



Ecole Kwayhquitlum Middle School

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February 3rd, 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

February 8	Public Speaking School Finals 11 a.m.
February 9	PAC Meeting – 7 p.m.
February 10	Hockey Jersey Day
February 13-16	Random Acts of Kindness Week
February 14	Valentines Day Dance and Activities
February 17	Pro-D Day
February 24	Family Movie Night 7 p.m.
February 20	Fine Arts Presentation
February 29	Bullying Stops Here Pink Shirt Day
March 2	District Public Speaking Finals
Mar 12-23	Spring Break
Mar 26	Schools Open after break
April 6	Good Friday School Closed
April 9	Easter Monday School Closed
April 13	Term 3 Explorations End Pep Rally – 1:15 p.m.
April 19	Earth Day – Green Day
April 20	Pro D Day

Please be sure to check our calendar on the school website for further updates to the events and activities taking place at Kway!

What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured.

- Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

Mission Statement: To provide a safe, caring community that values and pursues learning, respect, and responsibility.

Énoncé de mission: L'école s'engage à créer un environnement sécurisant permettant de favoriser l'apprentissage, le respect et la responsabilité.

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

Last year I attended a workshop given by a renowned speaker named Martin Brokenleg. The focus of the workshop was to examine a model called circle of courage of positive youth development. This model draws on modern research and traditional North American philosophies of child care. In working with youth, this approach focuses on four universal needs of children: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity.

In thinking of the notion of belonging, we know that in cultures where the extended family or village mentality is highly valued. Children are taken care of by not only their immediate families but by the entire community. If a child is in need then there are many community members available to help the child maneuver through his/her formative years.

Our own neighbourhoods are places for children to experience that sense of belonging. Parents, the school, Hyde Creek Center, and other organizations work to keep kids connected to their communities by giving them opportunities to positively interact and be active within the community.

Our job in working together for our children is to keep them in the circle of connectedness. We can do this only by investing in our youth and taking the time to listen to them, encourage them and help them grow into independent young people. By doing this our children will then grow into adults who will want to return that investment for the next generation of youth.

When I was young, I was fortunate to have lived in a community that offered many opportunities for youth. My friends and I did not have much in the way of money, but the community spirit that existed there made up for what we lacked in material wealth. Our neighbourhood had many adults who looked out for the youth and provided opportunities for them to be active within it. I would walk down the street and be greeted by many while they sat on their balconies. Believe me it was hard to get away with anything - but I always felt connected to the community I lived in. When I go back to visit my family in Montreal, I drive to my old neighbourhood and walk the streets remembering the good times and the many people that looked out for me and my friends as we grew up.

Our youth are also fortunate to live in Port Coquitlam, where so much is invested in them, that has so much to offer its residents and has schools that, in many respects, are the hub of learning and activity within the neighbourhood.

The partnership between the school, parents and the community is key to the future of our next generation. Thanks to the staff at Kway, the parents and the adults in our community who are generous with their time working with our kids and providing them with many opportunities to feel that they are valuable members of the community.

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Happenings at Kway!

Spelling Bee



On Wednesday, January 11th, Kwayhquitlum Middle participated in a school wide spelling bee with 21 students from our 6 pods participating. Congrats to the following students for representing their teams: Frank Y., Brett B., Leo Y., Brandon V., Sorina C., Ozioma N., Megan H., Nazira F., Lorraine L., Noah G., Jason M., Emmanuel A., Melanie L., Katie B., Jeana Park., Randeep C., Julie L., Hazel S., Simrit C., Hannah D., and Pavan M. Congrats to everyone and to Ozioma who was our spelling bee champion.

Student Leadership Activities



Pink shirt day is February 29th (anti bullying)

Valentine Dance is Feb14 and we are selling valentine grams starting the first week of February.

OM - Odyssey of the Mind!



What is Odyssey all about?

Odyssey is basically a club that is free minded problem solving. It teaches you to be creative, a great leader and how to express your creativity. Odyssey is about being your self and thinking outside the box.

Who can join Odyssey?

Anyone and everyone can join.

Why do I like Odyssey?

I like Odyssey because there is never only one right answer. We do lots of spontaneous problem solving that teaches confidence, concentration and communication. We get to perform in front of audiences and other creative people going to Odyssey. Odyssey of the mind is about using knowledge and creative ideas to relate unrelated topics and create a fun "outside the box" optimistic atmosphere full of positive friends. In spring teams from around the world compete to advance to provincials and then worlds.

I have learned that all answers are executable, and we need a lot more of that in the world. So if you want to be a part of something where the kids make all decisions you can still come and join us. Call Mr. Lau to find out more.

