



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



Greetings,

As we are nearing 30% completion of the school year and Christmas shopping season, I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. Students have just changed their explorations which they change quarterly (tech. ed., computers, music, and home ec). Our dates for sending home interim reports and conducting student—teacher interviews has passed. Due to teacher job action, no interim reports were sent home this year. Please note, you may contact your child's teacher at any time to discuss any concerns or to check on progress.

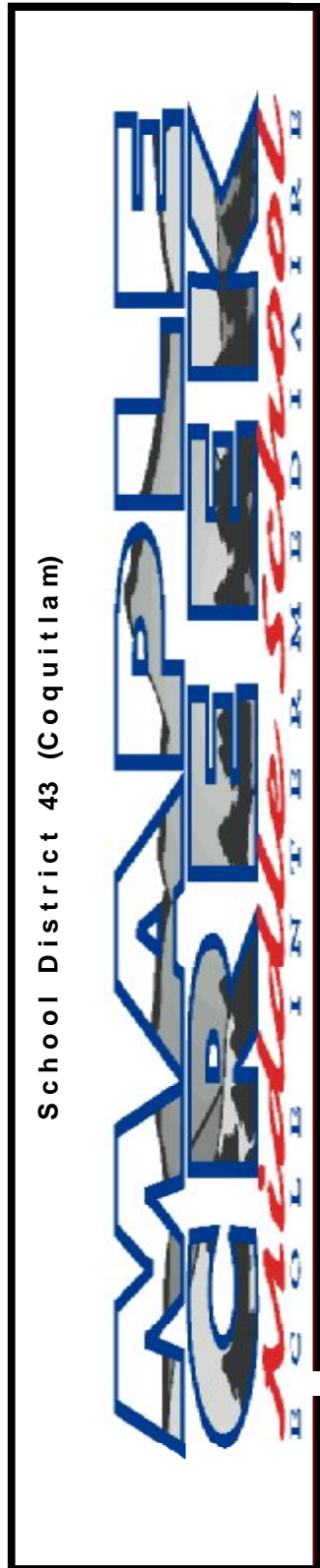
December is when first term report cards are sent home. This year, due to job action, there will be no term one reports cards completed by teachers. A report card with a letter of explanation from the superintendent and a record of your child's teacher and attendance/lates will be sent home. This report card fulfills the legal requirements of a report card but will hold no data or explanation of classroom performance. If you would like information on your child's progress, please contact their teacher. Even though it is not "business as usual" for reporting, much learning is still occurring in all classes and academics are in full swing just like any other year. Teachers are assessing and challenging students to meet their potential as they have in the past, that much has remained the same. I have attached the letter from the superintendent to this newsletter that will be included with all report cards.

As we near Christmas, I would like to formally invite all our parents to one of our two Christmas concerts on Wed., Dec. 7 at 1:15 or 7:00 pm. Additionally, I would like to invite all parents to our upcoming PAC meeting at 7:00 on Tues., Nov. 29. There is always lively discussion at these meetings and you will also be able to get an update on Teacher job action and what is occurring at Maple Creek.

To keep abreast of what is going on at Maple Creek, please visit our **HAWK Leadership Krew Wiki**: Maple Creek parents and students go to <http://mcmstudentleadershipcouncil.wikispaces.com/> and you will find the HAWK Leadership Krew Wiki. You can find out what is going on in the HLK and offer feedback/opinion. Parents and students feel free to log in and share your wisdom. I have also started a Twitter account where you can follow my tweets about life at Maple Creek and some of the daily routines and unique occurrences. To receive tweets, go to Twitter.com and Search out Bill Trask.

All the best!

Mr. Bill Trask, Principal



**Christmas Concert
Wed., Dec. 7
1:15 pm & 7:00 pm**



This is an important document. Please arrange to have it translated

此為重要文件,請翻譯成中文.

이것은 매우 중요한 서류입니다, 정확한 번역을 부탁드립니다.

