



# Ecole intermédiaire

# Kwayhquitlum

## Middle School

October 7, 2011

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**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.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Thanksgiving Schools closed

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture Retakes

**Tuesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Grade six Hep B shots

**Wed/Thurs, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Cancelled)**  
Parent/teacher conferences  
1:35-Early dismissal

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Pro-D Day

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Halloween Dance and Activities

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Remembrance Day Assembly

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Remembrance Day  
School Closed

**Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Non-Instructional Day  
School Closed

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Explorations Term 2 Begins

### Dear Parents/ Guardians & Community Members

The winds of change are upon us!! The seasons are changing, our students are changing through their growth and maturity and the world is changing at a pace that sometimes is hard to keep up with. Society has never before seen the remarkable innovation and pace of change as we are seeing at this time in our history. Remember the days when you would wonder about something or have a discussion with someone and the information that you needed was not readily available to you? So you would continue to wonder or debate with your family and friends until you could get yourself to the library to check out the truth of the matter. Now when we wonder or debate, all we have to do is access the Internet through our computers or handheld devices and the information is right at our fingertips. Last year I attended a workshop on educational change with 200 educators. One of the activities we participated in was a trivia question scavenger hunt. We were asked to find answers to the questions from any source in the room. Many chose to draw on the expertise of those in the room and several others used their handheld devices to "Google" the answers from the Internet. This use of technology never would have occurred "back in the day". The technology we used on that day settled a few debates as to what was the truth.

So how does this all relate to our students? Well, I venture to say that our students and your children are much different learners now than when we were in school. I believe this is because of how information is now communicated, interpreted and applied. They are exposed to a rapid influx of information that is readily available at their fingertips. When we went to school, we spent a great deal of time researching information and less time applying that information. We memorized lots of things and regurgitated it to our teachers - this is primarily how our learning was evaluated. The students of today still has to research information and memorize, but because this information is more readily available to them more time can be spent on learning how to apply the information and synthesize it into their learning activities. Students are required to share information with their peers, learn from each other and apply their knowledge in a variety of ways to demonstrate their progress as learners. This all required the use of higher order of thinking skills and good background knowledge in basic skills.

Just as the winds of the seasons are changing so is the face of schools. The fact is that learning is different from what we experienced. As we begin another school year, students will have the opportunity to reflect on their progress. We encourage you to discuss with your child what it is they are learning, what type of activities they are doing in school and what skills are they using as part of their learning. Finally, I encourage you to contact the teacher if you have any questions about what is happening in the classroom with respect to learning activities.

As Bob Dylan said many years ago, "The Times They are a Changin'". The information age is well upon us and the opportunities for children to grow up in a dynamic world that is at their fingertips affords us the opportunity to provide students with learning activities that will enable them to use information in a way that allows them to discover their strengths and use these to pursue their dreams.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

**Mr. Graham**  
Principal

**Mrs. Potter-Smith**  
Vice-Principal

## Happenings at Kway!

### Newsletter Delivery

As per previous practice, newsletters this year will not be sent home with every student as we attempt to be a bit more environmentally conscious at Kway. Parents will be able to access the newsletter on our school website and there will still be limited paper copies available at our school office. Students (and parents) can pick these up at any time. As well, we will be sending the newsletter via email according to the addresses supplied on the student verification sheets. If you would like your name or additional addresses added to these distribution lists, please let Mr. Graham know. ☺

[agraham@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:agraham@sd43.bc.ca)

### Art Club

On Friday afternoons from 3-4:15 p.m., Kway's art room will be buzzing! If you are interested in joining us please see Ms. Wong for a permission form.

Ms. Wong / Mr. Inkster



### Weather Advisory ☺

It is a nice brisk afternoon as this is being typed, we know that we are heading into colder temperatures and although we are still a couple of months away from the possibility of snowfall, we want to remind you of the procedures of the potential for school closure.



In the event of heavy snowfall please listen to CBC 690 AM, CKNW 980 AM, or CKWX 1130 AM radio stations for possible school closure information. In addition, on inclement weather days, school closure information will be posted on the school district website at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca). Please note that unless you hear about school closures through these media outlets, school will be open as usual. We appreciate your cooperation in trying not to phone the school and asking "is school open" unless necessary ☺

### Lost and Found

It may be hard to believe, but after one month of school, our large lost and found bins are overflowing with sweaters, pants, gym strip, etc..

Although our local charities are always appreciative of our donations, it might be less costly to families if the owners of these items took them home ☺. Please encourage your children to check the lost and found bins outside the office whenever they leave articles of clothing behind.



### Attendance

Just a reminder that it helps our office staff tremendously when parents call the school to let us know if their children are going to be absent or late. After hours, a message can be left on our answering machine. If the office is not notified, parents (or an emergency contact) can expect a call to confirm the absence as a measure to ensure the safety of your children, our students.



### School/Athletic and Yearbook Fees

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 Engraving \$5.00 and Athletic fees \$15.00. We do accept post-dated cheques and "payment plans". Please call Mr. Graham or Mrs. Potter-Smith if you have any questions or concerns.

### Timberwolves' News

On September 29th, our class and the pod went kayaking and on a hike. Kayaking was awesome. We used a two person kayak. The kayaking trip was pretty long. We went far into the Indian Arm. Kayaking is not that hard. The only hard part was steering the boat. For me, it was confusing. We also saw a red jellyfish and it was gross! When it was time to go back, we had a race to the end but sadly we did not win. After kayaking, we ate our lunch and then went on a hike. The hike was really long. It was about 45 minutes up and 30 minutes down. When we got to the top of our hike, there was a huge rock that we sat on. The view from the rock was so beautiful. When we got down, we got on our bus and headed back to school. - Jay Dave, Div. 16.

