



# Birchland Elementary School

## E-News

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### Around Birchland – [fpearse@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:fpearse@sd43.bc.ca)

There really is never a dull moment around Birchland. Last Friday the children were thrilled as we opened our new forest play area. As you will probably remember this playground is the result of a ‘School Community Connections Grant’ that we



received. This grant comes out of a one-time \$10 million dollar investment by the Provincial Government in 2005. The grant is managed by the union of BC municipalities and the BC School Trustees Association. The district crews started their work by leveling the ground



and removing a few of the smaller trees that were in the area. Unfortunately this work took a little longer than we had hoped due to the amount of rain we encountered this spring. After the site was prepared, several large rocks were brought



in and placed in both a large circle and path through the play area. The crews also took several large logs, flattened the top of them and used them to add to the rock path. The crews then put down landscaping fabric in the anticipation of the arrival of 135 yards of wood chips! Finally crews moved the wood chips



into place and we were able to open the playground! Unfortunately the first day we opened it, students were able to play for about 15 minutes before their play was interrupted by the presence of a bear on the playground! Finally, today, students were able to spend their entire recess and lunch in the new area! Over the past week our students have also been thrilled to start using much of the new playground equipment that was purchased with the “Be There For Schools” grant. It has also been great to have the students from Mrs. Odberg’s class taking responsibility for our new equipment. Moving it out before recess and lunch and then ensuring it all comes back in at the end of each break!



Frank Pearse – Principal

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## School Supplies

Next year's school supply list went home with students last week and is available [on line](#). If you are placing an order with Creative Children, please have the order form and payment to the office by **FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**. You may still order after this date directly with Creative Children.

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## Tola Yoga & Fitness



**TOLA YOGA & FITNESS**  
*Balance for life*

A huge thanks for Tola Yoga for hosting our second Birchland Yoga Fundraising evening. Between the two events we have help thus far we have raised almost \$200 towards our Smart Board fundraising goals! Look for information on a third Yoga night coming soon!

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## Two Weeks at a Glance ([Click for the full Birchland Calendar](#))

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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- May 27 – “H2Whoa” play for students
- May 27 – Birchland E News Published
- May 28 – Fruit & Veggie program; Spartan apples
- May 28 - Lunch Lady (optional)
- May 28 – Field Trip: Mrs. Baruffa & Mrs. Rutherford
- **May 29 - Young Performers Workshop (LAST CLASS)**
- May 30 - Aboriginal Cultural Program
- May 31 – Grab & Go
- May 31 – Birthday Club for May
- **June 3 – All About Me (last week)**
- June 4 – Terry Fox Library visit “Summer Reading Program”
- June 4 – Lunch Lady (optional)
- June 6 – Grade 4/5 swimming
- June 6 - Aboriginal Cultural Program
- June 7 - Sports Day – Rain or Shine

Our 2013-2014 school calendar has now been finalized and is available on our school website. Please [“Click Here”](#) to see the calendar or visit the documents section of our school website.

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## Call for help from Coquitlam RCMP

The Coquitlam RCMP are looking for your assistance with their investigation into an incident at Lafarge Lake earlier in May. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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## Lost & found

We have a number of items in our lost and found. If you are missing any clothing, it just might be there. It is located by our “recess doors”. Those items not claimed by the end of the year will be donated.



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***“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.”***

- Pablo Picasso



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## FREE Gerbils still available!!



Mr. Cummings has a few extra gerbils hanging around, they are available for adoption to a good home. If you have a cage please contact Mr. Cummings at the school. Based on our experience it is best to keep male and female gerbils in separate cages. The gerbils we are giving away do not currently know how to hold a microphone or sing...however with proper training, anything is possible!



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## Community Information

The following groups have requested that we distribute information regarding their community events. Although some of these activities may take place in School District 43 Schools we do not organize or endorse these groups or organizations, we simply pass along the information.

