

SCHOOL GOALS 2011-2012

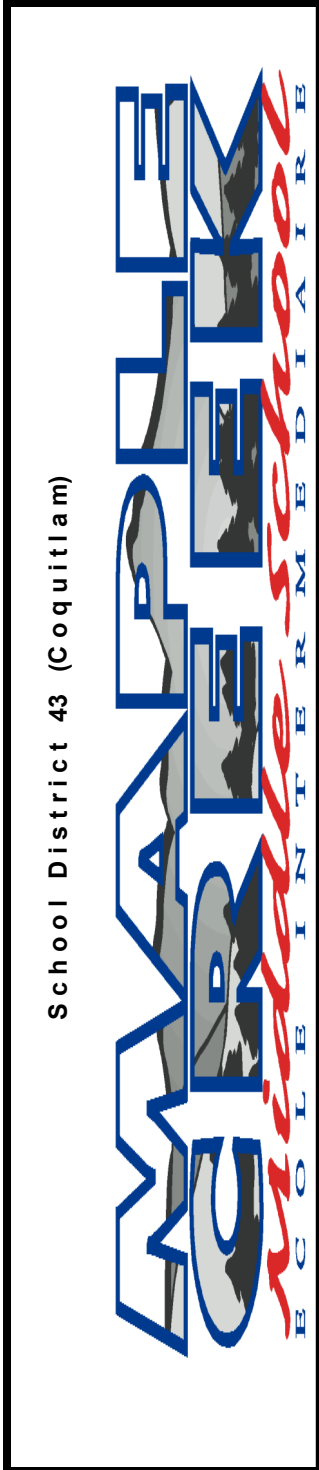
To continue to improve reading skills and attitudes towards reading for information with nonfiction text; specifically with comprehension, analysis, and reading strategies.
 To improve students' capacity to be socially responsible by valuing diversity, contributing to the classroom and school community, and being respectful of themselves and others.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends;

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were restful and enjoyable for you and your family. I want to start with a quick flashback and take the opportunity to thank our Youth Worker extraordinaire Brenda Coatta, our staff, students and families who all contributed to our Christmas hampers. It seems like such a long time ago, but the hampers were delivered just after our December newsletter went out. The Maple Creek community did a fantastic job making Christmas extra special for many of our families - kudos! A big thank you to our PAC for their endless fundraising; we now have an LCD projector in all 23 divisions at Maple Creek. The projectors permit teachers to share and discuss information from the internet or from their computers on a large screen in the class for all students to view - an essential piece of equipment for 21st century education. I have many parents asking me about the teacher strike. I wish I had a crystal ball and would be able to answer questions such as: When will it end? What happens next? Will there be term two report cards? What I can pass on is that the most important aspects of educating a mentally and physically healthy adolescent are still thriving at Maple Creek. Our focus on *learning* and educating the whole child has not wavered or waned in any way. There may not be a term two report or any formal parent teacher conferences, but teachers are still e-mailing, phoning, and meeting with parents to discuss children's progress. I have a seven year old daughter in School District #43. Personally, if given the choice of reading a report card or having a 20 minute discussion with my daughter's teacher(s), I would choose the latter. If you do have any questions, concerns or just want to touch base, I recommend you contact your child's teachers and arrange a meeting. Another way of keeping up to date about what is going on at Maple Creek is to attend one of our PAC meetings. The atmosphere is casual and many of our discussions centre around school activities and school improvement. Our next meeting is Wednesday January 25 at 7 p.m. in the library. Another date of significance is our upcoming Literacy Conference on Friday, February 24. On this day, students sign up for 4 seminars of their choice focusing on themes around literacy. We have a keynote speaker and many guest speakers and authors. Parents are always welcome to drop by and sit in on any of the seminars during the day. Not only is it educational and fun, but a great opportunity to see what is going on at Maple Creek. You will see first hand why the kids say "we don't just go to school, we go to Maple Creek".

A reminder that you can get some school updates I send via twitter Bill Trask at Twitter.com or visit our Wiki at <http://mcmstudentleadershipcouncil.wikispaces.com/> or our school website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/maplecreek>.



**Professional Day
(school—based)
Fri., Jan. 27
(no school in session)**

**Professional Day
(District Wide)
Fri., Feb. 17**

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 LO MAS PRONTO POSIBLE.

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

GRADE 8 ARTICULATION

Grade 8 articulation will begin this month. A very informative package was sent home with students that covered all aspects of this process. Included were the dates and times of student and parent information sessions at all the secondary schools in our District, information on course selection, and information on International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs. This information and more is on our website.