PAC Meeting -



Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th starting at 7:00 in our library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Also, our PAC is hosting the 2nd Movie night of the year on February 24th at 7 p.m. sharp in the gym (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.). The movie that will be shown is "Tower Heist" and tickets are \$3 that gets you a drink, popcorn, candy bag, and a chance to win a door prize.

Please mark this date in your calendars and be sure to look out for more information coming soon.

Athletics



The Winter season is underway with Wrestling and Basketball. Students should listen to the announcements, and read the E-News to find out when meetings and practices are for these sports. Games for Basketball, and tournaments for Wrestling will begin in the third week of January. New participants are *always* welcome to these sports. Students are encouraged to come out and try something new!

ME to WE NEWS

Teens for Jeans



Quick Stats

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Collect your gently worn jeans, any brand, and drop them off at any Aéropostale or P.S. from

Aéropostale store

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Technology Education Needs:



Since the Tech Ed program is primarily project based we are always in need of supplies, if you have any of the following and no longer need them, please consider donating them to Kway. The needed items are: **Solid strand, multi-conductor wires, Dark grain hard wood flooring, Old CD's or DVD's, and Dimensional lumber.** Items can be dropped off at the school office. Any questions can be sent to Greg Skerratt at gskerratt@sd43.bc.ca.

THANKS!

Ministry of Education Documentation



Recently, our office called parents regarding the need to have documentation on file to meet the Ministry of Education's requirement to have proof of guardianship and proof of residence. This documentation is required so that our school district receives and maintains the proper funding for the educational services we provide to our students. If you were not called, you are not required to provide documentation to us. We would like to thank all those parents who have already responded.

Sensory Room/Skill Development Room



Thank you for all the donations we have received for our speciality rooms at Kwayhquitlum, but we are in need of a few additional resources. If you have any of the following items that are no longer needed in your home we would be grateful if they could be donated to the school. If possible can you make sure all are in working order and are not missing pieces.

- Board games (educational)
- Cards (playing and craft based)
- Books (new or used) (4-8yrs old)
- Craft items

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Edwards



Is proud to present...

"New Ministry of Education Directions"

What Can We Expect for Our Children?

An evening with **Maureen Dockendorf**,
Assistant Superintendent and Ministry Advisor

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

Central Elementary School (in the Gym)

2260 Central Ave., Port Coquitlam

\$5 per couple/\$3 per single

- **FREE Childminding available (with advance registration by Feb. 15th)**
- **Advance registration required** • **Light refreshments provided**

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New Ministry of Education Directions, Feb. 21, 2012, Central Elementary School, 6:45-8:30pm

PARENTS' NAME(S): _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____ DIVISION: _____

Number attending: _____ Number and age of children requiring minding: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL (if any): _____

Please return this registration to your school office by Wed., Feb. 15, 2012

Cheques can be made payable to 'SFSPPE' or 'Southside Family of Schools Parent Education'.

Alternatively, e-mail us at ssfspe@gmail.com to register and bring payment to presentation.

A Request from our Tech-Ed Department

Late Students



We have noticed that the number of students arriving late for school is increasing. When students arrive late they cause unnecessary interruptions in the classroom and extra work in the office. Most importantly, the child who is late misses out on important instructional time. Please remember to allow extra time in the morning to get your child to school by 8:30 a.m. Winter weather requires more time to find umbrellas and extra layers of clothing, warm up the car and scrape the windshield. Extra traveling time is also needed since traffic moves more slowly at this time of the year. Students with excessive unexcused lates are followed up by Mr. Hill and Mr. Graham.

Visitors to our School



Parents and other visitors to the school are asked to check in to the office. Please do not interrupt classes to deliver items to students. Lunches or other items being dropped off should be left at the office. We also ask that if you would like a message given to your child during the day we will contact them during nutrition or lunch time. Our goal is to not interrupt classes unless it is an emergency. Thank you for your support.



Student Cell Phones/Portable Audio Devices/Electronic Games/iPod Players

We discourage students from bringing the above items to school and do not assume any responsibility for their security. If students choose to bring these items to school, they must store them in their lockers upon arrival until the end of the school day.

Lost and Found Items



All items in the lost and found are displayed in the hallway across from the main office until February 17th, 2012. Students will be encouraged to check for their missing items throughout the next few weeks. Please drop by to check if any of these items belong to your child. Items that have not been claimed by February 17th, 2012 will be donated to a charitable organization. We encourage parents to mark their child's clothing with his/her first and last name then we will be able to return these items to the students. Thank you!

School/Athletic and Yearbook Fees/PAC Donation

A very enthusiastic thank you goes out to parent(s) and guardian(s) for sending in your fees so promptly. We very much appreciate your attending to this in such a timely manner. Those who have not sent in your fees please do so at your earliest convenience.

