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

Winter Concert Tickets

Our Winter Concert will have three seatings 10:30, 1:30, and 7:00.

To ensure safety and respect capacity totals in our gym, we are handing out tickets. Two tickets for a daytime concert and one ticket for the evening.

We have very few tickets available and are giving them out first come first serve on your notices that were sent home last week. A second notice went home today, the deadline is Dec. 1st.

We will send home tickets on Dec. 4th.

Card Making



Mrs. Hartl and Mrs. Harris organized our whole school in card making for **SHARE**, starting off the spirit of giving.



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



Register Online for Electronic Permission Slips & Payment

You can register your online payment account for upcoming fees.

We are currently collecting online for our Tennis program that starts in January.

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 on Mondays
Jan. 18 – Mar. 7th from 2 :45 – 4 :45pm.

Art Attack (Self Portraits)

Tuesdays Jan.19 - Mar. 8th 2:45-4:15pm.

Register : www.experienceit.ca or 604.927.PLAY

Link to the Calendar

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

Calendar Items

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
30 <u>Kindergarten</u> Dental Screening	1 Fruit & veggie program – Mandarin oranges	2	3	4 Report Cards Home Pac Treat Day
7	8	9 Winter Concert 10:30 am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm (Tickets Required)	10	11 PAC Hot Lunch - Quiznos
14	15	16	17	18 Pancake Breakfast Gathering 10:30
January 4 th School District 43 (Coquitlam) Re-Opens	Tennis Begins			

Please note that many families take their children home following the gathering on Dec. 18th. If you do please sign your child out with the teacher or the office. If you are allowing your child to home with another family please send a letter giving permission so we can ensure the safety of all of the children.

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 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.

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.

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>

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News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Neufeld Farms - Pick up date: Thursday, Dec. 10th at 2:00pm

Thank you for getting your orders in for Neufeld Farms. Be sure to be at the school to pick up your food items on Thursday, December 10th at 2:00pm. Note that this is earlier than in previous years. If you cannot be there, please send someone to pick up for you.

Questions? Email fundraising@blakeburnpac.org

Pancake Breakfast - Friday, December 18th (in the morning)

The PAC is organizing the annual Pancake Breakfast for the last day of school before winter break. On Friday, December 18th, the Lions Club will be coming to make pancakes for the kids in the school and we appreciate their generous donation of time and skill.

Upcoming PAC events:

Friday, Nov. 27 - Hot lunch*

Friday, Nov. 27 - Movie night

Friday, Dec. 4 - Holiday treat day*

Friday, Dec. 11 - Hot Lunch*

Friday, Dec. 18 - Pancake Breakfast

*(pre-ordered through Munchalunch)