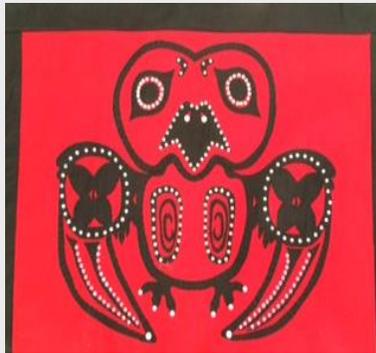




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Talking Circles

This term our classes will be taking part in talking circles as part of our school goal.

Learn how oral history and respectful communication are key to Aboriginal culture.

Learn about the different uses of the talking circle in Aboriginal culture (problem solving, communication - everyone has voice).

Learn about the protocols of talking circles (respect, active listening, appreciation for one another, the right to pass, self-regulation in the circle)

Be introduced to key concepts of honour, trust, courage, respect, and patience

New Speaker

Thank you PAC, we are starting to order and receive items from our wish list. You heard our new speaker at the Winter Concert.



Detached Addition Open House

Due to a projected increase in the number of elementary school-aged students in the Blakeburn catchment, additional classroom space is required. School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) would like to invite the Community to an Open House regarding the proposed detached addition for Blakeburn Elementary School.

The goals of the Open House are:

- to provide background information on the need for additional classroom space,
- to share the preliminary design drawings for the detached addition, and
- to discuss the proposed timeline for construction of this project.

The Open House will run from **4:30 – 6:00 pm on Monday, January 11th, 2016 in the library at Blakeburn Elementary School (1040 Riverside Drive, Port Coquitlam).**



I Choose Kindness

For Pink Shirt Day, we will have a Kindness theme. Terry Fox is selling t-shirts to raise money for Kidsport. We have created an online order form for you if you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt.

Electronic Permission Slips & Payment

You can register your online payment account for upcoming fees.

We are still collecting for tennis and now are sending out the online payment form for the "I Choose Kindness" t-shirts starting January 4th.

Here's how to get started today:
Go to:

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>

1. Register your account.
2. View and pay fees online.

It is important to register even if you are not using the online payment option as this is how permissions for field trips will eventually be communicated.

Beyond the Bell

Kids in the Kitchen

Mondays Jan. 18 – Mar. 7th from 2 :45pm – 4 :45pm.

Art Attack (Self Portraits)

Tuesdays Jan.19 - Mar. 8th
2:45pm - 4:15pm.

Register : www.experienceit.ca or
604.927.PLAY

Link to the SD43 Program Brochure:

For information about schools and program information, please follow the link below:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Documents/SD43%20ProgramInsert%20Dec2015.pdf>

Calendar Items

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
11 Tennis Bounce (Jan. 7-11 Birthdays) Detached Addition Open House 4:30-6:00	12 Tennis Dancers of Damelhamid 9:00	13 Tennis Bounce (Jan 12 & 13 Birthdays)	14 Tennis	15 Tennis PAC Hot Lunch (hot dog day)
18 Tennis PAC Meeting (Library 6:45pm)	19 Tennis	20 Bounce (Jan. 14-20 Birthdays)	21	22
25	26 Fruit & Veggie (Kiwi)	27	28	29 School Based Pro-D Day

Please note that February 9th and May 13th have been added as non-instructional days in order for teachers to work on curriculum implementation.

Free Ready, Set, Learn Event for Families

Children will be able to participate in a variety of play based learning activities, listen to stories and have a healthy snack. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with early childhood education experts and local community agencies. Adding even more fun to the festivities, enjoy an award-winning show by children's entertainer Will Stroet. Morning shows will be at 10 am and afternoon shows will be at 1:30 pm.

Drop into any one of the following events. It's all free!

The **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative, sponsored by the BC Ministry of Education provides families with an opportunity to make positive connections with the school system and local community agencies.

