



Cape Horn News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



It seems hard to believe but we are already into Term #3. By now the second term report cards have gone home and we are getting prepared for the upcoming student-led conferences. I am hopeful that all student are able reach their academic and personal goals they have set for themselves this term. As you help you child achieve their goal(s), this might be a good time to take stock of school supplies to make sure they have adequate paper, pens/pencils for the last term.

In addition to the students working towards the end of the year, we in the office are working hard preparing the school for the 2016-17 school year. Included in this preparation is the school organization for next year including class building. I hope you can appreciate that our class placements do not happen without a great deal of thought and input. As a staff, we meet together and work hard to ensure that your child is placed in a setting which maximizes their and other students' opportunities to learn. Therefore we ask that you consider our recommendations seriously. We in turn promise that should you offer your recommendations, they too will receive serious consideration by us. We also caution you that we have very little flexi-

bility to create changes because of several constraints such as class sizes and school organization. There is also the possibility of an unknown where we simply may not know who the teacher will be due to layoffs, retirements etc. all of these create uncertainties which make it very hard to give an accurate prediction. For each student we consider the following when placing a student in his/her class:

- social setting including friends, positive and negative relationships;
- academic, intellectual setting;
- male/female mix;
- child and parents relationship with the teacher;
- number of years the child has been with the teacher;
- maturity of the child;
- work habits, level of independence;
- ability and willingness to undertake a leadership role;
- intellectual growth;
- learning style factors (if we are aware)

If you have a specific request for class placement for your son/daughter next year, I ask that you communicate that request by email to bmcgovern@sd43.bc.ca prior to May 31st.

Bill McGovern
Principal



Learning the Voyage of Discovery

Our Mission Statement:

To provide a safe, caring and challenging environment so that students will be prepared for their lifelong "Voyage of Discovery"

Pro-D
Friday, April 15th



STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL

This is an important document. Please arrange to have it translated

此為重要文件,請翻譯成中文.

이것은 매우 중요한 서류입니다, 정확한 번역을 부탁드립니다.

این مدارک از اهمیت ویژه ای برخوردار است لطفاً ترجمه شده آن را در خواست فرمایید.

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

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

PAC TREAT DAY
Friday, April 8th

HOT DOG DAY
Wednesday, May 6th



NEXT PAC MEETING
Weds, April 20th -8:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

Important DATE!

APRIL		MAY (cont'd)	
4-8	School Wide Rollerblading	18	Welcome to Kindergarten/Parent Meeting 4:00 to 5:30 (next year's kindergarten)
8	PAC Treat Day - Chips & Salsa	19	Hot Dog Day
9	Bottle Drive	23	Victoria Day - no school
11-13	Scholastic Book Fair	24	District Tract Meet
12	Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm - Student Led Conf.	26	New Kindergarten classroom visit 9:00 - 10:00
13	Book Character Dress Up Day Como Lake Relays	27	New Kindergarten classroom visit 9:00 - 10:00
14	Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm - Student Led Conf.	28	Mickey's Pub Night fundraiser
15	Pro D Day - no school for students	JUNE	
18	Class/School wide/gr. 5 photos - 9:00 a.m.	3	• PAC Treat Day • Garage Sale
20	PAC Meeting at 8:00 pm	10	The Carnival
21-22	Grade 5's to Timberline	17	Pro-D (no school for students)
27	Hot Dog Day	24	Sports Day
29	Earth Day Walk-a-Thon	28	Talent Show
MAY		25	• Last day of school for students • Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony - 10:45 am • Report Cards Home
4	Emergency Release Day (see page 2 & 4)	30	Admin Day
6	PAC Treat Day		
11	PAC Meeting @ 8:00 pm		
13	Non-Instructional Day - no school for students		

STUDENT ENROLMENT

Determining accurate enrolment for the 2016-2017 school year is essential because enrolment impacts the school budget and our staffing process. Parents, please help us by advising the school office if you are moving out of our attendance area or by advising new neighbours to register at our school as soon as possible. Your help means that we will have accurate information as we work through the budget and staffing process. Thank you.



THE CARNIVAL



The much anticipated Carnival is coming up on Friday, June 10th after school. This will be a fun event in which the community is welcome to participate, and one that we are all looking forward to.

So far we have planned a number of activities such as a bouncy castle, games of skill and chance, and even pony rides!