این مدارک از اهمیت ویژه ای برخوردار است لطفاً ترجمه شده آن را در خواست بنمایید.

ESTE ES UN DOCUMENTO MUY IMPORTANTE.POR FAVOR, TRATE DE QUE SE LO TRANSLADEN AL ESPAÑOL LO MAS PRONTO POSIBLE.

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

Π OF THE TIGER

Dr. Charles Best is running a series of Math Camps that are full of fun activities, games and seminars designed to enrich the Math Education of students in grade 8.

Through the use of technology, hands-on activities, physical demonstrations, and many other teaching methods, **Π** Of The Tiger will help students understand the connection between math and the real world; realize that math is fun, creative and beautiful; and discover new and exciting ways to demonstrate their own math abilities.

The camp is Saturday, November 26, 2011 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. If you would like your son/daughter to attend **Π** Of The Tiger, please pick up a Participation/Permission form at the office and have your child return it to Mr. Trask as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER OR POWER OUTAGE



School rarely closes. Always expect that school will be open. In addition to finding information on the radio stations and the district website, we also keep our school website (www.sd43.bc.ca/maplecreek).

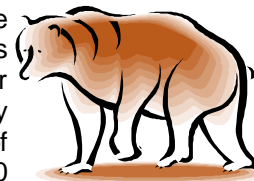
Occasionally, it is necessary to temporarily close a school due to extreme weather conditions or a power outage. This decision is made by School District personnel, not the Principal. Factors such as building temperature, light availability, other general safety factors, and the recovery time for power (estimated by BC Hydro) are all considered by the School District in making a decision to close a school. Every attempt is made by the school district to communicate a school closure ahead of time via local radio and television, and through the District website. **In the event of heavy snowfall, ice or high wind, 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**



Unfortunately, as we have experienced in the past, events sometimes occur at the last minute, and a decision to close a school cannot be communicated ahead of time to parents. In these circumstances, we will make every attempt to contact as many parents as possible using staff or student cell phones.

BEARS.. BEARS, BEARS

This year has not been unlike other years; numerous weekly bear sightings. However, this year has an added challenge. We have a mother black bear and two cubs who have decided not to hibernate yet and visit the school almost daily. The mother bear is very habituated to humans and is completely unafraid. We have informed the police and the conservation service every time we see or hear of the bear in our area. All our students have been well versed in bear procedures and are very "bear aware". We also let students know when there are bear sightings and will not let them out of the school if the bears are nearby. If you see a bear, please phone the conservation service at 1-800-731-6373 and report the sighting. Additionally, we would appreciate a call to the school so we can take action and/or warn students.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE eFORMS

As many of you are aware, our District is moving towards a more efficient way of collecting, updating and storing, important confidential information required by all of our schools. If you have not yet completed the on-line eForms found on our school web page, we urge you to do this at your earliest convenience. This information is an important part of our emergency preparedness protocol and essential to your child's participation with using the internet, participating in walking field trips as well as ensuring you are aware of policies dealing with text books, photographs and release of information. The forms can be found on Maple Creek Middle School Web Page.

Instructions: got to www.ecolemaplecreekmiddleschool, then click on "**Parent eForms**" (blue box, right side mid way down the page). There you will find two forms that must be completed for each student "**School Policies**" and "**Emergency Release**." Click on the form title and complete the required information and then click on "Submit" then complete the second form. If you are having any difficulties, or do not have internet access, please come to the school office and we will assist you on a computer at the school. Thank you for your prompt attention to these im-

FROM OUR PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to support our Fall fundraising efforts. We raised almost \$2400 with Entertainment Books and incentive prizes have been distributed.

The Innisbrook fundraiser orders were sent home with students on Thurs., Nov 15. If you placed an order and did not receive your product, or there is any problem with your order please email Christie ASAP at maplecreekpac@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser, we raised \$970.55 for our school.

Maple Creek PAC will be hosting a family movie night on Fri., Dec. 2. This is great opportunity to enjoy some family time before the holiday festivities get into full swing. More details to follow very soon!

