

CITADEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Special Place for a Special Age

Mission Statement

Working together, our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing and responsive environment that meets the unique developmental needs of early adolescents.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Busy times ahead over the next couple of months as we are moving through our Winter Term (Term 20 and approaching the mid-point of the school year.

Articulation is an important process for us, and extra busy at the middle level, because while we are communicating with our local elementary schools and learning all about our new Grade 6 students joining us this September, we are also meeting with our high school colleagues and preparing our Grade 8s for their move to secondary school. Please refer to the list of important dates advertising various parent info evenings.

Academically, Term 2 is a challenging one, as the quantity of work expected from students often increases and there are also increased demands for the quality of the written work. Please contact your child's teacher(s) should you have any questions regarding your son/daughter's progress.

Winter athletics are underway, with basketball and wrestling in full swing! Judging by what I have seen in practices so far, our students appear to be up for the challenge of competition this season!

Club Days were a big hit once again. A wide variety of club experiences were offered to students. By all accounts, it was an enjoyable and worthwhile day! Lots of opportunities to learn some new skills and enjoy activities with friends.

I am very pleased to welcome our new Vice Principal, Mr. Dave Dunnigan to Citadel Middle. I am certain that he will be a great addition to our school community, as he brings many strengths and skills with him. Having met Dave a couple of times now at our school, I know that I am going to enjoy working with him.

Please feel welcome drop by and meet Dave when you are in and around - his official start day is Monday, January 30th.

Regards,

G. Speight
Principal
gspeight@sd43.bc.ca



Dave Dunnigan - Vice Principal's Message



I am both pleased and excited to introduce myself to the students, staff, parents and wider community, as the new Vice-Principal of Citadel Middle School. I will officially be arriving on January 30th, but don't be surprised to see me visiting the school and finding my way around before that date.

I have been very fortunate to have taught in the Coquitlam School District for almost twenty years now, primarily at the middle school and elementary school levels. For the past three years I have been at U.B.C., teaching student teachers in the Teacher Education program. My special area of focus was in student self-regulation: helping students take more control and responsibility for their learning.

Last week I was introduced to some of the staff and students at the school, and I have to say how impressed I was. There are so many wonderful learning opportunities going on at Citadel, and everyone was so welcoming. I was particularly impressed with how many students took the initiative to introduce themselves to me, shake my hand, and welcome me to the Citadel community. It

really spoke to me of how important it is that we create a learning community in our schools, where everyone is respected for what they can bring, no matter who they are, or how new they may be! I look forward to becoming a part of this exciting school community.

PAC MEETING

Please feel welcome to join us for our PAC Meeting on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 pm in our school library. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings!

Important Dates

Wednesday, Jan. 18	SFSPE - Presentation Nurturing the roots of natural Self-Esteem in Children 6:45-8:30 Library
Thursday, Jan. 26	8:45-12:15 Grade 8 students tour of Riverside Secondary
Thursday, Jan. 26	1pm Math 9 Honours Exam 2pm Science 9 Honours Exam
Friday, Jan. 27	School Pro D Day - No School
Monday, February 13	PAC Meeting, 7pm library
Friday, February 17	District Pro D Day - No School
Wednesday, Feb. 29	Grade 5 Student Parent Orientation Evening 7:00pm Coffee & Conversation 7pm
Tuesday, March 6	Coffee & Conversation 9:15am
Wednesday, March 7	"I" Day
Friday, March 9	} Spring Break No School
Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 23	
Monday, March 26	

SCHOOL NEWS

SNOWFALL WARNING

In the event of heavy snowfall, please check School District #43 website www.sd43.bc.ca for the status of school closures.



If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at

home or arrange his/her early dismissal. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, **an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) by 7:30 a.m. if possible.** Wherever possible, the decision will be announced the previous day to enable parents more time to make alternate arrangements for their children.

In the event of snow, it is likely that we will close the driveway except for staff access.

We have done this in the past due to the iciness of the driveway. Once a vehicle gets stuck it is very difficult to safely enter and leave the driveway. Please make plans to meet your child at an alternate location should the need arise for our driveway to be closed. On these occasions a staff member will be directing traffic at the bottom of the hill.

CROSS CATCHMENT REQUESTS

The cross catchment on-line registration process begins February 10th and closes February 22nd. If you are interested in having your son or daughter attend a school outside your catchment area, you must apply using this process. For example, we have several Grade 8 students who would like to attend Riverside Secondary, but they live outside our catchment area. Those students must register for a cross catchment application. Paper copies of the registration form will be available at our school effective 9:00am on February 10th. However, those forms, once completed, must be returned to the School Board Office (550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam) to be added to the system. We cannot process or submit form for you at our school site.

GRADE 5 ARTICULATION DATES

Wednesday, February 29th - Grade 5 Open House

Tuesday March 6th - 7pm Coffee and Conversation for Grade 5 parents - school life at Citadel Middle

Wednesday March 7th - 9:15am Coffee and Conversation for Grade 5 parents - school life at Citadel Middle



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

A Community Open House took place at our school on January 11th from 4-6pm, hosted by the City of Port Coquitlam.



