



# CASTLE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Thank you Castle Park community for your support and kind wishes as I venture into this next chapter of my life. It really has been a joy and privilege to be the Principal for the past 8 years. This staff is truly outstanding and I know your children continue to be in good hands. I wish you all the very best and welcome Mr. Corbould to this amazing community.

*Kim Tompkins*

## Principal's Corner

Hello Castle Park community! I am very happy to have moved into my office! Thanks to Mrs. Tompkins for leaving everything so organized for me!! Now the chore is unpacking the boxes. I will usually be outside before and after school so please drop by and say hello. I have already let the students know my goal is to know all their names by Spring Break!

I had the opportunity Friday morning to get into all our classrooms and meet the students and their teachers again. I truly appreciated the warm welcome I received!

My preferred means of communication is via email. My belief is that being informed helps us all know what is going on. I would ask that you skim the emails for important information —if you have a question about something, please ask! I may not have the answer right away but I will get it. If you have a question about something regarding your child I would ask that you speak to the teacher as a first step—they know what is happening more on a day to day basis for your child than I do.

As you can see from the calendar below February is going to be busy...and with today's snow falling there will be added excitement. Please do make sure your children are dressed for the weather and have the necessary extra clothes! Looking forward to meeting and talking with you soon.

Regards, Andrew Corbould, Principal

## CALENDAR

### February

- 4 - 6 Kindergarten Registration
- 4 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5 Popcorn Day
- 7 - 13 Cross Catchment Applications
- 11 - 14 Scholastic Book Fair
- 15 School Closure Day
- 18 BC Family Day (School Closed)
- 20 Gr 5 Student/Parent Orientation Citadel
- 22 District PRO D Day (School closed)
- 27 Rock the Arts Puppets 1:00 pm

27 Pink Shirt Day

### March

- 4 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4 - 8 Dance Week - PRIMARY
- 5 District Speeches
- 6 Gr 5 Parent Info Evening at Citadel
- 11 - 15 Dance Week - INTERMEDIATE
- 15 2nd Formal Reports home
- 18 - 29 SPRING BREAK**

# Cross Catchment Application Process

For the 2019 – 2020 School Year

Parents can apply for a school outside of their neighbourhood catchment school. Should you want to choose a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school, you must be registered at your catchment school and then submit a "Cross Catchment Application" as outlined below. Approval of applications is based on availability of space and facilities.

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school on February 4, 5 or 6 before completing a Cross Catchment Application, except those students with siblings at the requested school (please see below).

Grades 1-12 students, who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment, will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will be in attendance when the student begins at the out-of-catchment school). Parents still need to complete the cross catchment application confirming sibling status.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance the following school year) and are requested to register at the sibling's school. Therefore parents do not need to fill out a cross catchment application verifying sibling status. The exception to this is for a Program of Choice. Parents must complete the online Kindergarten programs of choice application to attend a program with their sibling. Please see [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs) for more information.

## FEATURES OF THE 2019-2020 CROSS CATCHMENT PROCESS

- There are two separate applications: (1) Kindergarten Cross Catchment; (2) Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment (including a section to confirm sibling status)
- Applications will be accepted starting February 7 at 9 a.m. and close February 13 at 4 p.m.
- The district is encouraging use of the electronic version of the application form accessed through the district website ([www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)) beginning February 7 at 9 a.m.
- The [School Locator](#) tool on the district web site provides a student's designated catchment area schools. Catchment is based on permanent home address.
  - Paper forms will also be available at all schools as of February 7 at 9 a.m.
  - All completed paper applications must be returned in person or by mail to the school district office at 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7 by the closing date. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted.
  - The application requires student or PEN number (can be obtained from your child's school), child's birth date, home address, name of current or assigned school, and the name of the requested school. Kindergarten requests do not need to provide the student number/PEN number.
- Process details:
  - Applications will be processed based on the availability of space in schools and on a first come-first served basis (in-district priority then out-of-district).
  - Approval of a cross catchment application is only applicable to the designated school requested by the student and assigned by the district.
  - Changing levels from elementary to middle, or middle to secondary school, outside of the student's assigned catchment school requires a cross catchment application and approval.
  - The system will automatically mark the time the district receives the application for the online process.
  - The receptionist will mark the date/time of all paper copies as they are received at the front desk at the district office.
  - The district will enter the paper applications into the online system and record the appropriate date and time.
  - The process will close promptly at 4 p.m. on February 13.
  - The district response to applications will be communicated by email from March 4 – March 8, 2019.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOLS AT CAPACITY

A cross catchment application does not guarantee approval of the cross catchment request as many factors influence the number of cross catchment requests that each individual school can accommodate. For example, a number of schools have reached capacity and it is anticipated they will continue to be in this position for the next few years. Be aware that the district can only approve cross catchment applications up to the current and future available space in any given school and students within the catchment have priority for placement.

The following schools are anticipated to be at capacity for 2019-2020 school year:

- Elementary Schools: Aspenwood, Blakeburn, Glen, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, Mary Hill, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Riverview Park, and Walton.
- Middle Schools: Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Kwayhquitum, and Scott Creek.
- Secondary Schools: Dr. Charles Best and Heritage Woods

While applications are accepted for all schools, be aware that the district can only approve cross catchment applications if space and facilities are available.



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