



Birchland Elementary School

E-News

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Once again Sports Day was a huge success at Birchland. Although it was our second straight year inside due to the rain, all of the children managed to have a great time and seemed thoroughly tuckered out by days end! A huge thank you to the team of parents who organized and coordinated the food for the day. Each student received a “somewhat unhealthy” recess treat and then a hot dog for lunch. The parents also ran a full concession providing options that met the BC Ministry of Education’s Healthy Food guidelines.

I would also like to formally thank our staff for all of the effort they put into this very hectic day, especially to Mrs. Quarin who acted as coordinator for Sports Day

this year!



Please pay close attention to the calendar in June as it is a very busy time at Birchland. There are many events and activities going on, and I know how sad students are when they miss something because they end up double booked.

Frank Pearse – Principal

Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony

Our Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th at 9:30 AM. The ceremony will be followed by an opportunity for photos with parents. Grade 5’s and our staff will then be fed lunch by a group of grade 5 parents compliments of our PAC group. All grade 5 parents should have received a notice about this last week, if you did not please contact the office.

June / July Birthday Club

A few students have been asking how Birthday Club works at the end of the year. Due to the busy calendar June and July Birthday club will be held on Monday, June 17th at 2:30 PM in the foyer.

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
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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- June 10 – Birchland E News Published
- June 11 – Fruit / Veggie Program; grape tomatoes
- June 11 - Lunch Lady (optional)
- June 12 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- June 13 – Parent Tea
- June 13 - Aboriginal Cultural Program
- June 14 – Gr 4/5 Swimming
- June 17 -
- June 18 - Lunch Lady (optional)
- June 19 – Grade 4/5 swimming
- June 21 – Gr 5’s to Cultus Lake Waterslides

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.

Parent Tea – Thursday, June 13th @ 9:30 AM

Our staff and students will be hosting our Parent Appreciation Tea this Thursday, June 13th @ 9:30 AM. As we believe that all parents are key to the success of their children we invite all parents to this event. During the event, our students will sing some thank you songs, we will have some presentations to members of our PAC group, and light refreshments will be provided.

Talent Show – Thursday, June 27th, 2013 @ 10:30

The Birchland Talent Show will take place on June 27th @ 10:30 in the gymnasium. This fun event is a great kick off to the summer and allows some Birchland students to profile their at times unique, talents. Following the talent show we encourage families to grab their report cards and head off for the start of summer vacation. For students who do not have a place to be for the afternoon activities will be planned here at the school.

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.



FREE Gerbils still available!! We have a cage as well!



Mr. Cummings has a few extra gerbils hanging around, they are available for adoption to a good home. We have one cage that has been donation if you need one or if you have your own 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!



“When we educate the minds of our students, we must not forget to educate their hearts!”

- Dalai Lama

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.

Science World – has coupons available for all students. [Please click here](#) or <http://www.scienceworld.ca/promotions>

City of Port Coquitlam –has a variety of [activities](#) over the summer and their latest newsletter is [available](#).

The Tri-Cities Literacy Committee [STORIES GALORE](#) - is a series of fabulous story time events in the local parks in the summer and it is FREE. Sponsored by our Tri-Cities Family Literacy Committee and paid for through Raise a Reader funding.

Hello! On June 15th, from 12:30-3:00 PM, there will be a Toy Swap at Moody Elementary, hosted by Community Leadership Force. CLF is a group of students from Port Moody Secondary that hold a yearly event to engage families within our community. This year, we decided to host a Toy Swap that involves children (along with their parents) to exchange their toys for tickets, allowing them the freedom to "buy" other swapped toys. We ask that the toys be in relatively good condition in order to ensure a satisfied swap for everyone.

[KidSport Tri-Cities Bi-Annual Used Equipment Sale](#) - KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated Bi-Annual Used Sporting Goods Sale, Presented by Westminster Savings: Saturday, August 17th from 10am until 2pm Coquitlam Main Arena, Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex, 633 Poirier Ave. Admission is by donation or item for the food bank

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 21st – July 18th 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.

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 or in person at Place des Arts.

Port Coquitlam Minor Hockey Association is holding new player registration for the 2013-2014 season on May 25th 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 2nd to August 9th
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 2nd to July 19th
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 22nd to Aug. 9th
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 8th to July 26th
Date: July 29th to August 9th
Where: 2215 Reeve st, PoCo

How to Register

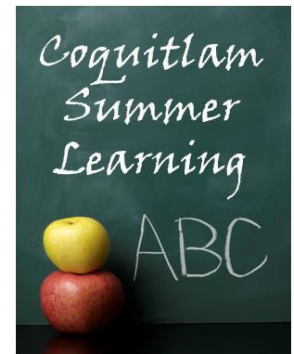
Registration is online. Please go to Central Community School's Website to register. If you wish to register by paper registration, the registration forms are available through the Central Community Programs Webpage or [click here](#). If you have any problems please email dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca for the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

Happy Camping!!!

Summer Learning Elementary Classes

Free for most BC Residents

July 9 to 26
9am to Noon



Fine Arts, French Immersion, Math, Reading & Writing, Science

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

www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca