



Learning the Voyage
of Discovery

Cape Horn Elementary School

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Our Mission Statement:

“to provide a safe, caring and challenging environment so that students will be prepared for their lifelong “Voyage of Discovery”.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Gung Hey Fat Choi ! Happy Chinese New Year ! Xin Nein Kuai Le!



Hurray!!! It is February and the weather is improving, the days are getting longer and the snow is melting. Cape Horn staff and students are hard at work – full speed ahead – as we approach Spring Break in March.

We continue to work hard on our 2 school goals:

To increase students' reading comprehension

To increase students' social responsibility

Please remember that this **Friday, February 13th** is a **Non-Instructional Day** for all schools in the Coquitlam School district. All Cape Horn staff members will be involved in a variety of important professional development opportunities.

At this halfway point in the school year, I would like to say that it continues to be an honour and a privilege to work at a school as fine as Cape Horn. The students, staff and parent community exemplify the vision of our school as a caring community of learners and leaders.

The next time you are in the school have a look at the amazing new paint job. We look like a brand new school from the inside, only a few more areas left to be painted! Also, the lost and found box is overflowing with clothing from this past winter. Please encourage your child to spend a little time sorting through the box to find missing items. The items will be displayed in the main hallway during the week of student-led conferences.



DISTRICT PRO D DAY

Friday, February 13th



STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL



NEXT HOT LUNCH DAY

Thursday, February 19th

NEXT TREAT DAY

Friday, February 20th



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此為重要文件,請翻譯成中文。

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ESTE ES UN DOCUMENTO MUY IMPORTANTE. POR FAVOR, TRÁTE DE QUE SE LO TRANSLADEN AL ESPAÑOL LO MAS PRONTO POSIBLE.

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Tues., March 3rd & Thurs., March 5th

Early Dismissals

KAM at 10:30 a.m. & KPM, Gr. 1-5 at 1:45 p.m.

FORMAL REPORTS TO PARENTS

Thursday, March 12th

RIGHTS RESPECTING UPDATE



Last month we were visited by researchers from Cape Breton University Children's Rights Centre who collected information from students, parents and teachers for use as baseline data as we embark on our school goal. I have included the Summary of their report.

"Overall, the pretest findings are reflective of a school in which the children feel psychologically and physically safe and comfortable. They get along well with each other and have genuine affection for their teachers and especially their principal. In essence, it would seem as though Cape Horn is already a rights respecting school in most ways. What is lacking is children's knowledge of their rights and an understanding of what rights are. This may be important to their development of empathy, to global citizenship and future identity as rights respecting citizens. With this exception, the pattern of data indicates a wonderful child-centered school of which you can all be proud."

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We have had a good response to our Kindergarten registration for September 2009 so far.

Parents may continue to register their children for Kindergarten for the next school year by visiting our office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. They are reminded to please **bring their own and their child's original birth certificates as well as proof of residency.**



CROSS-CATCHMENT REGISTRATION/TRANSFER REQUESTS

If a parent wishes to have their child attend a school other than their home school (or catchment school), the process to do so has changed slightly this year. Parents may apply either online through the School District #43 website, or by picking up a paper copy of the application at their home school. Cross-boundary applications will be available as of February 12, 2009 either online or at all public schools. The deadline for the applications is March 13th. Paper applications are to be submitted to the Coquitlam School Board Office at 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, by mail or in person (not by fax). Where space is limited, date and time of application will determine priority.

CAPE HORN PAC

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Monday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. All Cape Horn parents are members of the PAC and are more than welcome to attend.

Fundraising Update:

Our projected fundraisers include:

- ≈ Hanging flower baskets
- ≈ Family Photo Nights – April 6th & 7th
- ≈ Earth Day Walk-A-Thon – April 22nd
- ≈ Pie & Cookie Dough

Your support is appreciated! Remember, all funds raised benefit the students.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES



On Tuesday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 5th students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. so that teachers, parents and students can meet together for student-led conferences. Morning Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m.

RAK WEEK/VALENTINE'S DAY

Next week is Random Acts of Kindness Week throughout our school district. Everyone is encouraged to get caught up in the act of going out of their way to do something nice; to make a compliment; or to encourage someone less fortunate. Random Acts are contagious and will make everyone feel good!



On Thursday, Feb. 12th students and staff are encouraged to wear something red, white or pink or a combination of those colours to celebrate Valentine's Day.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FESTIVAL

During the next month, Public Speaking skills will be the focus in our classrooms. Students will be working diligently to prepare their speech for delivery to their classmates. Through this process, three students from each of the two grade 5 classrooms and one grade 4 and one grade 3 student will be chosen from each classroom to take part in our school finals to be held on Wednesday, April 8th in our school gym. Parents are welcome to attend. A grade 4 and a grade 5 student will be selected to represent Cape Horn at the Zone Public Speaking Festival on Tuesday, April 21st (location TBA).



FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SNACK PROGRAM



We will be enjoying sugar snap peas as our snack next week! The next rotation of fruit will arrive the week of February 24th and that delivery will be cut pineapple.