Don't forget our next PAC meeting will be on Tues., Nov. 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Thurs., Nov. 10 our Drama and Music departments presented a remarkable Remembrance Day assembly that honoured all Canadian armed forces that have served and are serving our country. We would also like to acknowledge Mr. Burton, Ms. Grant, and Ms. Chang.

Drama Club

M. Alampi	S. Fabian	K. Kinna	B. Mishurs	M. Sakata	K. Yee
D. Berman	W. Fan	A. Kogiso	D. Murphy	M. Sall	E. Yip
L. Berman	S. Foroghi	S. Kong	S. Nelson	G. Sekretaryuk	A. Zaidi
K. Bondi	E. Gao	K. LaBounty	A. Noble	A. Shaw	M. Zizzari
T. Byers	E. Gholizadeh	M. Leach	D. Novinc	J. Shigatomi	
C. Cady	H. McKayla	A. Lee	D. O'Reilly	D. Shirzadi	
E. Cao	A. Hall	J. Li	A. Parmar	C. Tung	
A. Castro	L. He	M. Lorette	M. Petrik	F. Turmel	
C. Cerqueira	C. Ionescu	E. MacEachern	Y. Pisaryk	C. Vilchez	
B. Chamberlain	M. Jordan	M. Makkiya	N. Ramani	E. Wiebe	
T. Chong	G. Jungeo	T. Mandanikia	E. Rao	M. Wolsfeld	
D. Columbus	J. Kang	S. Manor	C. Ratcliffe	C. Wong	
K. Cousins	K. Karami	S. Mawhinney	D. Reddy	H. Wood	
C. D'Aeo	B. Kim	S. McCleave	L. Rezaeyan	M. Wood	
B. Dunsmuir	A. King	R. McDonell	S. Rozanski	S. Yazadeh	

Advanced Band

A. Wong	C. Chou	R. Jamieson	D. Lee	T. Nieto	I. Soares
G. Alvarado	S. Chu	H. Jung	H. Lee	L. Nuessler	R. Stenning
J. Baik	S. Crnogorac	J. Kang	M. Lee	S. Park	N. Tan
A. Baybik	S. Dela Cruz	Y. Kang	S. Lee	Y. Park	S. Traub
Y. Bi	L. Faulks	A. Karesa	E. Liang	K. Peralta	P. Wong
T. Black	S. Foroghi	R. Khishkar	Y. Liao	J. Peterson	T. Wong
K. Bondi	E. Gao	D. Kim	T. Lin	L. Rezaeyan	W. Wu
A. Braeuer-	X. Guo	H. Kim	R. Liu	B. Ritchie	Z. Wu
Thorne	Y. Han	J. Kim	M. Lorette	D. Scheib	V. Yang
E. Cao	L. He	N. Kim	J. Mastandrea	R. Sharpe	Y. Zhang
J. Chen	Y. Huang	A. Kogiso	H. Moricz	B. Shaugh-	T. Zhu
G. Cho	H. Im	N. Kono	D. Muhoze	nessy	

Choir

G. Alvarado	K. Cousins	M. Jordan	M. Lorette	E. Rao	A. Vu
N. Amir Rahmani	P. Delleria	G. Jungco	E. MacEachern	L. Rezaeyan	K. Woollard
A. Babinski	D. Deng	E. Kang	M. Makkiyah	M. Sakata	V. Yang
B. Bauslaugh	J. Deol	Y. Kang	K. Mcgeough	N. Sall	Y. Yong
M. Bordignon	T. Evans	K. Karami	N. Moghaddam	R. Sharpe	A. Zaidi
J. Bosa	W. Fan	H. Kim	A. Murphy	J. Shigetomi	M. Zizzari
C. Cady	S. Foroghi	H. Kim	D. Murphy	X. Song	
Z. Cai	M. Gabriel	J. Kim	B. Nielsen	K. Talasaz-	
A. Castro	E. Gao	A. King	A. Noble	Firoozi	
C. Cerqueira	M. Gerrard	S. Kong	D. Olpretean	N. Tan	
B. Chan	A. Han	V. Koykka	D. O'Reilly	W. Tung	
T. Chang	M. Haywood	C. Lamigo	Y. Park	F. Turmel	
T. Chao	C. Ionescu	L. Latrace	T. Pourkaram	S. Turner	
H. Tsai Chen	P. Javanpour	A. Lee	A. Pynn	B. Vallis	

