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

## First Day Back

On the first day of school, students go to their last years' class.

The kindergartens going into grade one will be assigned to a grade five buddy class. We will post on a whiteboard in the hallway where the students can be found at the end of the day for pick up.

## First Week Plans

Students will stay in their last years' class and grade ones with their buddy class for the week.

This gives us an opportunity to check attendance and make any changes needed.

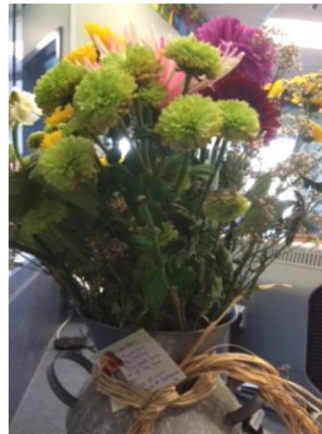
We are hoping the addition is ready for opening in September and are prepared if it is not.

## Kindergarten Welcoming Week

Our new kindergartens will be involved in their welcoming week. We will email you directly a generic schedule for the week in the first week of July. In August we will return to work and email you a personalized schedule for your week.

## Beyond the Bell

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



## Farewell

It has been a rich learning year here at Blakeburn. This caring community has once again provided wonderful learning experiences for our children. We are so proud of the grade five classes that we are sending off to middle school. As well, we are excited to welcome our new kindergartens. Have a great summer.

Please look to our website for any communications around calendar, start up, and supplies.



## 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.

## Yearbook

We are hoping to be handing out student yearbooks on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Creative Children Supplies

We are scheduled to receive the creative children supplies on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will send them home with students Wednesday. New kindergarten families can drop in and pick up supplies any time in the July 4-8 week. Our office hours are 8:00-3:30.

## Grade 5 Leaving Photos & Slideshow

The slideshow DVD and photo of your child is included in the report card envelope.

## Last Day/Family Picnic

June 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school.

School starts at 8:45.

**Gathering** at 9:15.

After the gathering we are having a **family snack picnic** around 10ish. We will gather in classes outside and have a snack and play. Families are welcome.

At 11:15 we will head back inside to collect report cards and any last supplies. Lunch as normal.

Parents, it is a full school day. If you are going to take your child(ren) early **please sign out** with the classroom teacher or office.

## Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
27	28	29 Last Day Gathering 9:15 Family Picnic 10:15-11:15	30	Canada Day (Office Closed)  Office open for the week of July 4-8
August 29	August 30 Kindergarten Welcoming Week Schedules Emailed to families	August 31	September 1	September 2
5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 First Day of School 9:00-9:30	7	8	9

## Forks and Spoons

Please pack students forks and spoons in their lunch if they need them. We have plastic forks and spoons for back up but we are finding many kids are asking for them daily. Help us take care of our budget and the environment by supplying utensils for your child.

## 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.

## District Summer Camps

The warm weather is a welcome change from our spring showers and winter chills. Your children must be smiling just a little bit more and there is an excitement in the school as the year draws to an end.

If you haven't thought about what you are going to do with your child(ren) all summer, then this is the time to do so. The Coquitlam School District are running summer camps at Minnekhada Middle and Central Elementary from July 4<sup>th</sup> to Aug 12<sup>th</sup>.

You can have your child(ren) attend on a weekly bases (\$110.00 per week) or daily bases (\$30.00 per day) where they are supervise with high quality staff that have met all the district qualifications (University aged, previously worked with children, passed a police record check, first aid training and background check) to work with your child.

These camps are getting full and there is not much space left so register now.

**Camp Central:** <http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=536&BT=10&Ev=16172>

**Camp Minnekhada:** <http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=549&BT=10&PrivEv=16179>

If you have any questions please contact:  
Heather Roemer [hroemer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:hroemer@sd43.bc.ca) for Camp Central  
Paul Dondo [pdondo@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:pdondo@sd43.bc.ca) for Camp Minnekhada

## *PAC President's End of Year Message*

June 23, 2016

Dear Blakeburn Parents,

*It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the PAC for all their hard work and commitment over this past school year. I am proud and privileged to be part of such an amazing, talented and dedicated group of people.*

*I would also like to thank our wonderful parent community for your ongoing and generous support of all of the fundraising efforts and a big thank you to those parents, grandparents, guardians, etc. who have put in many volunteer hours in order to make each of the events successful.*

*Finally, I would like to thank the Blakeburn staff for supporting everything that the PAC does and for your unwavering dedication to our school and, most importantly, to our children.*

*The Blakeburn PAC has had a full year of activities, fundraising and community building! I wanted to report back on some of the initiatives that the PAC has led this past school year.*

*From Movie Nights which brought families together, to hot lunch and pizza days that provided special treats for the kids, from the Neufeld Farms fundraisers to the annual Carnival - our team was kept very busy running special activities that benefitted our community while also bringing in funds that went directly to our school and children.*

*We are pleased to announce that, thanks to the tremendous support of the parent community, we raised more than \$25,000 which directly supports our children, in areas of technology, literacy, performing artists, field trips and many more initiatives.*

