

 **BLAKEBURN ELEMENTARY** 

*A caring, creative, intelligent school!!*

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

## Hip Hop

We will be planning for hip hop again this year. Each class will get 6 lessons. The entire unit will culminate in a sharing with parents on May 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Hip Hop Online

You can register your online payment account for upcoming Hip Hop fees (beginning Wednesday, March 9, 2016).

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.**



## *Exploration of Identity through memories, stories and collections*

All of the children have completed their own memory collection. We explored collections in a gallery walk which included special boxes and collections that belong to the teachers. The students then brought in many treasures to decorate their own boxes. The boxes are individual and they make a beautiful collection together.



We then went on to create art cards that were personalized for each child. Each child beaded a memory string. Each memory string holds buttons or beads representing each year for the age of the child. We will be sending home a writing page for you to complete with your child. Each space signifying a fond memory.

## Beyond the Bell

### Basketball

Mondays  
 April 11- May 9  
 2 :45pm – 4 :45pm

### Science Nuts

Wednesdays  
 April 13- May 11  
 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Register : [www.experienceit.ca](http://www.experienceit.ca) or  
 604.927.PLAY

## Early Dismissal

Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is an early dismissal day. School ends at 1:45. Please ensure your child has arrangements for after school. If a teacher feels it is important to meet around this March report card they will contact you to make an appointment. If you feel it is important to meet with the teachers you can call to make an appointment.



## SWATZ

Our latest SWATZ fundraiser raised \$537.36. This makes a total of \$1120.24 raised this year. This year we had some generous donations made by students. One child found ten dollars outside. He returned the money to the office and said if nobody picks it up he would like to donate it to SWATZ. We are very proud of him.

## Link to Online Absence Report

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

## Calendar Items

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7 PAC Meeting 6:45pm	8 Early Dismissal (1:45pm)	9 Report Cards Home	10	11 PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza Day)  Last Day before Spring Break
28	29 School Re- opens	30	31	1 PAC Hot Lunch (Quiznos)
4	5 Fruit & veggie program (snap peas)	6	7	8
11 PAC Meeting 6:45pm	12	13 Como Lake Relays	14 Early Dismissal Student-Led  Parent Appreciation Tea 1-1:45	15 Pro-d Day  No school in session

## 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.

“Scientific evidence suggests that we can change our brains by cultivating habits that will improve well-being. They include happiness, resilience, compassion, and emotional balance.”

-Dr. Ricard J. Davidson, neuroscientist, the University of Wisconsin-Madison

## The Parking Lot

Our parking lot is busy and crowded. I ask that you exercise extreme patience. We get a lot of people through here in a very short time. Help us keep your children safe and model kindness and respect for our school.

Please:

- Be patient, you may need to wait.
- Do not leave your car if it is stopped.
- When you are stopping, ensure that there is a lane for traffic to flow.
- Do not honk.
- When it is raining it is even more important to follow the courtesies above as visibility is poor.
- Older students are old enough to wait, if you have an intermediate child they can wait ten minutes and then you can go through the parking lot freely.

Our school is growing but the parking lot is not, so we need to get people to cooperate and start staggering your pick-ups. We need to encourage more people to walk. And we have to increase our patience. We are in this together, let's make it work.

## 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.



March 4, 2016

## NewsFrom the PAC

Website: [www.blakeburnpac.org](http://www.blakeburnpac.org)

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

### Next PAC Meeting – Monday, March 7, 6:45-8:00ish

Come see what the PAC is all about, hear from the Principal and the PAC about what's going on and being planned in the school. The meeting starts at 6:45pm and is usually done around 8pm, and takes place in the school library. More info here: <http://www.blakeburnpac.org/our-meetings.html>

### Carnival – Save the Date – June 10, 4:30-7:30

Interested in being part of the fun? We are looking for one parent to be the Team Lead for Student Volunteers and one to be the Team Lead for Food & Beverage. Next meeting is Friday, March 4th at 8:45am. Email [fundraising@blakeburn.org](mailto:fundraising@blakeburn.org) with any questions.

### Think about Joining the PAC Next Year!

Interested in getting more involved at Blakeburn and meeting other parents dedicated to helping our school community? The PAC has a number of opportunities for parents to get involved in small or larger roles. No previous experience is required, and how much you put in is up to you!

The PAC is seeking parents specifically interested in these positions:

- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **DPAC Representative**
- **Hot Lunch**
- **Parent Volunteer Coordinator**

### All PAC positions:

Blakeburn parents are invited to run for election for any PAC positions (listed below).

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- DPAC
- Fundraising Committee
- Health & Safety
- Parent Communications
- Parent Education
- Hot Lunch Coordinator
- Parent Volunteer Coordinator
- Members at Large

If you are interested or have questions about these roles, email the PAC President, Vandhana Misri, at [vanmis93@gmail.com](mailto:vanmis93@gmail.com) and/or we invite you to attend the next PAC meeting on March 7 or April 11 at 6:45 in the school library.

**PAC Elections will be taking place during the PAC meeting on May 16, 2016.**

### What is the new curriculum about?

We've been hearing about the new curriculum, but what's it all about? The Ministry of Education put together this guide to explain the redesigned curriculum. It's a quick read to get a sense of what the focus will be:

[https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/curriculum\\_brochure.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/curriculum_brochure.pdf)

## 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_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!

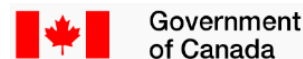
High School course registration opens online on December 15<sup>th</sup> for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is on-going. Visit [www.ce43.com](http://www.ce43.com) for account creation and registration information.

### 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](http://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.



### 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](http://www.vocationalprograms) for more information.

Visit [www.ce43.com](http://www.ce43.com) for locations and more information on all of our programs.

\*Subject to Canadian status and BC residency requirements.