To make this annual event a success, we are hosting a cake-decorating contest, with the theme ... Carnivals! ...Cakes will be judged with a prize for the winning cake. All cakes will be donated to our "Cake Walk".

Keep an eye out for more information to come, you don't want to miss it!



2016/2017 KINDERGARTEN

Some upcoming dates for our new kindergarten students for next September are:

Wednesday, May 18th @ 4:00 to 5:30 pm

- Parent Orientation Meeting/Welcome to Kindergarten

You and your child are invited to attend a workshop/meeting at Cape Horn where you will receive early learning and literacy resources as part of the Welcome to Kindergarten program. At the meeting you will be provided with more detailed information regarding your child's first year at school.

If you are unable to attend, please call the school office so we will be able to give you the necessary information.

Thurs., May 26th or Fri., May 27th - Classroom Visit

Your child will have a chance to visit a kindergarten classroom on either of these dates for one hour from 9:00 am to 10:00. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting on May 18th.



EMERGENCY RELEASE DAY - MAY 4TH

What happens if "The Big One" happens while the children are at school?

On Wednesday May 4th, we will be conducting a district-wide Emergency Release Day.

Our school community will practice our emergency release procedures. In short, we need to pretend that a large scale earthquake has occurred and parents (or their authorized designate) need to pick up their child from school. A release process will be used to ensure that children are handed off to the proper adult. Note that the drill ends at 2:45, which is the end of the school day and any students left behind will be dismissed in the usual way.

How it works: beginning at 2:00 pm, we will have an Earthquake Drill and evacuate to the grass field. Adults arriving to pick up their child will see Mrs. Claybo at the sign out table located at the back of the school (see posted signs).

Please contact Mrs. Claybo at the office if you have questions or require a new form to complete.

So what can you do to prepare?

1. Make sure the school has your updated contact information. Parents should have verified this information last September. Please let us know of any changes.
2. If you cannot come to the school early on May 4th, please communicate this with your emergency contact. This is a good time to review the process with your friends.
3. Make sure your child knows who the emergency contacts are so he/she can anticipate who may pick them up in an emergency.
4. Review your child's medical needs, if any. Does the school have the proper medication for your child in the event of an emergency and he/she cannot be picked up right away?

Please see Page 4 and 5 of this newsletter for valuable information regarding Emergency Preparedness and the Emergency Release Day provided by School District #43.

MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION FOR GR 5 STUDENTS AND PARENTS



Thursday, April 28, 2016

7:00 - 8:15 pm

(In the Gym)

1900 Edgewood Avenue, Coquitlam

This information meeting is for all parents and grade 5 students who will be going to Montgomery Middle School for the 2016 - 2017 school year. We will start in the gym with a brief introduction to middle school and early adolescence. A panel of students, teachers and parents will address many of the questions on the minds of grade 5 students and parents. You will have the opportunity to meet members of our Monty community and participate in a scavenger hunt around the school.



REVISED CURRICULUM

Are you aware of the "revised" B.C. curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 9, that will be implemented this fall? Do you want to know about how this will affect your child's learning and what they will be learning?

Come to an informational evening for the *South Coquitlam Family of Schools New Curriculum Parent Information Evening* on April 12th. From 7- 8:30 PM in the Maillard Middle School Gym. Look for a flyer coming home soon to invite you to attend this evening and to RSVP.

BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair returns! The Book Fair will take place from Monday, April 11th through Wednesday, April 13th in the Library. The students will have an opportunity to view the Book Fair with their classes. Purchases can be made as follows: Monday, April 11th, afterschool from 2:45 to 3:30; Tuesday, at lunchtime from 11:55 to 12:20 and afterschool from 1:45 to 5:00; Wednesday, at lunchtime from 11:55 to 12:20 and afterschool from 2:45 to 3:30. Also, students will dress up as their favourite book character on Wednesday, April 14th. Who will Mr. McGovern dress up as???

WALK-A-THON



The Cape Horn PAC and staff are conducting an Earth Day Walk-a-thon, on Friday, April 29th in order to raise funds to support the PAC/School technology goal to purchase items such as iPads, LCD projectors and document cameras. Look for pledge forms to come early next week.

GRADE 5 CAMP

Giddyup, yee haa, the Grade 5's are heading to Timberline Ranch Camp on April 21st to the 22nd. Final details are being ironed out and a permission notice will be coming home this week!

