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## Remembrance Day

Thank you to those of you who joined us for such a beautiful ceremony. Great thanks goes out to the choir and classes that performed. As well deepest gratitude to Ms. Clark, Mr. Morwick, Gunner Joe Foster and Yumiko VanRooi for their contributions.



## Beyond the Bell

Kids in the Kitchen on  
Tuesdays Oct. 27th- Nov. 24th  
from 2 :45 – 4 :00pm.

## Photo Day Retakes

Photo Day was on Oct. 28th.  
If you want assistance to ensure your child has a retake done, please contact the office: [sfiset@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sfiset@sd43.bc.ca).  
Retakes are scheduled for the morning of Nov. 24th.



As we are getting ready for report card time, I wanted to share with families the five domains of the heart-mind well-being index. We are using these domains and their definitions on the students' report cards. The definitions are quoted from <http://dalailamacenter.org/programs/heart-mind-index>

Heart-Mind Well-being includes the five positive human qualities, which are anchored in evidence-based research related to the social and emotional development of children:

**Gets Along With Others:** the ability to form positive and healthy relationships with peers and adults.

**Compassionate and Kind:** the ability to be aware of other people's emotions and a desire to help with a person in need.

**Solves Problems Peacefully:** the ability to behave in a peaceful and respectful way in a variety of situations and relationships.

**Secure and Calm:** the ability to take part in daily activities and approach new situations without being overwhelmed with worries, sadness or anxiety.

**Alert and Engaged:** the ability to stay calm, focused and alert; to demonstrate self-control and to slow down and think before acting.

Parents often ask, "What does that mean?" or "How can we help at home". Resources can be found at:

[http://heartmindonline.org/resources/families?search\\_api\\_views\\_fulltext=&field\\_resource\\_type=All&field\\_developmental\\_age=All&field\\_format=All&field\\_themes=All&sort\\_by=created&page=2](http://heartmindonline.org/resources/families?search_api_views_fulltext=&field_resource_type=All&field_developmental_age=All&field_format=All&field_themes=All&sort_by=created&page=2)



## Register Online for Electronic Permission Slips & Payment

You can register your online payment account for upcoming fees.

We are aiming to have everyone signed up and then try our first permission slip for Tennis in January. We usually collect forms and payments during the month of December for our Tennis Program starting in January. There is a button on our website called "Online Payments" or 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.***

## Jacky Essombe

Thank you to the PAC for providing several artists to perform for us. On Nov. 16th at 1:30pm Jacky Essombe will be performing.

## Link to the Calendar

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

## Calendar Items

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30  <b><u>Beyond the Bell:</u></b> Kids in the Kitchen 2:45 - 4	11 Remembrance Day  School not in session	12	13
16 Jacky Essombe 1:30	17 <b><u>Beyond the Bell:</u></b> Kids in the Kitchen 2:45 - 4	18	19	20 School not in session
23 PAC Meeting 6:45	24 Photo Retakes  <b><u>Beyond the Bell:</u></b> Kids in the Kitchen 2:45 - 4	25	26 <u>Kindergarten</u> Vision & Hearing Screening	27 PAC Hot Lunch PAC Movie Night  <b>"Inside Out"</b>
30 <u>Kindergarten</u> Dental Screening	1	2	3	4 Report Cards Home  Pac Treat Day

***Please note the Winter Concert will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> a 10:30, 1:30, and 7:00 Show. A notice will come home Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> to begin to sign up for tickets.***

## 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 (daycare pick-up).
- 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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and on CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

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.

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](http://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>

## News From the PAC

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

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

### Next PAC Meeting - Monday, November 23

The last PAC meeting of the year will be on Monday, Nov. 23 at 6:45pm in the school library. All parents of Blakeburn children are welcome to attend, hear from the Principal and PAC about school activities and funding.

### Blakeburn Family Movie Night - Friday, November 27

Movie: "INSIDE OUT"

Blakeburn PAC is excited to be organizing another Family Movie Night on Friday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Bring your blankets, pillows and stuffies and come in your jammies to hang out with your friends and watch the movie "Inside Out" in the gym at Blakeburn. Parents can bring chairs and set them up in the back of the gym. Parents must accompany children. **No drop offs please.**

Doors open at 6:30 pm and the movie will begin at 7:00pm. The PAC kitchen will be open for concession items and will be selling items such as juice, popcorn, chips and candy treats.

**Watch for the Ticket form to be sent out next week.** Tickets are available for purchase in advance for \$10.00 per family up to 5 people. Additional people are \$2.00. Ticket sales at the door are \$12.00 per family up to 5 people and \$2.00 per additional person. Space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

Any questions, please contact: [fundraising@blakeburnpac.org](mailto:fundraising@blakeburnpac.org). We hope to see you there!

### Neufeld Farm Orders

**Due Wednesday, Nov. 25th | Pick up date: Thursday, Dec. 10th at 2:00pm**

It will soon be time to get your Neufeld Farms orders in! Watch for the forms sent home with your children. Fill your freezers with appetizers for those impromptu holiday guests, entrees that are quick to pop into the oven on busy December evenings, free-run chicken and meats to stock up on, and ready-to-bake cookies and pies for no-fuss desserts. Proceeds from orders come directly back to Blakeburn. **Submit your form by Wed, Nov. 25th and arrange for pickup on Dec. 10th.** Questions? Please contact [fundraising@blakeburnpac.org](mailto:fundraising@blakeburnpac.org)

### Coming up in December:

- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> PAC Christmas Treat Day (pre-ordered through Munchalunch)
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> PAC Hot Lunch (pre-ordered through Munchalunch)
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast