



Birchland Elementary School

E-News

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Unfortunately more often than not the end of a school year involves saying “Goodbye” to some wonderful staff members. This year, Birchland is bidding farewell to a number of staff members. Some long serving and others who have been here a relatively short period of time:

- Mr. Miyanaga has been an integral part of Birchland for the past eight years. In his time at Birchland he has been a beloved teacher to every child he has come in touch with and an amazing leader on our staff. I know that it is with very mixed emotions that Mr. Miyanaga accepted a position at Leigh Elementary for next school year. He will be greatly missed.
- Mrs. Keno, who works as the T.A. in our school office, has made the decision to leave the school district and pursue other opportunities. The friendly face she has presented our children, and helpful nature that she extended towards our staff will be sadly missed in the coming years. We wish her all the best in the future.
- It seems like we say goodbye to Mrs. Crawford each year at Birchland. Unfortunately, she was once again laid off as part of the district’s yearly staffing process. Although we do hold out hope that we will find a way to have her return to us again in September, we understand that this is not likely and bid a sad farewell to Mrs. Crawford.
- Mrs. Hundle has worked as our school counselor for most of the past two years. During this time she has made connections with numerous children and their families to offer her expertise and support. She has accepted a new position (that includes more counseling time which will be a plus for her) at Coquitlam River Elementary next year. Good luck Mrs. Hundle – you will be missed.
- Although Ms. Allen has only been at Birchland a short time, she has done an amazing job providing support for our students and contributing around Birchland. She has been with us since January in replacement of Mrs. Kopf while she dealt with some health issues. The good news is that Mrs. Kopf will be back in September, but unfortunately this means that we will say goodbye to Ms. Allen. I am sure she will be making many appearances next year however, as she returns to the T.O.C. list and will be back to help when the flu strikes.
- We have also just learned that Mrs. Van De Kuijlen will also be leaving us next year. Although she just arrived at Birchland last September and was only here 3 hours a day, her expertise as an Educational Assistant were greatly valued by our staff and students. Mrs. V. doesn’t yet know where she will be next year, but we know that the school she moves to will be very fortunate to have her!

We will be taking a few minutes at the end of our talent show tomorrow to wish our departing staff goodbye.

Believe it or not there are actually a few staff members who will be staying at Birchland next year – OK, actually most of us are staying next year. A few parents have been inquiring about our class organization for the 2013-2014 school year. Unfortunately I have been unable to give an answer as we don’t yet know what things will look like. Currently we are right on the cusp between having 7 or 8 divisions in the school. We will need to wait until the first week of September, count how many students actually show up, and then work on organizing the school.

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Despite the uncertainty around our organization I do know that when we show up in September everyone will be refreshed and ready for another amazing year. Although it seems like the last thing I would sign up for right now you will probably once again find me dressing up in some strange costume and allowing students to do something silly to me at our September family BBQ.

Have a restful and safe summer holiday! See you in September.

Frank Pearse – Principal

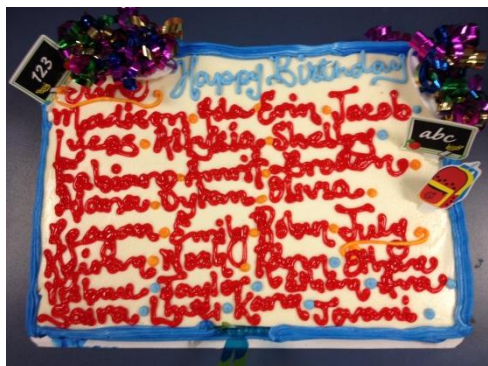
Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony & luncheon for students

Our Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony took place on Tuesday, June 25th at 9:30 AM. The ceremony went very well and was capped off with an amazing grade 5 slideshow. Following the ceremony the students enjoyed an amazing lunch cooked by Ms. McLeod. They, and our staff, dined on “Fully Loaded Baked Potatoes”, baked chicken, and salad before having a go at the ice cream sundae bar! A huge thanks to Ms. McLeod for all of her work on this event and to the group of grade 5 parents who helped organize everything the day of the event.

As I watched our kindergarten students present each leaving grade 5 with a flower I had a moment to become a little reflective on the transformation that takes place during a child’s Elementary School years. There was something about watching the K’s pass the carnation to the 5’s that made me realize how far each of our students comes in their six years here. Before me I saw a group of confident students who were well prepared for the challenges of Middle School, that has all started out as wobbly footed kindergartens just a few short years ago.

Although I know they don’t need it: **“Good Luck to the Birchland Class of 2013!”** we’re, going to miss you guys!

June / July Birthday Club



As you all know the Birchland Birthday club has been sponsored by Coopers Foods all year. I would like to extend a personal thank you to Coopers for the wonderful cakes they have provided to us. June and July Birthday Club took place last Monday, and always was a wonderful celebration.



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

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- June 24 – Birchland E News Published
- June 24 – Field trip; Mrs. Lloyd/Odberg/Crawford & Quarin
- June 25 – Grade 5 Leaving Assembly and Luncheon for Students
- June 25 - Lunch Lady (optional)
- **June 26 – THEME DAY! Spirit of Canada-wear-red and/or white**
- June 26 – Talent Show ; DRESS REHEARSAL
- June 26 – Field Trip; Gr 4/5 “Romeo & Juliet”
- **June 27 – Talent Show! 10:30 am – 11:55 am**
- June 27 – Summer break starts!!!!
- TUESDAY, Sept 3- first day of school for 2013/14

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

The Birchland Talent Show will take place on June 27th @ 10:30 am 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 will be on display in our front foyer Thursday morning, just waiting to be claimed!



“People don’t notice whether it’s winter or summer when they’re happy!”

- Anton Chekhov

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.

Port Moody Art Centre is a non-profit, charitable organization that's been serving the community for 15 years. They offer programs for children, youth and adults and are located in the tri-cities on St. John's St in Port Moody. All the details about the programs can be found on their website, www.pomoarts.ca, and in the [guide](#).

Space Centre School Coupon for the Summer 2013 - Here is the link to the 2 for 1 Admission coupon: <http://www.spacecentre.ca/school-coupon> Students may print the webpage and present the coupon at time of admission to Guest Services. The coupon expires on Monday, September 2, 2013. This student coupon is valid for K-12.

Summer Improv Camps again this July & August for Kids and Teens at SECOND STOREY THEATRE. Registration is available through www.SSTimprov.com. This is an amazing intensive program for kids and teens of all experience levels who want to jump right into the world of comedy improv!

Film and TV Audition Camps - Vancouver Youth Theatre; [click here for more info](#).

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.

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

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.

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 Shaughnessy 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

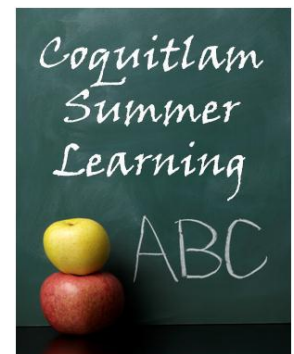
Registration is online. Please go to Central Community School's Website to register. If you wish to register by paper registration, the registration forms are available through the Central Community Programs Webpage or [click here](#). If you have any problems please email dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca for the 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