TRACK ATTACK

It's that time of year already! Track attack will begin this month and will be conducted as PE classes for the next few weeks for the students in grades 3, 4 and 5. The students will be participating in long jump, sprints, shot put, relays and high jump. For those who qualify and wish to participate in the District Track



GARAGE SALE

We are looking forward to hosting the first "Garage Sale" at Cape Horn on the first Saturday in June. Donations can be dropped off at the school the week preceding the sale at the school.

Countless items will be available for sale including: sporting equipment, home decor, literature, toys, clothing and many more useful and fun items.

If you wish to help out with this event, please contact Mr. McGovern. We will need several volunteers to set up, sell items and run a small concession.

Please support this worthwhile cause which will be held in Cape Horn's gymnasium on Friday, June 3rd from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. All proceeds will directly benefit Cape Horn students! Cash sales only.



FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM

Please note that the following fruits and vegetables are scheduled for the upcoming weeks:



Week of April 11th - Grape tomatoes

Week of April 25th - Mini Peppers

Week of May 9th - Mini Cukes

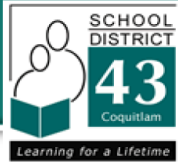
Week of May 30th - Tomatoes



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.

PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Keep the evening of Saturday, May 28th, free as this will be the next Pub Night Fundraiser. It will be held at Mickey's Pub which is located at 170 Golden Drive. Watch for info to come home soon about this great fundraiser!



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IMPORTANT EMERGENCY PREPARATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

What if there was a school emergency?

Your first response might be to phone the school, or, if you couldn't reach anyone at the school, just get into your car and go ... **BUT**, is that the right thing to do?

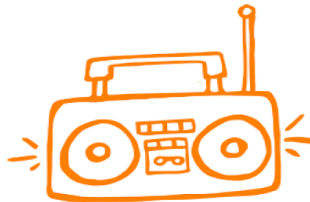
Please read the following information and talk to your son or daughter to ensure you and the student(s) in your family respond appropriately and effectively to an emergency or disaster situation at the school.

Your informed and measured response will help the school to manage the emergency effectively and will assist the student release procedures that your school has put in place.

DO'S & DON'TS

Please ...

- **DO walk to the school if possible.**
- **If you are at home, DO ensure your home is safe to return to with your son or daughter.**
- **DON'T phone the school following an emergency or disaster event.** Telephone lines may be needed for emergency communications. Check the district website (www.sd43.bc.ca) for information and updates, listen to the radio for information and updates (CKNW 980 AM, CKWX 1130 AM), or follow Twitter feed @sd43bc.
- **DON'T drive!** Streets may be littered with debris. School access routes and street entrances must remain clear for emergency vehicles.



FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

You need to be ready to care for your family and respond effectively after an emergency or disaster, whether at home, school or work. Preparing ahead can reduce the fear, anxiety and loss that can accompany an emergency event.

Consider signing up for one of the Tri-City's free emergency preparedness workshops. You will be better able to help family and friends, and the courses are fun!

For more information on workshops, call the Emergency Program Manager for:

- Coquitlam at 604-927-6428 or email: emergencyprogram@coquitlam.ca;
- Port Coquitlam at 604-927-5466;
- Port Moody at 604-469-4542



You can help the school be prepared by promptly returning any **Student Identification Emergency Release Forms** that come home for parents to complete. Without these the process to release your child will be slowed down – both in our practice drill and in the event of a real emergency.



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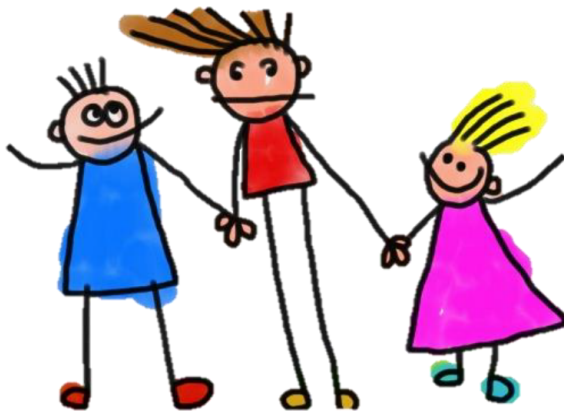
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TALK TO YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER

We strongly recommend that you speak to your child about the following:

- That **their school has emergency plans** in place to ensure student safety immediately following an emergency or disaster event.
- The potential risk of **gas leaks, downed “live” power lines, debris, etc.** which may make streets and roads impassable and therefore not safe for your son or daughter to attempt to walk home.
- The **importance of remaining at the school** until given instructions by authorized school staff. Students will NOT be permitted to leave the school to pick up younger siblings at nearby schools.
- The **importance of the student release procedures** at the school and that you and your son or daughter need to follow the school student release procedures.



