic, supervising field trips, Treat and Popcorn Days, collecting and counting money, and coordinating our upcoming Pancake Breakfast.

Our PAC also coordinates fund-raising and community activities such as collecting Turkey Bucks, as well as just helping out where help is needed. The list goes on forever. We thank our PAC for all their time and efforts - without our PAC, many of our events and activities would not be possible.

Turkey Bucks



Thanks to all of you who have donated your IGA Turkey Bucks! We're still collecting turkey bucks, and would love to surpass last year's number of 20 turkeys for families that would otherwise have a less bountiful Christmas. Please remember that you may submit turkey bucks up until December 9. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Share Food Bank Drive

Thank you to Mrs. Shantz for coordinating the Share Food Bank drive and to our families for supporting Tri-Cities families in need. As of today, we have collected 569 food items!

Winter Break is from:
December 19, 2011 until January 2, 2012
School re-opens January 3, 2012



Student Safety and Traffic

We need your help! When you use the drive-through to drop off and to pick up your child, please **drive forward to the top of the drop off area**, located at the main entrance to the school. If you stop earlier, it slows down the process and cars back up to Paddock Drive and beyond. Parents

who are waving you forward are volunteers, and are doing this as a service to the school and to you.

When everyone follows this routine, traffic moves smoothly and quickly. Please **do not stop or park** in the staff parking lot. As well, when dropping off or picking up your child, please do not get out of your car while in the driveway or drop zone. Thank you in advance, for continuing to be courteous when driving in Hampton's community.

Speed can mean the difference between life and death. A child hit by a car travelling 50 kilometres per hour has an 80% chance of being killed. With a car going 30 kilometres, the risk drops to 5%. (Pam Fuselli of Safe Kids Canada)

Giving to the SHARE Christmas Tree



On December 15, many of our classrooms at Hampton Park will be participating in an amazing project to raise money to go shopping for the Share Christmas Tree at Coquitlam Centre. Students are collecting coins that represent a number of particular things they have in their homes: books, DVDs, couches, etc. Last year, approximately \$1200 was raised, and the students shopped for an hour at stores that offered us extra special discounts - Zellers (10%), and London Drugs (10%). Once they've completed their shopping, the students will place their gifts at the Share Christmas Tree to be distributed to families in the community.

All of us at Hampton Park are proud to have the opportunity to help Share and Family Services and up to 1900 families this holiday season.

Snow in the Forecast

In anticipation of snowfall, *please use extreme* caution when walking and driving to school. Plan your time accordingly so that you are not rushed. Morning drop-off and pick-up may take a little longer than usual.

School closures due to inclement weather will be posted on the DISTRICT WEBSITE WWW.SD43.BC.CA. Closures are also announced on radio stations by 08:00 - please listen to 690AM, 980AM or 1130AM. There is no need to call the school.

Please make sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. Unless the weather is particularly bad, children will be outside for Recess and Lunch for that much needed dose of Vitamin D!

LOST & FOUND

We have a large numbers of items in our lost and found! These items will be donated to Share Family & Community Services on December 16 if not picked up. Please come in and look through the lost and found for your child's items!



Important Dates

DECEMBER 2011	
Division 4,6,8 Skating Field Trip	Tuesday Dec 6
Hot Lunch	Wednesday Dec 7
Preschool Concert in Gym (3:30-6)	Friday Dec 9
Poinsettia orders DUE	Friday Dec 9
Treat Day	Friday Dec 9
Popcorn Day	Monday Dec 12
Poinsettia PICK-UP DAY	Wednesday Dec 14
Hot Lunch	Wednesday Dec 14
LUNCH LADY	Thursday Dec 15
Coquitlam Centre Field Trip - SHARE Shopping	Thursday Dec 15
Choir at Lougheed Mall - 12:15	Thursday Dec 15
Pancake Breakfast/Pajama & Stuffy Day	Friday Dec 16
Christmas Song Sharing FAMILIES WELCOME - 1:00-2:30	Friday Dec 16
Last Day of classes before Winter Break	Friday Dec 16
Winter Break	December 19 2011 - January 2 nd 2012

JANUARY 2012	
School Reopens	Tuesday Jan 3
Gym Sense program	Tues Jan 3 - Wed Jan 18
Hot Lunch	Wednesday Jan 4
Hot Lunch	Wednesday Jan 11
PAC Meeting 7pm	Monday Jan 16
Montessori Information Night (4-5pm or 7-8 pm) Winslow Centre, 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam	Monday Jan 16
Hot Lunch	Wednesday Jan 18
Treat Day	Friday Jan 20
CMS Purdy's Fundraiser begins	Wednesday Jan 25
Montessori Registration deadline (hand delivered)	Wednesday Jan 25
Multicultural Day	Thursday Jan 26
NO LUNCH LADY	Thursday Jan 26
District PRO D Day - NO SCHOOL	Friday Jan 27
Kindergarten Dental screening 09:30	Tuesday Jan 31