*Beyond events, the PAC also works behind the scenes, keeping our children safe by organizing emergency kits, keeping parents informed on our website and Facebook group and parent education pieces, representing our school on the District PAC, and liaising with the school staff.*

***Here is your 2016/2017 PAC Executive:***

<i>President</i>	<i>Vandhana Misri</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Sabrina McEachern</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Iyad Jarbou / Jennifer Mitchell</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Sarah Bryant</i>
<i>DPAC Rep</i>	<i>Wendy Prasad</i>
<i>Fundraising Coord.</i>	<i>Andrea Howorth, Carrie Heuchert, Darian Noel</i>
<i>Health &amp; Safety Coord.</i>	<i>Rochelle Hepworth</i>
<i>Parent Communications</i>	<i>Liesl Jurock</i>
<i>Parent Education</i>	<i>Liz Kim</i>
<i>Hot Lunch Coord.</i>	<i>Tanya Chekaluk</i>
<i>Members at Large</i>	<i>Meaghan Relkie, Amy Burford, Taryn Barton</i>

*There are many opportunities to get involved with the PAC in the coming year, either on the PAC itself, as we are still looking for a Parent Volunteer Coordinator and member of the Fundraising Committee, or by volunteering at many of the various activities. You can find out more about the PAC, fundraising, volunteering, and parent resources on the PAC website [www.blakeburnpac.org](http://www.blakeburnpac.org), which is updated frequently with the latest activities and who to contact. If you are a Facebook user, join our group "Blakeburn Elementary PAC" for regular updates.*

*We have two PAC members who will be leaving us this year: Sandy Chapell who has been our Treasurer for the past two years and Taryn Barton who has been our Secretary for the past year. We thank you both for the many volunteer hours that you have put into the PAC and making Blakeburn a better place for all of our children.*

*Farewell also to our departing Grade 5's who will be off to middle school next year. Thank you for leaving "this place" better than you found it and we wish you every success as you move forward to the next level of learning.*

*I hope that you all have an amazing summer making memories with your families and friends and live in the spirit of: take care of yourself, take care of others, take care of this place! See you in September!*

*Please feel free to contact me at [vanmis93@gmail.com](mailto:vanmis93@gmail.com) if you have any questions or thoughts that you would like to share!*

*Best regards,  
Vandhana Misri  
PAC President*

## News from PAC

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

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"



The PAC would like to thank everyone involved who contributed to making Blakeburn's 2016 Carnival a success!

### Big thank you's to:

All the families who came out to enjoy and support the Carnival on June 10th!

The Carnival Committee – These parent volunteers have been planning since January! Wendy Prasad, Cathy Olson, Carrie Heuchert, Crystal Gunning, Andrea Howorth, Andrea Dowdle, Darian Noel and Rochelle Hepworth.

Parent volunteers – Parents filled all 70+ spots for setup, running the games, food stations, and activities, and cleaning up the aftermath.

Cake bakers – Over 50 cakes ended up being donated for the Cake Walk! See winners below.

Student volunteers – High school and middle school students enthusiastically ran many of the games.

Thank you to teachers who recruited the students to volunteer: Terry Fox: Mr. Whitson, Minnekhada: Mr. Macmillan, Kway: Ms Morgan & Mr. Staniforth.

Blakeburn students – Their wonderful "Under the Sea" art work decorated the event.

Families - Donating prizes for the raffle and items for the themed gift baskets and spreading the word.

Sheri Fiset, Andrea McComb, Blakeburn Staff and Teachers – for all your support with various aspects of the carnival.





**Scotiabank Freemont Village** – Not only did their staff enthusiastically volunteer with selling tickets, they will also be providing Blakeburn with a cash donation as part of their community involvement and support.

Community businesses and families – for donating to the raffle and the event

<b>Subway</b>	<b>McDonalds</b>	<b>Poco Bowling</b>	<b>Oxygen Yoga</b>
<b>Art Knapps</b>	<b>Home Depot</b>	<b>Starbucks</b>	<b>Hyde Creek Recreation Centre</b>
<b>PNE</b>	<b>Safeway</b>	<b>Superstore</b>	<b>Riteway Rentals</b>
<b>Grandpa's Workshop</b>		<b>iPad Mini (anonymous donation)</b>	

DJ Music - Ryan Goertz and Alec King

Blakeburn PAC and PAC members who supported key aspects of the Carnival

The Carnival could not happen without everyone! Thank you!

### [PAC Parent Education: Ways to keep your kids learning this summer](#)

Summer learning does not have to be an oxymoron! There are many simple, fun ways to keep your children learning all summer long. This article has 12 ideas to get you started.

And don't forget to READ, READ READ!!!

[12 Fun Ways to Help Prevent Summer Learning Loss](#)

## 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!

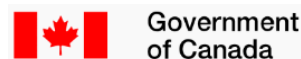
High School course registration opens online on December 15<sup>th</sup> for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is on-going. Visit [www.ce43.com](http://www.ce43.com) for account creation and registration information.

#### 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.

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\*Subject to Canadian status and BC residency requirements.