**Street Hockey Tournament for Canada Day, on July 1st at Lafarge Lake in Coquitlam.** The event will be held from 12:30pm - 8pm in the parking lot of Town Centre Park. The age groups for this Tournament are from 8 years old to 13 years. [Click here for details](#)

**Vancouver All Stars Baseball** - We are affiliated with Little League Baseball, Baseball BC, Softball BC, Canadian Tire Jumpstart, and the Vancouver Canadians and run a summer camp for boys and girls age 6 to 13. We will be hosting camps at 7 locations in the Lower Mainland, one of those being Mackin Park in Coquitlam. [Click here for more details.](#)

**City of Port Coquitlam – Kids Play Zone;** Come on down to ride, jump and play in Port Coquitlam coolest family attraction! Inflatable Slide - Bouncy Castles - Sport Zone - Plasma Cars – Toys Kiddies Corner - Toddler Territory - Inflatable Obstacle Course May 21<sup>st</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> 2013, Tuesday's & Thursday's 9am-1pm, Children 10 & Under, A Parent Participation Program [Please see website for details.](#)

### We have a summer program for you!

The Meridian Village Tenant Association is partnering with Canadian Tire Jump Start, Port Coquitlam Parks and Recreation and SHARE to bring Youth Leaders to our site, located at 3120 Coast Meridian Road, to lead our children and youth in sports and games throughout the summer. **You do not have to be a resident of Meridian Village to participate in the programming.** The program is funded by Canadian Tire Jump Start. There is no out of pocket cost to parents or families. We will help you fill out an application form for Spring / Summer Jump Start funding, which covers the cost of your child's participation. This will not affect your fall Jump Start funding. We just ask that if you sign up, that your child does attend the programs. We will have further details on times, dates and free snacks once we have a general idea of the number of participants. This year, we will be aiming for late afternoon or early evening program times. For further information or to sign up, please contact Erica Padley by phone at (604) 475-4073 or by e-mail at [mvtenantassociation@gmail.com](mailto:mvtenantassociation@gmail.com).

### Summer Fun! at Place des Arts - Registration opening: April 28, 9am.

Registration for Place des Arts' popular *Summer Fun!* Art Camps begins on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 9am. *Summer Fun!* runs for 6 weeks from July 2 to August 9 and is full of stimulating and creative visual art, music, dance, drama and literary art classes for kids ages 5 to 12 and youth ages 11 to 14. *Summer Fun!* offers flexibility, choice, innovation, high quality instruction, after-hours care and, of course, lots of summertime fun. Unlike other art camps with set schedules, *Summer Fun!* allows students to tailor a schedule of classes to match their specific needs and interests.

Registration may be done online at [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca) or in person at Place des Arts.

**Port Coquitlam Minor Hockey Association** is holding new player registration for the 2013-2014 season on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the lobby at the Port Coquitlam Rec Centre. For more information, please click [here](#).

**PoCo Euro-Rite FC**– is offering spring academy's for various ages, please visit their [website](#).

**Royal Soccer Club Summer Camps** – [click here for information](#).



SCHOOL DISTRICT #43 COMMUNITY SCHOOL'S:

## SUMMER DAY CAMP 2013

### Central Camp

**Age:** 6 years to 12 years  
**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00 AM- 2:45 PM  
**Where:** 2260 Central ave, PoCo  
**Cost:** \$95- 5day, \$80- 4day



### Maple Creek Camp

**Age:** 6 years to 12 years  
**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00 AM- 2:45 PM  
**Where:** 3700 Hastings st, PoCo  
**Cost:** \$95- 5day, \$80- 4day



### Coquitlam River Camp

**Age:** 6 years to 12 years  
**Date:** July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00 AM- 2:45 PM  
**Where:** 4250 Shaugnessy st, PoCo  
**Cost:** \$95- 5day, \$80- 4day



### Red Wolf Camp – Aboriginal Education Camp

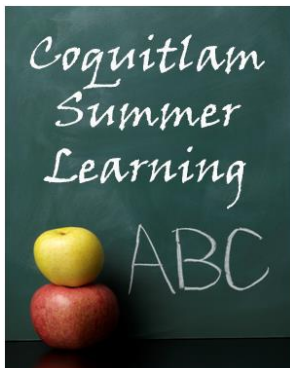
**Age:** 8 years to 10 years  
**Age:** 11 years to 13 years  
**Time:** 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM  
**Cost:** \$50- 5day, \$40- 4day

**Date:** July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Date:** July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** 2215 Reeve st, PoCo

### How to Register

Registration is online. Please go to Central Community School's Website to register. If you wish to register by paper registration, the registration forms are available through the Central Community Programs Webpage. If you have any problems please email [dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca) for the Central, Coquitlam River and Maple Creek Camps. For the Red Wolf- Aboriginal Education Camp please contact: [mkey@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mkey@sd43.bc.ca)

Happy Camping!!!



## Summer Learning 2013 ONLINE Registration Dates

Elementary Skill Building – May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Middle Skill Building - May 30<sup>th</sup>

You must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please visit our website and create/update your account **now**.

Visit [www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)