CROSS CATCHMENT INFORMATION

The cross catchment transfer process is based upon Policy 19 (student attendance areas). You may determine what your catchment school is by consulting the "Locator" option on the school District website: www.sd43.bc.ca or by contacting the school office. Criteria for cross catchment transfers are space and program availability.

All cross catchment applications are completed on-line through our school District website starting **Fri., Feb. 10 at 9:00 am** and will be received until closing date on **Wed., Feb. 22**. Paper forms will also be available at all schools, but must be returned in person or by mail to the School District Office at 550 Poirier St., Coquitlam, V3J 6A7 by the closing date. The applications will be processed on a **first come first served basis**. Once the application has been approved, the school is advised and then the receiving school informs the students parents/guardians by letter.

Late Montessori Registration at Montgomery & Scott Creek Middle Schools (Grade 6 entry)

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS: If you are considering the Montessori program at middle school in September 2012, you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program. An information meeting regarding the middle school program will take place at:

**SCOTT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
1240 Lansdowne Dr., Coquitlam
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm**

****Please note that for this year only Scott Creek will be accepting Gr. 7 students who have attended Montessori at the elementary level.**

For further information visit our website:

www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Rob McFaul, Principal,

Montgomery Middle School at 604-939-7367

or e-mail: montgomery@sd43.bc.ca or Judy Robb, Principal,

Scott Creek Middle School at 604-945-0156 or email: scottcreek@sd43.bc.ca

PINK SHIRT DAY

February 29th, 2012

Show your support!

Preorders will be taken for Pink Shirts the week of Jan. 23

Only \$7.00!!!!!!



"GAME ON"

Eat Smart, Play Smart, Live Smart is an exciting mentor program offered by Big Brothers for the first time in Western Canada. Maple Creek will be the first District 43 school to host this program. The goal is to provide boys 9-13 with information and support to make informed choices about active living, balanced eating and feeling good!

Each session will be fun filled, active, and cover topics like Being a Guy, Dealing with Stress, Making Healthy Choices.

This is the male component of "Go Girls" by Big Sisters.

Price "Free", starts **Tuesday, Feb. 21** Contact Brenda for information and registration forms.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

School Based Professional Day
Friday, January 27
(no school in session)

Explorations Term 2 Report Cards
Friday, February 10

District Wide Professional Day
Friday, February 17
(no school in session)

Literacy Conference
Friday, February 24

Second Formal Report Card
Monday, March 5

Spring Break
March 12—March 23
(no school in session)

School Reopens
Monday, March 26

Good Friday/Easter Monday
Fri., Apr. 6/Mon., Apr. 9
(no school in session)

Professional Day (District Wide)
Friday, April 20

Drama Production Alice In Wonderland
April 24—27

Grade Six Immunization
Friday, May 11

Professional Day (school based)
Friday, May 18

Victoria Day (school closed)
Monday, May 21

Fine Arts Performance
Wednesday, May 30

Grade 8 Leadership Conference and Grade 6/7 Waterslides
Friday, June 15

Grade 8 Playland
Wednesday, June 20

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
Thursday, June 21

CLUB ACTIVITIES

SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

The Ski & Snowboard Club has it's first outing on Mon., Jan. 23. Students leave right after the bell by chartered bus and return to the school at approx. 9:15 pm. The dates of the trips are: Mon., Jan. 23 & 30 & Mon., Feb. 13 & 20.



Students who are using their own equipment can store it in the large football container at the back of the school in the morning each outing. This locker will be locked and secure during the day until students need to retrieve their equipment for the outing.

MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are now on sale! Please see Ms. Shaw in room 208. Yearbooks are \$40.00 and If you want your yearbook personalized the cost is \$45.00. Cheques can be made to Maple Creek Middle School. After Feb. 1 there is no option to personalize your yearbook and the price of a regular yearbook will be \$45.00!



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Grade 8 Boys (home team is underlined)

January 18 Scott Creek vs. Maple Creek
 January 25 Summit vs. Maple Creek
 February 1 Maple Creek vs. Citadel
 February 8 Maple Creek – *bye*
 February 15 Maple Creek vs. Pitt River
 February 22 Kwayhquitlum vs. Maple Creek

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Grade 7 Boys (home team is underlined)

January 17 Scott Creek vs. Maple Creek
 January 24 Summit vs. Maple Creek
 January 31 Maple Creek vs. Citadel
 February 7 Maple Creek – *bye*
 February 14 Maple Creek vs. Pitt River
 February 21 Kwayhquitlum vs. Maple Creek

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Grade 7 Playoff night #1- Tues. March 6
 Grade 7 Playoff night #2- Wed. March 7
 Grade 8 Elimination- Tues. Feb. 28
 Grade 8 Quarters/Semis- Wed. Feb. 29
 Grade 8 Finals-March 1st
 Grade 6- Playnight is Friday March 2nd



Community Events

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. Comicfy 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

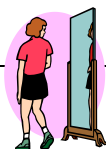
Two-week Shakespeare 101: MacBeth Made Fun!