Representatives from the City of PoCo Traffic Division, Speed Watch and ICBC Road Safety were available in our Library to meet with community members. The purpose of the Open house was to share information regarding potential improvements to pedestrian and traffic conditions on Citadel Drive in the vicinity of our school.

Neighbours, regardless of whether or not they have children attending our school were invited to attend the Open House.

The session was very well attended by our parents and other members of the public.

Recommendations for improvements will go forward to a decision making group at the City of Port Coquitlam in mid-February.

Special thank you to the Citadel parents who are serving on our traffic safety committee! (Michelle Davis, Martina Reiners, Theresa Turner, Helen Woychyshyn, Susan Foster, Doris Deiter, Anita Deiter, Tracy Smith).

Further information regarding improvements will be shared as it becomes available.

SPELLING BEE

Nineteen students competed in our 6th annual spelling bee on Tuesday afternoon. As parents, staff members and peers cheered them on; each contestant impressed us with their amazing spelling ability! And, just imagine the pressure each student was under, as he/she was representing their class! How might you feel in spelling words such as laconic, dramaturgy or harassment?

In the end, one speller emerged as the champion for this year - Thomas Farrell in Grade 8. Thomas was awarded the Citadel Spelling Bee Trophy upon which his name will be engraved ... right beside the plaque bearing his name as the winner of last year's spelling bee! Thomas will now move on to represent Citadel Middle at the regional spelling bee.

Congratulations to all contestants. We are proud of you and your efforts!

Grade 6

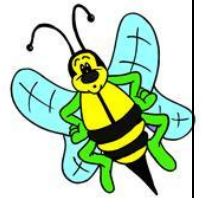
Carson Grant
Jennifer Kim
Kaiser Lee

Chiku Ngosi
Betina Apostolova

Grade 7

Megan Ursaki
Sherwyn D'Souza
Jimmy Jeong
Filip Capek

Katelyn Plamondon
Brock Smeltzer
Aman Manji



Grade 8

Nick Sjodin
Bailee Miller
Thomas Farrell
Hailee Brown

April Ricafort
Andy Wu
Parth Vakil

YEARBOOK

Last chance to order your personalized copy!

If you have not yet ordered your yearbook, please place your order by January 26th. The cost for a personalized yearbook is \$55.00.

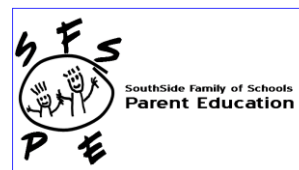


Order forms are available on our school website and are also available at the office.

Our Yearbook Club members along with parent sponsors have been working hard to create a fabulous book of memories that we can all be proud of! Thank you to our parent sponsors Susan Lees, Erin Einarson, Robin Reeves and Teresa Corsie.

Don't be disappointed. Order your today! Payment will be received at the office.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Southside Family of
Schools Parent
Education presents

"Nurturing the Roots of Natural Self-Esteem in Children"

Learn about three different types of self-esteem and strategies on how to nurture children's

intrinsic self-worth based on the Neufeld paradigm!

Featuring:

Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Ph.D.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:45 - 8:30pm at Citadel Middle School

Cost: \$3/adult or \$5/couple

Free Childminding available with advance registration.

To register: Visit your child's school website for this event flyer and fill out the form and return it with payment to the school office by Jan. 11, 2012. Or register by e-mail ssfspe@gmail.com including your name, number attending, and the name and ages of any children that require childminding in your email and bring payment to presentation.

HONOURS PROGRAMS AT RIVERSIDE

Grade 8 students who excel in math and/or science (90%+) may have an opportunity to participate in Riverside's honours courses in their grade 9 year. Good candidates for this program would also have a **solid work ethic**, the **ability to work independently** and the **ability to work at a faster pace**.

Riverside will be offering **one** class of Math 9 Honours and **one** class of Science 9 Honours next year. Students wishing to be considered for one or both of these courses will be required to write an assessment exam **at Riverside**

January 26th 1:00pm Math 9 Honours Assessment

January 26th 2:00pm Science 9 Honours

Assessment

If your child is an exceptional student in math and/or science, and is interested in applying, please discuss this with your child's math or science teacher. Suitable candidates should register with their classroom teacher by Friday, January 16th.

Acceptance into this program will be based on the results of the assessment, the grade 8 teacher's recommendation and parent approval.

For further information, contact Mrs. Simpson at Riverside (604-941-6053 or ssimpson@sd43.bc.ca)

RIVERSIDE SECONDARY HOCKEY ACADEMY

Accepting New Applicants! September, 2012 to January, 2013

General information meeting at Riverside

Feb. 6 - 7pm School Cafeteria

Feb. 7 - 8:30am Registrations accepted

School District 43 Hockey Academy is offered in partnership with Pacific Rim Hockey Academy

www.rpmhockey.com

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