HALLOWEEN AT MAPLE CREEK



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



PAC Meeting
Tuesday, November 29
7:00 pm in the Library

Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 7
1:15 pm & 7:00 pm
in the Gym

Winter Break
Monday, December 19 -
Monday, January 2, 2012

**Pro D Day
(School Based)**
Friday, January 27

**Pro D Day
(District Wide)
(No School In Session)**
Friday, February 17

Literacy Conference
Friday, February 24

**Spring Break
(no school in session)**
Monday, March 12—
Friday, March 23

**Good Friday
(no school in session)**
Friday, April 6

**Easter Monday
(no school in session)**
Monday, April 9

**Pro D Day
(District Wide)
(no school in session)**
Friday, April 20

WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year's Christmas Concert is on Wed., Dec. 7. Both our Beginner Band and our Advanced Band will be performing seasonal favourites with the accompaniment of our school choir. This will be our Beginner Band's first performance and they are very excited for the opportunity to perform.

Families are invited to attend either of these wonderful performances: 1:15 or 7:00 p.m.



Here's 10 things you can teach your daughter that'll reduce the risk of exploitation:

- 1.) Father is a verb.** I will 'father' you by loving you unconditionally and forever.
- 2.) You are smart.** I will teach you all I can, and help you learn from your mistakes.
- 3.) You are beautiful.** Just the way you are. Full stop. Period. No Exceptions.
- 4.) You are capable.** Women before you built a launch pad for your unlimited adventures.
- 5.) You are priceless.** What makes you "you" cannot be bought for any price.
- 6.) You have authority.** The security of your body is not debatable. No means No.
- 7.) There is right and wrong.** I will teach you the difference, and how to respond.
- 8.) You are responsible.** Don't let alcohol or drugs reduce your ability to act responsibly.
- 9.) Life is a journey.** Don't rush or you'll miss important things.
- 10.) Family is forever.** You are an extension of me, so I am always with you.

And Dads, please remember not to be scared. You might not have had a daughter before, but she's never been one before either. You don't have to be perfect, just persistent. She might not always like you for it, but in the long run she'll love you for it.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Maple Creek School will be hosting its annual festive Christmas Breakfast on Thurs., Dec. 8, from 7:30—9:00 a.m. (come early and miss the lineups). We wish to invite parents, siblings, and staff to come and join us for breakfast and help support our school community. The breakfast is by cash donation and all proceeds will go towards gift cards for the Christmas Hamper Program.

Please take note that this will be the last breakfast before winter break.

Later on in the month we will be putting together several food hampers to be given to members of our school community.



MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT

The holiday season is quickly approaching and here at Maple Creek plans are in the works to support some of our own families through this difficult time of the year with hampers.

Your child may ask you for a non perishable food donation to help out with this cause.

When you are deciding about your contribution, please take the time to think about your Christmas festivities and what the foods look like on that day.

Breakfast

Pancake mix
Cereal
Syrup
Juice 1litre
Peanut butter
Jam

Dinner

Canned meats
Canned vegetables
Canned tomatoes, pasta and pasta sauce
Rice
Stuffing mix
Cranberry sauce

Desserts & snacks

Candy canes
Granola bars
Cookies
Pickles
Tea/coffee



We will start collecting on Nov. 28 through to Dec. 9. Should you have some perishable items you would like to contribute e.g.: turkey, ham, cheese, bacon, eggs, milk, gift cards, please contact Brenda at 604-464-8581.

