



École Nestor News

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Dear Parents:



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May 8th 2011

Principal's Message

I can vividly remember being sent to speak with the Principal for misbehavior when I was in Grade One. My friend Bruce and I thought it was acceptable to sprint in circles around the classroom. My impulsivity and lack of self-regulation continued into later grades, but I eventually managed to sort out my personal responsibility in most school settings (FSL perhaps being an exception!). These experiences have always affected my work as an educator.

Recently, we have been working on taking care of ourselves, others and this place. As part of this school focus, we have begun an initiative that involves filling each other's metaphorical buckets. Inspired by a book called "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?", we are focusing on filling each other's buckets with kind acts and gestures. Recognizing the positive in each other and our school culture can really help to encourage social responsibility and create a positive school environment. We recognize Pink Shirt Day, discuss and review our Code of Conduct and use our W.I.T.S., but I think engaging students in programs such as the bucket initiative presents an opportunity to think about others and act upon these thoughts.

At the heart of all of my work with students on personal and social responsibility is engagement. I believe that the key to being a productive and happy member of a school community relies upon being involved in school activities. For me, it was music that offered an outlet for expression and a place to feel like I could offer something of worth to others. Knowing that not all students find solace in music, I try and provide other opportunities to become engaged. I see many other educators at Nestor offering many enriching opportunities for students to feel engaged. Some students develop confidence through reading or math or playing a good game of floor hockey. Perhaps just as important as which subjects or activities excite and engage learners is the recognition and support they receive from peers and educators as recognized through efforts such as, Have You Filled a Bucket Today? We don't rely on only positive feedback for our inspiration to get involved, but it sure feels good!

May there be many full buckets at École Nestor Elementary!

Electronic Newsletters

In our effort to better communicate with families (and save paper!!!!), we have been sending notices via e-mail. This Newsletter will also be sent electronically. Imagine, a typical newsletter often requires 1200 sheets of paper – that's a lot of paper. If you are not receiving Newsletter electronically, please contact Mr. Della Vedova at

sdellavedova@sd43.bc.ca.



Hockey – Nestor Style!

During the next several weeks, students in Grades 3 to 5 who want to shoot and score will be given the opportunity to participate in an intramural hockey league.



Tennis XL



Students in grades 2 – 5 will have the opportunity to participate in the Tennis XL program. May 16 – 19, 24, 26, 27, 30 and 31 are the dates of this afterschool program which will run in our gym. The times are as follows: Grades 2 and 3, 3:05 to 3:55; Grades 4 and 5, 3:55 to 4:55. More information will be forthcoming, but this excellent program is a great value – and fun!

Welcome to Kindergarten

On May 31 from 3:30 to 5:00, we will welcome Nestor's newest students with our Welcome to Kindergarten event. Students and their families will have an opportunity to meet our Learning Community in a variety of enjoyable and educational stations hosted by teachers from various grade levels. Students will receive a bag of learning materials that promote literacy and numeracy.

Staffing

In May, we will be receiving our staffing allocation for next year based on projections for student enrolment. Using this number and various other factors, a new tentative organization will be created for September 2011. We anticipate some noticeable changes, particularly in our Intermediate classes. Our English enrolment will be reduced by approximately 30 students; this represents an entire division. As always, we will work hard to create the best learning environment for our students.

Are You Moving or Leaving Early for Summer Vacation?



1. Please let us know if you are moving and your children **will not** be attending Nestor School next school year. It is very important that we know how many children are moving before we can finalize our organization for next year. The more accurate we can be now in our enrolment projections, the less likelihood there is of our having to re-organize our classes in September.
2. The last day of session for this school year for students is **Wednesday, June 29th**. If you are planning to take an early summer vacation, please let the school know.

Please send a note to your child's teacher, telephone our school secretary (Mrs. Burton @ 464-9422) or email her at cburton@sd43.bc.ca to let us know if you are certain that your children will not be attending Nestor School next year or if you are taking early summer vacation. Many thanks!

Sports Day – Friday, June 3rd

Our Sports Day will be held on the first Friday in June (June 3rd). Hot lunch orders will be done through Lunch Lady this year, and as usual, a concession will be offered. More details to come. Hopefully the weather will cooperate!

