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Principal's Message

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Do you remember the first time you considered yourself to be a reader? For me, I was stuck in a camper for three rainy days reading Farley Mowat. I remember being so excited about the fact that these words on a page created such exciting pictures in my mind. When I think about my exposure to reading as a child, I realize that it was a combination of experiences that made me excited about reading in Grade 3. All of those amazing stories in my classroom and in Library certainly made a difference, but the many stories my parents told and read to me also played a huge role. The role of families in supporting reading is huge indeed!

This link <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/apr/30/children-parents-reading-stories> will take you to a thought provoking article on the importance of home reading. There are certainly many distractions that can get in the way of reading, including the TV and computers. In fact, a recent study showed that gaming before bed is not helpful for a good sleep. However, reading or listening to a good book is always a terrific way to welcome the sandman! As a way of supporting our students and families with home reading, I thought it would be fun to share your favourite home reading choices. E-mail me your picks and I will share them. I will get the literary ball rolling. My top 2 picks for Primary and Intermediate sleepy time reading are: My Father's Dragon and The Hobbit.

Send me those reading picks at sdellavedova@sd43.bc.ca and... happy reading!



Christmas Concert Information



Wednesday, December 14th & Thursday, December 15th

Time: 1:30 - 2:45

Place: The Nestor Gym

Wednesday Cast:

Intermediate Choir	
Ms. Lamarre	Kindergarten
Mrs. Bordignon	Kindergarten
Mrs. Cunningham	Grade 1
Mrs. Nielsen	Grade 1
Mrs. Robertson	Grade 3
Mrs. Quinn	Grade 3
Mrs. Torres	Grade 5
Ms. Chung	Grade 4 / 5

Thursday Cast:

Intermediate Choir	
Mme. Strain	French Kindergarten
Mme. Belsey	French Kindergarten/Grade 1
Mme. Choi	French Grade 1
Mrs. Boekhout	Grade 2
Mrs. Brancati	Grade 2
Mrs. Peressin	Grade 3 / 4
Mrs. Sibley / Silver	Grade 4



Winter Weather



With the coming of winter weather, we are likely to experience some snow and we wanted to remind everyone about our expectations during snowy weather. **Throwing snowballs and sliding down hills are prohibited** at Nestor as it may result in serious injuries to others. On occasion, it may become necessary for a school to temporarily close because of extreme weather conditions. However, as a general expectation, parents should be advised that schools are open. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) by 8:00 a.m. or check the district/school website (www.sd43.bc.ca/nestor).

A reminder to please ensure your child is sent to school with appropriate attire for the weather. Although we do have inside days, we do try and get fresh air whenever possible.

Kid's Craft Market

On Friday, December 9th children will be encouraged to bring a small amount of money to school to do some Christmas shopping for their loved ones. The PAC has been creating and collecting crafts to sell at our annual event. Last year, this event was a great success, with children thrilled to 'secretly' purchase a small treasure for their parents. Classes will be brought down to the gym throughout the day to go 'shopping', with items carefully replenished throughout the day so everyone has a good selection. All proceeds go to the Nestor PAC. To volunteer for the Christmas Craft Fair or to help out at one of the crafting sessions, please email Brandee Ubels @ beebees8@hotmail.com or Nicola Enright-Morin @ nenrightmorin@gmail.com.



Pancake Breakfast



The PAC has organized another fabulous Pancake Breakfast this year. The event will take place **Wednesday, December 7th at 9:00am**. The Coquitlam Firefighters will be cooking the breakfast, and we are expecting another visit from Santa. This is a regular school day and children will be heading back to class after the event.

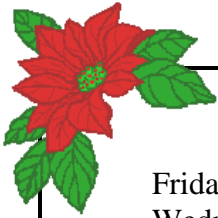
Food Hampers

We are again this year organizing the gathering of non-perishable food items to fill Christmas hampers on behalf of SHARE. We hope that our donations can help bring a smile to the face of families in need during this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes located in the hall outside of the Library. Please remember that these food items are handled numerous times, and if they are too fragile, they will get damaged and have to be discarded. Foods such as canned soup, peanut butter, jam, dry cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat and fish and canned spaghetti sauce are appreciated. Christmas items such as canned cranberries, canned ham, stuffing mix and candy or chocolates are also appreciated. These food items will be picked up on **December 12th**.

Did you know that 1 in 5 children in B.C. is growing up in poverty? That's 181,000 children - more than the total population of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam put together !



Nestor's past support for this valuable community service has always been appreciated and we hope this year's food drive will be just as successful.



Upcoming Events

Friday, Dec. 2nd	Choir to Fairmont Hotel (CKNW Orphan's fund) 9:30 to 1:30
Wednesday, Dec. 7th	Pancake Breakfast 9:00 to 10:30
Friday, Dec. 9th	Kid's Craft Fair 9:00 to 3:30
Wednesday, Dec. 14th	Christmas concert (See specific grades above) 1:30 to 2:45
Thursday, Dec. 15 th	Christmas concert (See specific grades above) 1:30 to 2:45
Friday, Dec. 16 th	Good Stuff Awards Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.
	Last day of school prior to Winter Break
Tuesday, Jan. 3rd	Return to School after Winter Break



Community News



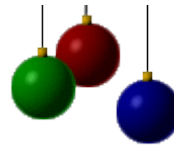
➤ Port Moody Amateur Softball

Do you want to be involved in a fun activity where you will make life-long friends and have a great time?

**Well, you should consider registering for girls' softball for the months of April – June!
Registration Dates: January 14 and 21 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Port Moody Social Rec Center – Multipurpose Room #2**

➤ 31st Coquitlam Craft Fair Sale

**Friday, December 2 from 5 to 9pm
Saturday, December 3 from 10am to 4pm
Sunday, December 4 from 11am to 4pm**



**at the Poirier Community Centre
624 Poirier Street in Coquitlam**

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children & seniors

➤ Vancouver Canucks Alumni VS. Coquitlam Firefighters

Date:	Dec. 2nd, 2011
Time:	Opening ceremonies start at 6:45pm
Location:	Poirier Sports Complex, main rink
Cost:	\$20 - 4 ticket family pack, \$7 individual ticket
To Buy Tickets:	PoCoMo head office or on their website
	For more information, visit www.pocomo.org.



Sincerely,

**Mr. Sean Della Vedova
Principal**