Thanks in advance for making a family's Christmas season just a little bit brighter!

CLUBS

OUTDOOR CLUB

Thirty students took advantage of the opportunity to come to "Cliff Hangers" on Nov. 10. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Students challenged themselves to go higher, or try a more difficult wall than they may have felt comfortable with. Each student pushing themselves to new levels and feeling accomplished and successful!



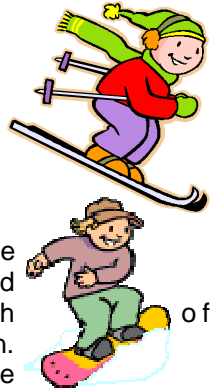
No gain without some pain; we had a few sore fingers and burning arm muscles but all in all a successful trip. A few sore fingers and arms but all in all a successful trip.

Watch out Everest we have some new climbers coming your way!

Our next adventure will be a sleepover in January. See you in the New Year.

SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

We will be starting our Ski and Snowboard season with our first outing to Mount Seymour on Jan. 23, 2012. We will be sending a detailed notice home with interested students on Fri., Nov. 25 and will have the official Ski and Snowboard sign-up on Thurs., Dec. 8 at 8:00 a.m. We will be leaving the school at 3:00 p.m. and returning by approximately 9:00 p.m. each the four Mondays as follows: Jan.23, Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20. Costs for the four trips including chartered bus and all taxes, if all spaces are filled, are: Lessons only package \$140.00 (please note that the lessons only package is for students who already have a Mount Seymour season pass), Lesson and Lift package \$190.00, Lesson, Lift and Equipment Rental package \$255.00. There is space for 90 students so we will be signing up on a first come first served basis. Parents/Guardians wishing to purchase ski/snowboard packages for their child for Christmas, can contact Mrs. James at djames@sd43.bc.ca and confidential arrangements can be made, so as not to spoil the surprise.



CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

Maple Creek hosted a successful mini-meet Oct. 13, with a great effort put in by all runners...including a first place finish for grade 6 boys! We finished the season on another high note at the District Meet on Oct. 20 at Mundy Park, garnering a few ribbons as well as the 2nd place trophy for grade 6 runners. Well done Maple Creek!

With the official cross country season now over, we have decided to continue running weekly just for fun and fitness, with a drop-in running club on Wednesdays from 3-3:45 pm. All runners (and joggers!) are welcome to join us as we explore the trails in our area. To challenge ourselves, we are logging our combined mileage as we attempt to run our way across B.C...come help us out!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Each Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30—8:35 am. Students can come to the Breakfast Club. For \$1, students gets one hot item: which may include 1) bacon, cheese & egg muffin, 2) Ham, cheese and egg muffin, 3) pancake, 4) French toast, 6) breakfast burrito (hash brown, egg, bacon and cheese), or a specialty item: a) yogurt parfait or Wilson Smoothie, b) cereal and milk, c) yogurt, juice or chocolate milk.

Staff and adults may also purchase a breakfast for \$2 (tips are greatly appreciated and will contribute to "buy a kid a breakfast")





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Dear Parents / Guardians,

As the parent or guardian of a student in Coquitlam School District, please find enclosed the first formal report card of this school year. You will notice that this term's report card does not contain all of the information that you have come to expect, with regard to progress in specific curricular areas, and information on other matters including work habit and attitude / social responsibility.

You are likely aware that teachers are currently involved in a labour dispute which began on the first day of the 2011/12 school year. As part of their legal strike action, members of BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) are not preparing report cards. This action, involving all teachers in every school district in the province, is in keeping with a ruling by the Labour Relations Board (LRB) which stated that during the current job action, teachers need not prepare or distribute report cards; or provide any student assessment data to principals or school office staff, except for Grade 12 marks required for graduation, post-secondary applications and scholarship purposes.

The School Act requires that you receive a minimum of three written reports on a form ordered by the Minister of Education or on a form approved by the Board of Education. It is for this reason that schools throughout the province are sending home report cards even though the documents will not include a student's academic progress for grades K-11.