If you wish, for any reason, that your child not participate in the snack program on any of the above weeks, please notify the school office at 604-526-4428.

MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADE 5 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Montgomery Middle School cordially invites our Grade 5 students and their parents to attend their Grade 6 Open House on **Wednesday, April 22nd** in the **Monty Gym**. This **Open House** is the first step in helping your child make a successful transition to Monty Middle. Watch for more information to come home at a later date.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Cape Horn will be supporting Jump Rope for Heart in March, a FUNd-raising event from the Heart and Stroke Foundation that gets our kids active and invests in the future of all Canadian children. It activates our kids to embrace a lifetime of healthy living and social responsibility. Our participation in a JUMP event enables our school to:

- Get physically active and be heart healthy
- Teach kids the value of goal setting and the importance of helping others and giving back to the community
- Raise vital funds for heart disease and stroke research and health education
- Earn Heartsmart Points for our school to redeem for school resources such as a CD boom box, skipping ropes, scooter boards, or \$200 in Scholar's Choice Gift Certificates.



Watch for more information to be sent home in early March.

STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

These parenting classes are facilitated by Marna Omichinski, and Jude Maddalozzo, both Youthworkers in the Coq. School District.



Alderson Elem: Weds., Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13
Time: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. – Facilitated by M. Omichinski

Glen Elem: Weds., Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Facilitated by J. Maddalozzo

New Program: How to Talk So Kids Will Listen ...How to Listen So Kids Will Talk

Rochester Elem: Tues, March 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Facilitated by M. Omichinski

Books may be purchased at the first class – cost \$25.00

Please call Fran Rees at Student Services to register by March 23, 2009 at 604-937-6386.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Read Today, Lead Tomorrow Speaker Series

The Port Moody Public Library is committed to supporting literacy in the community. Join them for a series of free lectures, as expert speakers discuss a variety of topics. Speakers include:

- Feb. 18** Boys, Reading to Succeed with David Bouchard
- Feb. 25** Supporting Early Literacy Learning, with Fiona Morrison & Dr. Jim Anderson
- March 25** How to Get Better Grades in School, with Terry Small
- April 1** Parents, Literacy and ADHD, with Dr. Gabor Mate

All lectures will be held in the Inlet Theatre, Port Moody Civic Complex, 100 Newport Drive from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. No registration is required. For more info, call the library at 604-469-4557 or check the website at <http://library.portmoody.ca>

Coquitlam Minor Softball Association 2009 Softball Registration Info.

Looking for a FUN and Exciting Sport ...

Sat. Feb. 14 - Pinetree Rec Centre 9:00 am to noon

www.coquitlamsoftball.com

or call: 604-878-8334

Pro-D Activity for your child ...



**Place des Arts
Day of the Arts - Heroes**

Fri, Feb. 13th: 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Kindergarten & Grades 1 to 5
Register online at www.placedesarts.ca
By phone at 604-664-1636
Or in person at 1120 Brunette Avenue

Family Learn & Play Event

For Children 3 to 10 Years *Silly Science*
Weds, Feb. 25th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Coquitlam Centre Mall, Lower Level in front of the Bay
Parent supervision is required, space may be limited

<p style="text-align: center;">CAPE HORN ELEMENTARY 2008/2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</p>

February	
10	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
12	Valentine's Day – "Wear Red/Pink to School" Day
13	District Pro D Day (No School for Students)
16	PAC Meeting in Library – 7:00 p.m.
17	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
19	PAC Hot Lunch Day
20	PAC Treat Day
24	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
27	Div's 1 & 6 Field Trip to Grouse Mountain
March	
3	Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences – KAM at 10:30 a.m. & KPM, Gr. 1-5 at 1:45 p.m. Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
5	Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences – KAM at 10:30 a.m. & KPM, Gr. 1-5 at 1:45 p.m.
6	Div's 7 & 8 Field Trip to Aquarium
10	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
11	"One Woman Circus" Performance in gym @ 9:00 a.m.
12	Second Formal Report Cards Home
13	PAC Ice Cream Day Jump Rope for Heart Last Day of School Before Spring Break
16-20	Spring Break – No School For Students
23	Back to School after Spring Break
23-27	Rights Respecting School Week
24	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
26	PAC Hot Lunch Day
27	Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. PAC Treat Day
31	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
April	
3	PAC Ice Cream Day
6-8	Scholastic Book Fair
6	PAC Family Photo Night
7	PAC Family Photo Night
8	Cape Horn Public Speaking Finals – 10:45 in the gym
10	Good Friday – No school
13	Easter Monday – No school
14	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
17	District Pro-D – no school for students
20	Pitch-In Canada Week Kindergarten Vision & Hearing Screening @ 9:00 a.m.
21	South Zone Public Speaking Finals – location T.B.A. Aboriginal Education In-School/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon
22	Earth Day Walk-A-Thon Assembly @ 10:45 Como Lake Relays
23	PAC Hot Lunch Day
24	PAC Treat Day
28	Aboriginal Education In-school/Pull-out Cultural Program in Library – 10:45 a.m. to noon