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*.

JAN 18: ROOT OF SELF-ESTEEM

PoCo's Southside Family of Schools Parent Education presents "Nurturing the Roots of Natural Self-esteem in children" with speaker Deborah MacNamara, Ph.D., 7-8:30 p.m. (doors will open at 6:45) at Citadel Middle School, 1265 Citadel Dr., PoCo. Cost : \$5. per couple or \$3 per adult. Free child minding available with advance registration. To register, email your name, the number of adults attending and the number and age(s) of any children requiring child minding to ssfspe@gmail.com and bring your payment to the presentation.



~ Parents' Circle ~

Support for parents who are concerned about their youth and substance use



Increase Knowledge about substance use
Find Support from other parents
Build Skills in effective communication
Learn to manage tough emotions
Foster a healthier life balance

Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:45pm
Eight meetings

January 24th to March 13th, 2012

Held at 2615 Clarke Street, Port Moody

Registration required please

Contact Greg 604-937-6967 or Julia 604-937-6973

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 -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 or www.kidsporttricitie.ca

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.

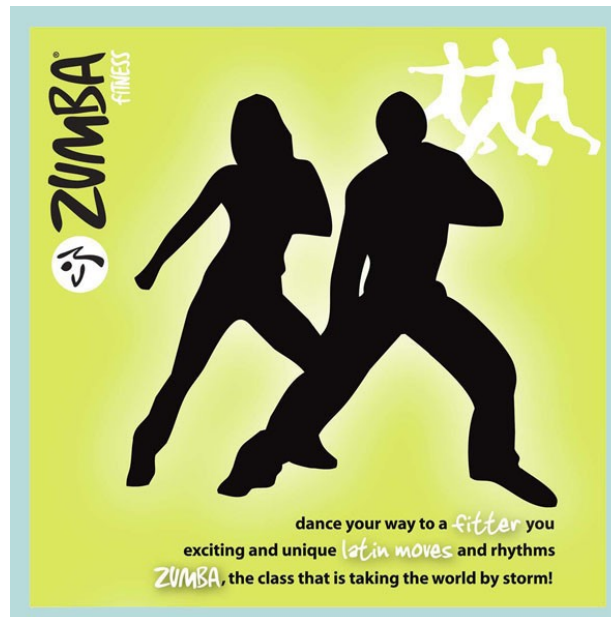
Register by March 26th, 2012

**WANT TO BURN SOME EXTRA CALORIES?
START YOUR FITNESS RESOLUTIONS?**

HAVE FUN?

MAPLE CREEK PAC PRESENTS

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All Ages Welcome

Babysitting available by our Grade 8's!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

6:30 TO 7:30 P.M

Maple Creek Middle School GYM

3700 Hastings Street, Port Coquitlam, BC

Tickets: \$10.00 IN ADVANCE, \$15.00 at the Door

Children: (16 and under) \$5.00 at the Door

****Cash Only****

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Maple Creek office or email:

maplecreekpac@gmail.com for more information.



PORT COQUITLAM MINOR BASEBALL



2012 Baseball Season Registration

Come join your friends for another exciting season of Port Coquitlam Minor Baseball. There are divisions available for **everyone** from four years to twenty-four years of age.

To register, please visit our website at www.pocominorbaseball.com. If you have any questions, please email registrar@pocominorbaseball.com.

Here are the levels of play that are available:

Division	Year Born
Blastball	2007
Rally Cap (T-Ball)	2005 to 2006
Tadpole	2003 to 2004
Mosquito	2001 to 2002
PeeWee	1999 to 2000
Bantam	1997 to 1998
Midget	1994 to 1996
Junior	1988 to 1993

In addition to offering on-line registration, we invite you to be a part of our **Registration Open Houses** being held on the following dates:

January 21 nd and 22 nd	9:00am to noon	Mabbet Room	Wilson Centre*
January 27 th	5:45 pm to 7:30 pm	Hyde Creek Gym	Hyde Creek
February 11 th	TBA	Spirit Week	see website*

*Wilson Centre is located at 2150 Wilson Avenue. The Mabbett Room is located directly above the concession. Hyde Creek is located at 1379 Laurier Avenue. If you would like to register at the Open House, please bring a copy of your player's birth certificate and proof of address with you (municipal taxes or utility bill, personal cheques are not accepted as proof of address). **Be sure to register prior to January 31, 2012 to get the 2011 rate.**

We look forward to seeing you at the Open Houses and to another exciting year of POCO Minor Baseball.