Accordingly, the attached report card contains information on attendance, name of teacher(s) and the courses in which your child is enrolled. Note however, that any courses taught entirely by school principals or vice principals will have the full range of information normally included.

Please be aware that during this job action, while teachers are not preparing report cards, they will continue to gather and record assessment and evaluation information related to your child. Teachers will also continue to communicate student progress to the students through individual feedback, marks on assignments, tests and other indications of overall progress.

I encourage you to contact your child's teacher should you have questions about your child's progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas Grant'.

Thomas Grant

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

Serving the Communities of **Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam** and **Port Moody**

BIG SISTERS & BIG BROTHERS AT MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE

Big Sisters have been involved with Maple Creek for the last 3 years in the form of an 8 week program called "Go Girls, Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds". After 7 sessions approximately 63 young ladies have been lucky enough to partake in the fun and laughter while learning about their bodies and themselves. Is it successful you ask? Well if the amount of students who want to carry on past the eighth week or come back for another session is any indication, I would say definitely! However, this is a one time experience to allow others the opportunity to gain knowledge, self awareness, self confidence, and new friends.

Go Girls will be starting again in January. Interested? Come to Brenda for an application form.

New to Maple Creek for 2012

"Game On, Eat Smart, Play Smart, Live Smart" is a new program to the west coast offered by Big Brothers for middle school aged boys. Much like Go Girls, Game on is an 8 week program run by young volunteer mentors focusing on a range of healthy lifestyle practices through non-traditional physical activities, complemented with healthy eating support, life skills, communication and emotional health discussions, while having fun and laughter!

Game On will be offered this January. Interested students should come to see Brenda for the information and registration forms.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Upcoming Events at Place des Arts

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

Family Day at PdA!

Sunday, November 20, 1:30-3:30PM

Gather up the family and tour Place des Arts annual *Positively Petite* miniature exhibition. Then participate in a variety of all-ages, drop-in style workshops that celebrate *small* and create your very own lantern in preparation for *Light up the Square a Lantern Affair* on December 3. Don't be intimidated by art, get engaged in it! Admission by donation. **Reserve your spot by calling 604.664.1636 before Tuesday, November 15.**

Light up the Square: A Lantern Affair

Saturday, December 3, 4:30-7:30PM

Welcome in the light during Light up the Square's lantern affair! Discover the Japanese taiko drumming tradition that lures the sun; drop in on a variety of arts and crafts activities for all ages; get into the spirit of the season with live music and song and be entranced by a musical performance of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* staged by RA Productions. This is a free community event.

Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

Place des Arts has some great workshops for children and youth coming up in November and December. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years)

Create your own stop-motion animated film! Plan a story, make a storyboard, design and build your own characters and sets, and then shoot and edit your film, practicing techniques in shot composition, movement and timing. Add voices and music and upload it to YouTube! A digital camera with removable card is recommended for this class.

9139 • W • Nov 23-Nov 30 • 3:30 - 6:00 PM • \$46.50

Graphic Novel Workshop (11-17 years)

Dive into the world of comic book making! Whether your interest is Japanese manga, humour comics or superheroes, you'll learn to design your own cast of characters, plot and lay out scenes across eye-catching pages, and share your story in an inventive and engaging way.

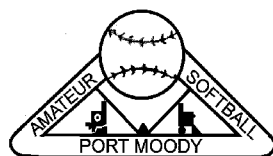
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Felted Christmas Ornaments (8-14 years)

Create beautiful felted ornaments such as bejewelled Christmas balls or a garland of felted stars. Explore different wet felting techniques and acquire the skills necessary to create finished pieces. Felting is quick, fun and a great way to make gifts. Materials kits provided.

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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!

Free skills clinics are happening now at Glenayre Elementary School gym – Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Registration dates:

January 14 & 21, 2012 from 2:30-5pm

Upcoming Workshops with Kenten Bowick!

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