Student fees \$35.00, Yearbook \$40.00 add Engraving for \$5.00, Athletic fees \$15.00 and PAC Donation \$30.00. We do accept post-dated cheques and "payment plans". Please call Mr. Graham if you have any questions or concerns.

Labels for the Office



We are looking for donations of new or used labels that we can use for various tasks in our school for staff and students. If you would like to donate any kind of labels please send them into Mrs. Andrews in the office. Thank you, ☺

Extreme Weather!!



We keep hearing how this winter is going to be tremendously white and perhaps this may yet prove to be correct! Please be advised as a general expectation that when it snows, schools will remain open. In the case of extreme weather conditions, the Superintendent has the authority to close schools temporarily, when conditions may endanger the health and safety of students. Should such a closure be made before morning classes begin, announcements will be made on most local radio stations, but notably on CKNW (980),

CKWX (1130) and CBC (690). If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, you have the option of keeping your child(ren) at home, or arranging for early dismissal. If you choose to keep your children at home, please remember to contact the school at 604-942-1835.

Thank you.

January 16th-February 12th



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The Eco Edge

THE ECO EDGE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR STAYING WARM IN COLD WEATHER!

1. Do not wear cotton or polyester/cotton fabrics next to your skin. Cotton absorbs moisture and therefore will get cold lying against your skin. This will lead to rapid loss of heat which could cause hypothermia in very cold weather. A good investment is a fleece vest as it will keep the heart and body warm which results in warmer blood being sent out to the body's extremities. Fleece is very good as it "wicks" moisture away from your skin quickly. Down jackets are great insulators if they do not get wet. But . . . WOOL is the best by far! It traps warm, dry air next to your skin keeping air from moving across your body.
2. Always dress in layers. Several thin layers are warmer than one heavy layer. You can always remove or add on layers as you need and therefore you can better regulate your core body temperature.
3. You can lose a lot of body heat through your head so it is important to wear a hat and one that can cover your ears if needed.
4. Wearing a scarf also will warm the air before you breathe it in.
5. Wearing mittens (instead of gloves) and long thick wool or polypropylene socks will protect your hands and feet from the cold. Hands and feet are the hardest places to keep warm blood flowing to.
6. Keep hydrated and make sure you eat a healthy diet so your body temperature stays at a normal level. Dehydration affects your body's ability to regulate body heat and increases risk of frostbite. Water is just as important in the winter as it is in the summer.
7. If you get wet remove clothes immediately and warm the core body temperature with a blanket and warm fluids (soup or hot apple cider). Do not drink caffeine or alcohol as they are diuretics and increases heat loss.

For more information on The ECO Edge check out our website @ www.theecoedge.com or visit our Facebook page [here!](#) All the best as you work those chills away. Be safe and have fun!

The ECO Edge Company

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Website: www.theecoedge.com

Community Information

Why choose French Immersion for your child?

Extend their horizons through

learning another language!

French Immersion...

- Offers all students whose first language is not French the possibility of completing the prescribed BC curriculum and learning French at the same time;
- Helps students develop strong communication skills in both English and French; and
- Expands cultural horizons and helps prepare students for the global economy.

Late French Immersion Registration

(Grade 6 entry)

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS: If you are considering **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION** in September, 2012 you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program. Meetings will take place at:

BANTING MIDDLE SCHOOL

820 Banting Drive, Coquitlam

February 21st, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

PITT RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

2070 Tyner Street, Port Coquitlam

February 22nd, 2012 at 7:00 p.m

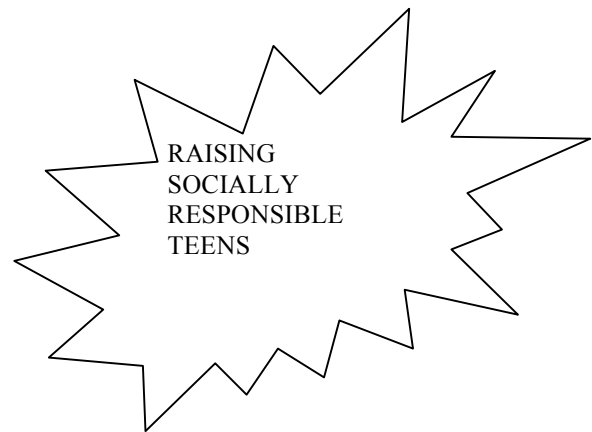
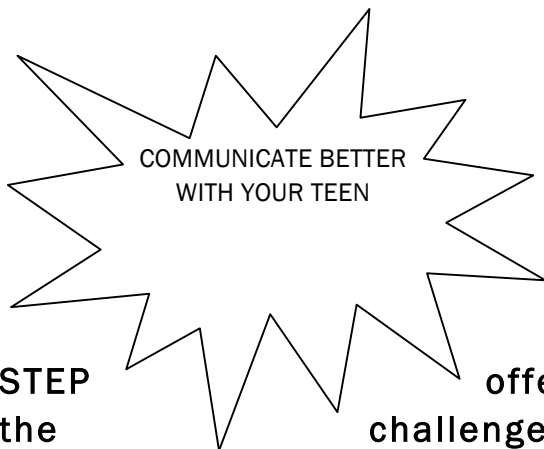
For further information visit our website:

www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

Fine Tune Your Parenting Skills With *STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING*