### Cougar Paws

Cougar Paws is another positive program at Kway. Cougar PAWS is all about Respect. It is based on our EBS matrix. On our matrix there are 3 categories. They are Respect for Self, Respect for Others and Respect for the Environment. Students can get Cougar PAWS when teachers catch them showing respect in some way, shape or form. Once every week students can turn in their Cougar PAWS for a little treat. PAWS stands for Positive Attitude With Style.



### PAC Fee Donations

If you would like to donate \$30.00 to our PAC for this year please send in a cheque made payable to Kway Pac. Thus far we have collected \$5475 from 1/3 of our families. Thanks to the overwhelming amount of parents/guardians that have already sent in their donations.

### Home Ec Donations

Those students who had home ec as their first term exploration got the year off to a great start! As always, we welcome any and all donations of fabric and assorted crafty extras you might be planning on otherwise throwing out. We are looking for practically everything - fabric, wool, thread, zippers, buttons- you name it, we can use it! Thanks in advance for your help and support ☺



### Writers Club

The Kway Writer's Club is back in full swing again this year. We will be meeting in Mr. Hauck's room in the next few weeks.. Everyone is welcome to join.

### Sports Report

#### Cross Country at Kway

Kway's cross country season is now in full force and our team continues to grow. Races are every Thursday, taking place at Rocky Point, Mundy Park and the trails along Coquitlam River. The season concludes with the championship final which will be held at Mundy Park on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. There is still an opportunity for students who are interested to join - they just have to come and speak to Mrs. Stoffberg



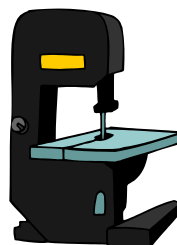
#### Kway Wear!

Kway Wear order forms will be made available on Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and orders are due on Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Sample sizes and logo designs are available in the office. T-shirts are \$10.00 and Hooded Sweat Tops and Zipped Sweat Tops are \$25.00. Four new logo styles to choose from - check them out!!!

Mrs. Andrews

### A Request from our Tech-Ed Department

**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](mailto:gskerratt@sd43.bc.ca). THANKS!

### Sensory Room/Skill Development Room

We are currently trying to assemble some specialty rooms at the school, 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 )
- puzzles (age 5-8)
- interactive toys/learning toys (leapfrog)
- early literacy toys/discovery toys
- counting/money toys
- blocks
- marbles/dice
- cards
- lego/k'nex/building toys
- musical toys
- old books (4-8yrs old)
- scrapbooking supplies
- old scrapbook supplies (art supplies)
- electric kettle

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Edwards

### Office Donations

We are in need of sheets and boxes of labels that you no longer can use for your printers at home.

Mrs. Andrews, Secretary

### Scott Creek Duathlon

Thirty-three students from Kwayquitlum participated in the annual Scott Creek Duathlon last Friday. A duathlon is a 2 event race with consists of a run-bike-run. Seven students completed the race individually and the rest as a relay team of either 2 or 3 participants. At the end of the race, Kway walked away with 4 gold medals in the solo division and a silver and bronze in the relay division.

Congratulations to: Cassandra R, Will L, Olivia W, Lauren W, Andrew W, Thomas M, Emmanuel A, Paul L.

### Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

**Pancake Breakfast Kudos:** We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to serve pancakes to our students during the second week of school: Karen Sandwith, Lolita Wittur, Wendy Crandel, Stacey Plesco and Bonnie Wionoski, Tina Almeida, Josée Grice, Carol Spence, Jennifer Yolland, Angela Plageman, Janine Zambon, Sur Choi. We apologize if we missed any names. Also thanks goes out to all the staff members who flipped pancakes.

### **Mark Your Calendars - November 4<sup>th</sup> Movie Night**

The PAC will be holding a Movie Night in the school gym for students and their families. The cost is \$3 per person and includes a bag of fresh-popped popcorn, a drink and a bag of candy. The movie being shown that night is the latest "Pirates of the Caribbean - On Stranger Tides". Come and join us for a fun-filled family evening. Tickets will go on sale in the next week or two.

**PAC Rep Needed** - Our PAC is in need of a Canadian Parents for French (CPF). The role of the CPF rep is to attend a few meetings with other CPF reps to discuss and bring back information important to the French Immersion students and parents in our school. Every year the CPF gives our school a grant for our French Immersion program, however; the grant is contingent upon us having a CPF PAC rep. If you are interested, please let Mr. Graham know.

## Kwayhquitlum Middle Staff Organization

Principal: Mr. Andrew Graham [agraham@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:agraham@sd43.bc.ca)

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

WANTED: NEW CURLERS AGES 9 - 11 YRS OLD



**OPTIMIST CURLBC CLUSTER CAMP**  
**LEARN TO CURL CAMP**

**When:** Saturday, October 15, 2011  
9:30 am registration, finish at 3 pm

**Where:** Coquitlam Curling Rink

**Who:** Ages 9 – 11 year olds  
New, never-curled-before and  
First-year curlers

**Includes:** skills, techniques, tricks for  
relays & games

**Cost:** \$20 each - includes snacks,  
lunch and refreshments

SPACE IS LIMITED - Register by Friday, Oct. 12, 2011 by  
e-mail [kazsato@telus.net](mailto:kazsato@telus.net) (with subject line "Cluster  
Camp")



### 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 October 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (inclusive)

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram Itinerant Youth Worker

To register: Phone: 604-230-1563

E-mail: [mabram@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mabram@sd43.bc.ca)

Books may be purchased at the first class – cost \$25.