WHAT IS STUDENT RELEASE?

In the event of an earthquake or other serious emergency, the school will implement a controlled release of students for their safety and wellbeing.

Should this be necessary, the school will only release your son or daughter to **an authorized adult** as identified on your “Student Identification Emergency Release Form”, or if necessary, to emergency medical personnel. Your identified alternative(s) has been authorized to pick up your child should you be unable to reach the school. Designated alternatives should live within walking distance of the school, if possible.

In the event of a serious emergency the school will respond as follows:

- The Student Identification Emergency Release Form, which is filled in by parents usually in September and kept on file, will provide the necessary information for student release.
- Students will be released from the school **to an authorized adult** (as listed on the Student Identification Emergency Release Form) and when it is deemed safe to do so.

Assessing the community as “safe” during a serious emergency shall be done in consultation with Emergency Responders and the School Board Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

These School District Student Release Procedures have been developed with your child’s safety as the top priority.

For more information, please contact:

Robert Zambrano or Peter Chevrier
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
at 604-939-9201 or www.sd43.bc.ca.

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Check out the website for news
and announcements!

[http://public.sd43.bc.ca/
elementary/capehorn](http://public.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/capehorn)

Bottle Drive

Don't forget to drop off your refundable bottles/cans/juice boxes at the school on Saturday, April 9th between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Look for the big blue bin in the front parking lot!

CLASS & GRADE 5 GROUP PHOTO DAY

Class and Grade 5 group photo day is scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 9:00 am. Please do not be late, as the photographer goes through the classes quite quickly and it is difficult to re-arrange the photographer's schedule to accommodate latecomers.



PAC NEWS

CH PAC AGM MEETING - May 11th

The Cape Horn PAC AGM is on May 11th when the PAC will be approving the budget for 2016-2017 and electing our new executive council for next year. All parents are members of the PAC and are welcome to our meetings. Parents are crucial contributors to the success of our children's school. We need many more parents to be involved, volunteering their time and generating new ideas and collaborating on decisions to benefit our students' education. Show your school spirit and support by attending this very important last PAC meeting of this school year. Your time will be well spent.

Fundraising News:

Walk-a-Thon

Earth Day Walk-a-thon pledge forms will be coming home soon!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We are so grateful to the Cape Horn community for the many donations we received towards making our 'Breakfast Club' successful! The 15-20 regular students are eating a healthy meal because of your donations. We also are appreciative for the generosity provided by the Coquitlam Rotary Club for their monetary donations and for volunteering to serve on Thursday.

We are looking for more parents who are also available to help serve and to help clean up.

We serve breakfast each morning from 8:00am until 8:30am. Please contact Mr. McGovern if you are able to help out. "Many hands make light work."



CAKE DECORATING CONTEST



It's time to start thinking about the Cape Horn Carnival! The Cake Walk has become a great tradition and it is always wonderful to see what our great bakers come up with. This year's theme will be "Carnival". Cakes will be judged with a prize for the winning cake. All cakes will be donated to our "Cake Walk".

COMMUNITY NEWS



2016 ONLINE Registration for . . . Elementary Skill Building opens 6AM, Tuesday, April 26th

- ▲ Students must have an account with our online system BEFORE registering for courses.
- ▲ Please visit our website and create/update your account now.
- ▲ To create an account you will need your child's PEN number, which is available at your home school.

We are offering courses in Fine Arts, French Immersion, Montessori, Reading & Writing, Math, Science, Kindergarten-to-Grade 1 Transition and more.

Dates: Tuesday July 12 to Friday July 29

Times: 9 AM to 12 PM Monday to Friday

Locations: 7 elementary locations - see website.

See website for full details!

www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca



FINE TUNE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS

(for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years old)

Please register ASAP.

How TO Talk So Kids Will Listen
and How to Listen so Kids will Talk.

6 week program begins on
Tuesday, April 26th, 2016
and ends Tuesday, May 31st.

Classes held at Rochester Elementary

Time: 7-9 PM.

Book Cost \$20.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

To Register: Email: momichinski@sd43.bc.ca

