



# BLAKEBURN ELEMENTARY

*A caring, creative, intelligent school!*

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



## Circus Arts

Tuesday, Feb 24 we have the "Mat Velvet and Charlie Show" at our school. This is part of our performing artists series at the school. This particular show fits our circus arts studies, and features hand to hand balancing, comedy and "the German Wheel". Should be good.

## Intramurals

Thank you to the intermediate teachers for volunteering and planning intramurals for the grade 4/5's. We are starting with indoor soccer.

## To Unsubscribe:

Please email: [sfiset@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sfiset@sd43.bc.ca)



## Take Care of This Place

At Blakeburn we value the family feeling and want to be welcoming to our community. Please support us by ensuring that you are quiet while you are in our halls during instructional time. As well please wait in the foyer and covered area until the bell. Classes are having a difficult time moving through the school.

If you have a stroller please do not take it down the hall, our halls are so narrow. These are the ways that we can continue to respect the learning environment of our school and we need your support.



## Report Cards



Our report cards go home on March 4th. We have been working on changing our format to make them more visual to parents. We did a test run last reporting period with some grade one, two and three classrooms. Based on the feedback with have included student reflections, and worked on defining our rating scales.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, March 3rd is early dismissal at 1 :45 to enable teachers to meet with parents about student progress. These meetings will happen based on teacher or parent requests.

## Kindergarten Registration

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> were kindergarten registration. We have 49 kindergartens registered so far for next year. If you have a child kindergarten age we strongly urge you to register as soon as possible. This is how we plan and staff for our kindergarten students.

## Early Dismissal

March 3rd is Early Dismissal at 1:45, please make the necessary arrangements.

## Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is officially Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, so wear your pink shirt.

<http://pinkshirtday.ca/>

## Parking Lot

With recent improvements to the surrounding parking and the increased visibility it seems to be running smoothly. Help us to keep our children safe and honour the rules put in place to make it run as smoothly as possible. Suggestions:

- For drive through (pick up) please wait five minutes after the bell before entering the parking lot.
- Please do not double park behind handicap/ bus and staff vehicles.
- When it is raining the traffic is much higher volume, so extra patience is important.

## Parent Education Spotlight: The Importance of Play

See below for some articles and resources:

You Tube Ted Talk Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg-GEzM7iTk>

Spread the word Feb 4 is Global School Play day:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/freedom-learn/201501/spread-the-word-feb-4-is-global-school-play-day>

February/March 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursda	Friday	Saturday
15	<b>16</b> PAC Meeting 6:30 Library	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Beyond the Bell Cartooning	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pro-d Day No School	21
22	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Ambrosia Apples Circus Arts 9:00	<b>25</b> Beyond the Bell Cartooning Pink Shirt Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> PAC Hot Lunch	28
1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Early Dismissal 1:45 P/T Interviews	<b>4</b> Report Cards Home	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Last Day for Spring Break	<b>7</b> School Opens on the 23rd



## News from the PAC

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

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

### Upcoming PAC events

Take note of these upcoming PAC-led events or come be part of them!

- March 27 **Movie Night: Big Hero 6** - watch for more details about this fun, family event.

Check out the PAC Calendar for more dates: <http://www.blakeburnpac.org/calendar.html>

### Join the Carnival Committee – Meeting on February 13

Want to get involved in the most fun event of the year! Looking for two parents to join the team putting together this year's Carnival. No previous experience required. First meeting is on Friday, Feb 13th after bounce for the Carnival.

Email Andrea at [fundraising@blakeburnpac.org](mailto:fundraising@blakeburnpac.org)

### Parent Education Spotlight: Random Acts of Kindness

How can we help our kids develop into caring citizens? As Valentine's Day approaches, try some random acts of kindness!

Here are some simple ideas for families to share kindness with others:

<http://www.momentsaday.com/acts-of-kindness-for-families/>

Here are some books you can read together to help reinforce the power of kindness:

[http://www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/acts-of-kindness-books-for-kids/#\\_a5y\\_p=1435582](http://www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/acts-of-kindness-books-for-kids/#_a5y_p=1435582)

## District 43 Spring Break Camps 2015

**The School of "Wonderstanding" Day Camp:**

**Tuesday, March 17th – 20th**

We are very excited to again offer **School of "Wonderstanding"** Day Camps for students **Kindergarten - Grade 5** at the schools listed below. School District 43 is offering these camps in partnership with Simon Fraser University's Professional Development Program (PDP). These unique and very popular 4 day camps are staffed by student teachers. They run from 9 am - 2:45pm, Tuesday to Friday. The cost per child for the 4 days is \$60. Fun is guaranteed! Spaces are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment. Please note that this year we are offering, for the first time, a **French Language Experience Camp** at **James Park**.