Wednesday, February 10

9:00-11:30

Heritage Mountain Elementary

Wednesday, February 10

12:30-3:00

Coquitlam River Elementary

Tuesday, February 23

12:30-3:00

Roy Stibbs Elementary

Tuesday, February 16

9:00-11:30

Seaview Elementary

Thursday, February 18

12:30-3:00

Hazel Trembath Elementary

Thursday, February 18

9:00-11:30

Cedar Drive Elementary

Tuesday, February 23

9:00-11:30

Riverview Park Elementary

Cinekids

Mini movie classes are an after-school acting and film making activity workshop designed for kids grades 3 to 5, introducing them to the amazing world of acting for movies in a fun and engaging way! At the end of the program every child takes home a Mini Movie clip of a 5-7 minute scene (starring themselves) to share with friends and family. Filmed on a real digital film camera with real movie lights and a small movie crew, this is a wonderful souvenir for young children dreaming of being in a movie! **Please find the registration form attached if you are interested.**

Parking Lot

Our parking lot is simply not large enough to have every parent be able to park and go in and retrieve their child. Nobody should leave their vehicle if you are in the pick-up and drop-off zone. We have people blocking the through traffic.

There are several things you can do to make our parking lot run more smoothly:

- Arrive at 2:50 instead of before 2:45.
- Do not park in the bus zone.
- Do not block traffic; you can loop around and come in again.
- If you have to come into the school, you need to find parking in the neighborhood and walk.

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 am** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 am via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and on CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

January 8, 2016

News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Next PAC Meeting – Monday, January 18

The PAC welcomes all parents of Blakeburn children to attend PAC meetings. The meeting starts at 6:45pm and is usually done around 8pm, and they take place in the school library.

More info here: <http://www.blakeburnpac.org/our-meetings.html>

Parent Volunteer Needed to Review PAC Accounts

Are you familiar with bookkeeping and financial statements? The PAC needs you! The PAC requires a parent volunteer to review the PAC accounts for last year. The volunteer doesn't have to be a designated accountant. Email Sandy at treasurer@blakeburnpac.org for more information.

Parent Education Spotlight: The New Curriculum

Parents, do you have questions about the new curriculum, which begins implementation in September? The following link provides answers to some frequently asked questions.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/faq.pdf>

Quick Volunteer Opportunities

Want to get involved in the school but don't have a lot of time? Get on our list to be informed about quick volunteer opportunities. Email Liesl at communications@blakeburnpac.org and we will pop you an email to let you know when parents are needed, and you can decide if you can make it.

We hold a few PAC activities through the year that need parents for no more than an hour, including:

- Monthly – Hot lunches and Treat days
- May – Staff Appreciation Lunch
- June - Carnival

We appreciate all the parents who give their time and energy to the school through supporting PAC and school activities!

Community Information

City of Port Coquitlam

It is that time of year and we are running Winter Day Camps for 3-5 year olds and 5-10 year olds – see below:
[http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/Recreation and Culture/Children Youth/Children s Services/Children Service s Winter Day Camps.htm](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/Recreation%20and%20Culture/Children%20Youth/Children's%20Services/Children's%20Services/Winter%20Day%20Camps.htm)



Adult Learning Opportunities

Want to Graduate?

Call our Learning Centre (CLOC) at 604.945.4211 to book an advising appointment – You might be closer to graduation than you think. We have **tuition-free** courses for non-graduates*.

Need a Course or Want to Upgrade a Mark?

Class-room based and self-paced courses are available: Accounting 11/12, Biology 11/12, Communications 11/12, Chemistry 11/12, English 11/12, Geography 12, History 12, Math 11/12 (all) Physics 11/12, Planning 12, Social Studies 11 and more!

High School course registration opens online on December 15th for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is on-going. Visit www.ce43.com for account creation and registration information.

Want to Learn English?

We have free* Foundations classes to support you. Language Assessment is required prior to registration.

Visit Montgomery Centre Thursday nights from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Visit www.ce43.com for documentation requirements.

Are you New to Canada?

We have Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes to help improve English Language skills (beginner to intermediate) and provide settlement information and support. These are free classes funded by the Canadian Government through a grant provided by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Daytime and evening classes are available, and child-minding is available for daytime classes.



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We also offer **Diploma & Certificate Programs**: Administrative Assistant, Building Service Worker, Computerized Accounting, Community Support Worker, Dental Receptionist, Games Studies, Health Care Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, and Beauty & Special Effects Make-up. Visit www.vocationalprograms for more information.

Visit www.ce43.com for locations and more information on all of our programs.

*Subject to Canadian status and BC residency requirements.