Teen Program – For Parents of teens...ages 11 - 17



STEP offers a down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers today. It's a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behaviour in home, school and community; and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

Place: Gleneagle Secondary School

Time: 7p.m. – 9p.m.

Dates: Thursday April 12th, 19th, 26th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 2012 {inclusive}

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram Itinerant Youth Worker

To register: Phone: 604-230-1563

E-mail: mabram@sd43.bc.ca

Books may be purchased at the first class – cost \$20.

Register by March 26th, 1012

Middle Schools

Spring Break Workshops for Grades 6 to 8 at Place des Arts

Registration for all workshops opens January 30

Online at www.placedesarts.ca; by phone at 604.664.1636; in person at 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam

One-week Comics Workshop

March 12 – 16, 9am – 12pm

Ever wonder how comics are made? Learn how to storyboard and create comics in a week. You'll act out and photograph yourself into each scene using a computer and a green screen. Comicyfy your photos, write scripts and explore different genres. All supplies and materials included. Teacher: James McCann

One-week Art Blender

March 12 – 16, 12:35 – 3:35pm

Get exposed to a variety of art techniques and ways of artistic expression in this multi-faceted class. Explore 'dark' and 'light' secrets of pencil drawing; dive deep into the 'see' of 'cool' colours of painting; make breath-taking impressions by printing your own poster or set of greeting cards; and turn collections of scrap paper, strings and glitter into a masterpiece of collage art. Teacher: Stan Hunc

One-week Spring Break Pottery Camp

March 19 – 23, 12:35-3:35pm

Spin up some fun in the pottery class with Vin. Learn the basics of wheel throwing and engage in a hand-building project to make decorative and functional works of art. Teacher: Vin Arora

Two-week Shakespeare 101: MacBeth Made Fun!

March 12 – 23, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Plus special presentation on Sunday, March 25

Double, double toil and trouble . . . Before Harry Potter and Twilight, there was MacBeth. Jump into the bubbling cauldron and explore one of the bloodiest plays of all time! Taught by Kevin Bennett, acclaimed as one of Vancouver's hottest young directors and teachers, students will explore text, character and performance to bring to life a 60-minute adaptation of MacBeth.

KidSport Tri-Cities Spring Used Equipment Sale

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated Annual **Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale, Presented by Westminster Savings:**

Saturday, February 18th from 10am until 2pm

Riverside Secondary School,

2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam

If you or your family is in to sports, we will save you money. A huge variety of quality used sporting goods at incredible prices. Everything from Bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment and wetsuits and everything in between.

To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! **Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from Feb 1-17 at the following locations:**

Port Coquitlam Rec Centre

Port Moody Rec Centre

Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex

Cyclone Taylor Sports

Corner Sports - 2276 Elgin Ave. Poco

Thriftopolis - D-2579 Lougheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam

If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Chris Wilson, KidSport Tri-Cities

Phone: 604-341-0241

Email: cwilson630@gmail.com

www.kidsporttricity.ca

The Tri-City Youth Basketball Association (TCYBA) spring league registration for NEW PLAYERS will open February 27th. We offer a variety of registration options based on practice location, practice date and practice time – you choose the time that fits into your schedule - **Games are Friday nights (no games for grade 2/3 teams)**. Roster spots are filled on first come basis – early registrations will not be accepted.

There are two levels for most grades. New players to the TCYBA register in the division where their current grade will be the higher of the two grades – for example a new Grade 5 player to the TCYBA must register in the Grade 4/5 level. We offer teams in the following age division (boys and girls):

- Grade 2/3 Grade 3/4
- Grade 4/5 Grade 5/6
- Grade 6/7 Grade 7/8

Registration for New Players will open on February 27th.

- League Practices will start on week of April 2nd
- League Games will begin on April 13th (no games for Grade 2/3 division)
- League will finish on June 8th
- League Fees for new players includes a jersey, shorts, a basketball and Basketball BC membership/insurance.
- Complete list of our League FAQs is available on our website under the header 'DIVISIONS'

TO REGISTER, please go to our website www.tcyba.org and click on the **BLUE** Member Login Button. Create a New Member profile prior to selecting a team to register to.

If you experience any problems, please feel free to contact our registrar at **registration@tcyba.org**.