**To Register online please refer to the appropriate home page below:**

**Central Community School Camp:** [www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/central](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/central)

**James Park Elementary School - *French Language Camp*:** [www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/minnehada](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/minnehada)

**Seaview Community School Camp:** [www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/seaview](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/seaview)

**Miller Park Community School Camp:** [www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/millerpark](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/millerpark)

**The School of "Wonderstanding" Camps: March 17 - 20**

For more information please contact:

**1) For the Central Community School Camp**

- contact Heather or Dasha at 604 464-0207 or [dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca)

**2) For the Miller Park Community School Camp**

- contact Heather or Dasha at 604 464-0207 or [dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca)

**3) For the James Park Elementary School - *French Language Experience Camp***

- contact Steve at 604 230-1233 or [sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca)

**4) For the Seaview Community School Camp**

- contact Steve at 604 230-1233 or [sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca)

## Bounce, Build, & Boulder Camp

### 3 GREAT SPRING BREAK CAMPS UNDER 1 ROOF

Camps March 9th-13th & 16th-20<sup>th</sup> Monday-Friday • 9am-3:30pm • Open to Boys & Girls • Ages 6-14  
Located @ 98 Brigantine Drive, Coquitlam \$250/ week including tax  
Register at [www.bricks4kidz.com/coquitlam](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/coquitlam)

#### Club Aviva

[www.clubaviva.ca](http://www.clubaviva.ca)

(604) 526-4464

Bricks4Kidz

[www.bricks4kidz.com](http://www.bricks4kidz.com)

(604) 715-2429

Climb Base5

[www.climbbase5.com](http://www.climbbase5.com)

(604) 526-2402

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### 3 GREAT SPRING BREAK CAMPS UNDER 1 ROOF

#### Bounce - Gymnastics Camp

Our camp features a daily gymnastics class, gym games, and free explorative play in the gym! Our certified coaches are eager and excited to teach your children in a fun and safe environment! Make sure you bring gym clothes, running shoes, two snacks, and a lunch!

#### Build - Lego® Camp

Form a team to face the challenge of our extreme expedition Lego® camp. A new mission each day takes us around the globe in our Lego® world. With robotics builds we will encounter worst case scenario survival challenges, face forces of nature, and construct transportation equipment to bring your team together from around the globe. Do you have what it takes to face extreme brick adventures?

#### Boulder - Climbing Camp

Experience exponential growth in your climbing development with our climbing camps. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff provides focused instruction to instill the fundamentals of safety and movement, while incorporating climbing games to build on activity components. Join us for this week-long adventure in indoor rock climbing!

Lunch is supervised by our staff •

Please send your child with peanut free lunch and snacks

Register Online Now at

[www.bricks4kidz.com/coquitlam](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/coquitlam)

#### Program A

9am - 12pm

Climbing Camp

12pm - 3:30pm

Gymnastics Camp

#### Program B

9am - 12pm

Lego® Camp

12pm - 3:30pm

Climbing Camp

#### Program C

9am - 12pm

Gymnastics Camp

12pm - 3:30pm

Lego® Camp



**March 30 June 30 2015 is  
Softball Season!**

[www.pocominorsoftball.com](http://www.pocominorsoftball.com)

## Online Registration is now open for the 2015 season!

PCMSA is thrilled to start the 2015 season with extremely experienced and devoted Executive Members! We are fortunate to have Bob Buchan returning for his 27th year as the President of PCMSA!

### FREE U8 CLINICS ON TUESDAYS

U8 girls come out to free training sessions held Tuesday nights at Citadel Middle School. If you are not sure whether or not you want to play softball come and try it in the gym. Girls will learn the basics of throwing, fielding and hitting so they are ready to head out to the park in April. If you are interested please email Alison at [pastwinpics@hotmail.com](mailto:pastwinpics@hotmail.com)

**PCMSA is hosting its FUN FAIR at Hyde Creek Feb 8/15 from 10:00 am - Noon. Come and try the game with our U18 Raven.**

We have teams available for Girls born from 2009-1996 and Boys born in 2008 & 2009.

**Mark your calendars!! Our 2015 Ice Breaker Tournament will be from April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> for all U6 – U19 team!**

*2015 PCMSA Registration Fees include a Lifetime Membership to Softball BC as well as a seasonal membership to the Port Coquitlam Sport Alliance.*

### How to Register

- 1.) [Register Online Now](#)
- 2.) *Log In to your Pointstreak Account*
- 3.) *Follow the online directions and click "Add to Registration List"*
- 4.) *"Check Out" choose to pay Online using your credit card, or in person by cash or cheque! The pay in person option is also available for those who will be applying for Kidsport Funding.*



**[Register Online Now!](http://www.pocominorsoftball.com)**

**Have Questions?! Email PCMSAs Registrar**  
[registrar@pocominorsoftball.com](mailto:registrar@pocominorsoftball.com)

PCMSA Box 78016 Northside RPO  
(Pharmasave-) Port Coquitlam, BC  
V3B 7H5



PCMSA is thrilled to be welcoming Boys to our Learn to Play Program which will run on Tuesdays and

Thursdays at McLean Park!

Registration for both **boys** and **girls** who were born in 2008 & 2009 in the LTP U6 Program is \$105 which includes a **Tim**

**Horton "Timbit" Learn to play T-Shirt!**



# Screen Smart Kids

**Wednesday, March 4 7-8:30pm Inlet  
Theatre, Port Moody**

Dr. Eric Meyers, UBC iSchool faculty, will discuss the latest research on how screen time and device use impact preschoolers and school-aged kids.

Get practical tips to help your family use touchscreens to support learning.

Parents, teachers, and early childhood educators all welcome.

This program is presented in partnership with the Tri-Cities Early Childhood and Middle Childhood Development Committees.

Drop in, no registration required.

100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, BC V3H 3E1 Tel: 604.469.4575 library.portmoody.ca

## **SOCCER REGISTRATION**

**Register now**

**[www.pocosoccer.com](http://www.pocosoccer.com)**

***Growing Our Game***

**In Person - Feb. 28 & Mar. 1 at  
our *Mini Jamboree* - Gates Park  
(*Carnival Games, Activities, FUN!*)**

**Online - Feb. 28**

**[www.pocosoccer.com](http://www.pocosoccer.com)**