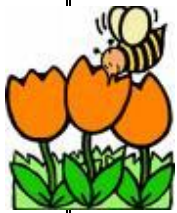


Jeans Day 2011



We had an extremely successful Jean's Day campaign last Thursday, led by Ms. Quinn's grade 2/3 class. Through the fundraising efforts of staff, students and parents the School raised the amazing amount of just over **\$1,000.00!!!!** This total surpassed our last two Jeans Day campaigns. Great job everyone!

Dates at a Glance



Tuesday, May 17th	Public Speaking Finals
Wednesday, May 18th	Public Speaking Finals
Friday, May 20th	Kindergarten classes to the Aquarium
Monday, May 23rd	Victoria Day Holiday (students do not attend)
Wednesday, May 25th	District Track Meet
Thursday, May 26th	Grade 5's to Maple Creek for Band Concert
Friday, May 27th	Good Stuff Awards Assembly
Tuesday, May 31st	Grade 5 swimming lessons begin (Tues. & Thurs. until June 16 th)
Thursday, June 2nd	Kindergarten classes to the Vancouver Zoo
Friday, June 3rd	Sports Day
Monday, June 6th	Nestor Professional Development Day (no school)
Wednesday, June 8th	Parent Tea
Monday, June 13th	Div. 1 & 4 to Port Moody Station Museum
Monday, June 20th	Grade 5 Year End to Cultus Lake Waterslides
Tuesday, June 21st	Grade 5 tour of Maple Creek Middle
Wednesday, June 29th	Reports Home – Last day for students! Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

Summer School 2011 - For registration and contact information www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

- **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



Community News

- **2011 Douglas College Summer Camps (Ages: 9-15)**



Douglas College Summer Camps is one of the largest youth camps programs in the lower mainland offering over 80 camps in sports and computers to the Coquitlam and New Westminster communities since 1996. Our commitment is to provide the highest quality programming for the best possible value. We ensure that our participants learn about the activity while having

fun within a safe environment. Camps will take place at both the New Westminster and Pinetree/Coquitlam campuses. *Ages: 9-15 (Boys & Girls)*. Register before June 1st and save \$20 on full day camps and \$10 on half day camps. Spots will fill up fast, so don't delay and register today! Visit our website to register online or download a full summer camp brochure. <http://www.douglas.bc.ca/campus-life/youthcamps/summercamps.html> Email: summercamps@douglas.bc.ca Phone: 604.527.5680

- **Coquitlam Lacrosse**

Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. 'A' Lacrosse Club

The Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. 'A' Lacrosse Club would like to thank everyone for their support during the 2010 Season. The 'Run To The Minto' was a great success with the Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. 'A' Lacrosse Team capturing the 2010 National Championship – Minto Cup. The Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. 'A' Lacrosse Club is inviting all District 43 students to attend our game against the POCO Saints on Wednesday, May 25th for FREE.

COQUITLAM JR. 'A' ADANACS

**2010 MINTO CUP WINNERS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

The Coquitlam Junior 'A' Adanac Lacrosse Club is inviting all District 43 (Coquitlam) Students to attend our game on Wednesday, May 25th vs the POCO Saints
Coquitlam Sports Center @ 8:00pm

FOR 'FREE' ADMISSION PRESENT THIS COUPON

- **Kid's Night – Jersey Night - Saturday, May 28th**

Coquitlam Adanacs vs Maple Ridge Burrards @ COQUITLAM SPORTS CENTER
The Coquitlam Adanacs are offering **FREE admission** to all children 16 and under.
Wear your favourite SPORT'S JERSEY. **FREE ADMISSION**



- **AGM (Annual General Meeting) for CPF (Canadian Parents for French) - Tri-Cities Chapter:**

AGM - CPF - TRI-CITIES CHAPTER on **MONDAY, MAY 16 @ IRVINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** (3862 Wellington St., Port Coquitlam) **in the library (7:00pm)** EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! CPF is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of French language learning opportunities through educational, social, cultural and sporting activities for youth. For more information about CPF please visit the website at www.cpf.bc.ca. All Executive positions need to be filled. CPF members please attend if you would like to run or vote for any of these positions. We hope to see you all at our AGM!

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Della Vedova
Principal