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<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/>



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.

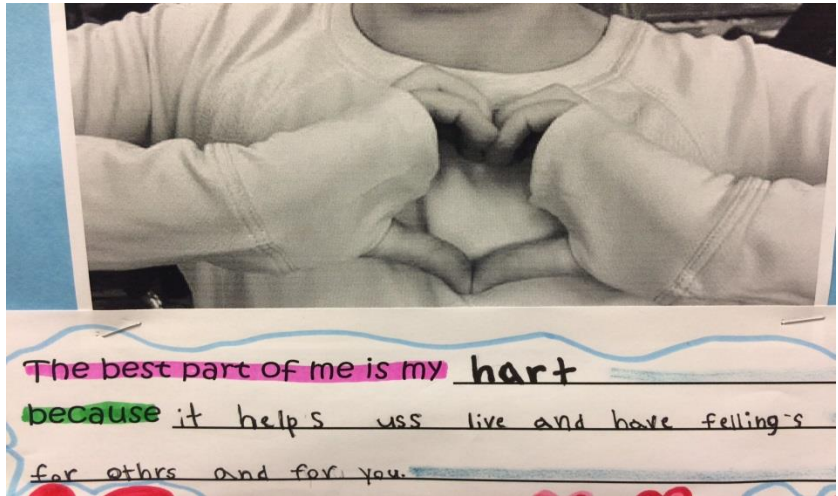
Learn about the different uses of the talking circle in Aboriginal culture (problem solving, communication - everyone has voice).

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

Grade 2/3 Games

Thank you to the Blakeburn PAC, the grade 2/3 classes are enjoying their new classroom games.



Addition Open House

Thank you for your feedback on the addition to Blakeburn. Due to a projected increase in the number of elementary school-aged students in the Blakeburn catchment, additional classroom space is required.

Tennis

The tennis program was a great success. Students are progressing with this life-time sport. We appreciate the family support for this program and have enjoyed the "Fun Tennis Services Inc." who work so well with our students.

Gymnastics

Mr. McComb will be joining us to work alongside teachers for our gymnastics unit. The students will be working on building floor sequences that include travelling, balancing and rotations.

LICE911

February 2nd & 3rd LICE911 professionals will be checking heads at the school. Many people have handed in their permission slips but we are still waiting on a few families. The permission slip is attached.



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.

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

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.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 Online Absence Report Button: Absence Report](#)

Calendar Items

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
25 Talking Circles	26 Talking Circles Fruit & Veggie (Kiwi)	27 Talking Circles No Bounce Gymnastics Deadline for Kindness Shirt Orders	28 No Bounce Gymnastics	29 School Based Pro-D Day
1 No Bounce Gymnastics	2 Kindergarten Registration LICE 911	3 Kindergarten Registration LICE 911	4 Kindergarten Registration Talking Circles	5 No Bounce Gymnastics Cross Catchment Opens
8 Family Day No School	9 Curriculum Implementation Day No School	10 Minnekhada Middle Parent Info Night Ready, set learn (incoming K) at Coquitlam River 12:30	11	12 Friendship Day Valentine Treat Day
15 No Bounce Gymnastics	16 Fruit & Veggie (celery sticks)	17	18 No Bounce Gymnastics	19 District Pro-D Day No School

Take Five

Take five is a mindfulness strategy. The challenge is to take five, five times during the day. Essentially that entails focussing on five slow breaths and becoming aware of your surroundings. Try taking five with us.

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 B.C. 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

Nut Allergies

Some of the students in our school have a severe allergy to peanuts. Because of this health concern we ask you to avoid sending snacks containing peanuts and peanut butter to school. Please remind your child not to share recess snacks with other students so that you know what your child is eating at school.

Washing hands after eating (including breakfast), especially if peanut products are eaten, is a healthy routine for all of us to establish and practice. Your cooperation with this situation will help to ensure the safety of all students in the school.



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!

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.

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News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Know about Bookkeeping?

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.

Giving out hot lunches

Join the fun on PAC Hot Lunch days to help give out food to excited kids. Come at 11:40 to the school. Contact Tanya at hotlunch@blakeburnpac.org for more info or to get on her list for reminders.

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>

Blakeburn's yearbook wants your photos

Each spring, Blakeburn's PAC prints a yearbook for the school community to remember the year that was. The yearbook includes students' individual and class photos, along with pictures from school events.

The PAC does not employ a photographer for school events, but relies on parents to submit pictures to fill the pages with fantastic memories.

Production of this year's book is underway, so we're putting the call out for your photos from September through January.

Photos may be emailed to blakeburnyearbook@shaw.ca or placed on a USB drive and left at the school office. (If you're sending a photo from your smartphone, please send it in its original file size as changing the file size may reduce the resolution below what's needed for printing.)

Please submit your photos by February 12.

To unsubscribe to this newsletter please email sfiset@sd43.bc.ca

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



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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Looking for a New Career or Want to Improve Your Skills?

We offer **Continuing Studies Courses**: Accounting, Bookkeeping, Business Communications, Computerized Accounting, Digital Photography, Employment Preparation, Keyboarding, Microsoft Office, Payroll, Photoshop, Records & File Management, Special Effects Make-up & Beauty Make-up, Ten Key Number Pad, How to Get Better Grades in School, Introduction to Medical Terminology for ESL, and Spanish.



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.

