



# CASTLE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December 4, 2018

## Principal's Corner

Another Remembrance Day has come and gone and I continue to marvel at the respect and sensitivity the community embraces those who fought in the past and current wars. Our school community was no different. In the days leading up to our assembly, the teachers effectively taught their students the meaning of the day through stories, poetry, and other projects. Our assembly was led by the following Grade 4 and 5 students and they did an outstanding job.

Haley Millar  
Charlene Empey  
Aaron Goss

Cera Moon  
Zain Khan  
Macenna Kennedy-Booth

Siam Samii  
Sierra Squires  
Lauren Wong

We are now preparing our students for the Christmas concerts on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendar so you don't miss the festivities leading up to the Christmas break. Try to come early as the gym fills to capacity for both concerts. Don't forget your camera!

As part of our Christmas, we will be collecting for hampers for some families in the District. A notice will be going home listing how you can contribute. Your contributions will make a real difference this holiday season! Many thanks.

On a personal note, just to let you know that I am retiring with my last day at Castle Park being January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a wonderful community and I will miss all who contribute to its success, staff, students, the PAC, and parent community. Thank you!

Finally, just a note that our secretary, Diane Leginus, has returned following a lengthy leave. While she was off she got married and now is using her married name, Diane McCargar. Welcome back, Diane!

*Kim Tompkins*

## CALENDAR

### December

- 7 1st Formal Reports Home
- 13 Early Dismissal 1:45 pm  
Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:00 - 6:00 pm
- 20 Christmas Concerts 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm
- 21 Last Day of School before Christmas Break  
Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day
- 24 Christmas Vacation

### January

- 7 School re-opens

### January cont'd

- 14 PAC Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- 28 PRO D Day -School Based (School Closed)

### February

- 4 PAC Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- 15 School Closure Day
- 18 BC Family Day (School Closed)
- 22 District PRO D Day (School closed)
- 28 Pink Shirt Day



## Christmas Concerts

Please mark your calendar for the Christmas concerts on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

These concerts are an opportunity for the students to share their talents and for everyone to celebrate the Christmas season as a community.

Christmas, it will be on us before we know it. Come and enjoy!

## Christmas Hampers

Our school has been approached to provide a memorable Christmas Day for families in the Tri-Cities area. Each division in Castle Park has been assigned to collect presents for one child.

Please watch for a letter coming home from your child's teacher.



## Amendment to the 2019/20 School Calendar

The school district would like to inform students, parents and SD43 staff that the 2019/20 school calendar has changed the date of the October Professional Development Day. The date of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 has been moved to October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to align with Provincial Specialist Association conferences. For more information on SD43 Calendars, please visit the school district website at [www.SD43.bc.ca](http://www.SD43.bc.ca).

## INCLEMENT WEATHER - School Closures



In the event of a heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day. Check the district website at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m. Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back.

*The district website posting is official - there is no need to call the school or the Board Office after viewing.*

**Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates.**

## Port Coquitlam Bylaw Enforcement



Safety in school zones is a high priority for all members of the community. The Bylaw Enforcement Section of the City of Port Coquitlam will be conducting strict enforcement of street and traffic regulations near our schools throughout the school year. Please be reminded to obey all traffic laws and signage, drive cautiously, and yield to pedestrians. Congestion around school zones can be alleviated by parking one or two blocks away from the school when picking up and dropping off children; remember to always give yourself extra time to arrive safely.

The most commonly ticketed offences in school areas are: parked on left side of highway (facing wrong direction/crossing centerline), parked obstructing traffic (includes vehicles stopped in travelled portion of highway even if letting off passengers), and parked/stopped where prohibited by traffic control device (includes vehicles stopped to let off passengers).



Learning for a Lifetime

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November 8, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the 2018 – 2019 school year, Kindergarten to Grade 8 teachers in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will be using an updated standard report card for communicating student learning. This enhanced report card is designed to align with the Ministry of Education's Reporting Order, the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and the Board of Education's Directions 2020 Goals. The report has been updated to be compatible with the provincial student information system, My Education BC (myEdBC).

This report card was refined last school year with input from parents, teachers and school administrators. The report uses performance scales, letter grades, teacher and student comments to communicate student progress. The result is a report card that supports the redesigned BC curriculum, (<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>) which has an increased emphasis on thinking skills and core competencies: communication, creative thinking, critical thinking, positive personal and cultural identity, personal awareness and responsibility, and social responsibility across subject areas.

Some schools and programs, for example the Montessori Program, have developed alternate methods of communicating student learning to parents that do not rely on issuing letter grades. The approaches used by these schools conform to the Ministry of Education Reporting Order and have been reviewed and authorized at the school district level.

Changes in communicating student learning and reporting are essential to the authentic implementation of BC's redesigned curriculum. Parents and guardians play an important role and will continue to be invited to participate in the dialogue about assessment and the communication of student learning in preparing students for a rapidly changing, exciting and opportunity-filled future.

Thank you for your support for student learning and for the implementation of the Ministry of Education's redesigned curriculum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Patricia Gartland'.

Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent of Schools

# Parenting Wisely Course



Parenting Wisely is a free course about managing the behaviour of elementary school children. Topics include waiting patiently until conversations or phone calls are over, morning and bedtime routines, cooperating with friends and siblings, behaving in public and schoolwork challenges. Two Parenting Wisely courses are being presented by Stan Simister and Porter Street Elementary School.

One course starts **Tuesday January 22, 2019, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays and ends on March 5, 2019. A second course starts **Wednesday January 23, 2019, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays and ends on March 6, 2019.

Both courses will be held at **Porter Street Elementary School, 728 Porter St., Coquitlam**. You need to attend the first class to take either course. **Please register with the school, between Monday January 7, 2019 and Friday January 18, 2019 at telephone # 604-936-4296**. If you are unable to attend the first class you will not be able to take these courses, but you are welcome to register for the Parenting Wisely courses that will be offered again in April of 2019.

Please sign in with the school office prior to going to the multipurpose room to attend the course. Participants with children under age 5 will need to make their own child minding arrangements.



Port Coquitlam Recreation in Partnership with SD43



## Castle Park Elementary

The goal of this program is to offer an easily accessible, age-appropriate recreation program where school-aged children are provided with the opportunity to create friendships, have equal participation time while being supervised by a caring recreation leader.

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY#	DAY	DATES	TIME	PRICE
Sports & Games	34149	Tu	Jan 22-Mar 12, 2019	2:45-4:15pm	\$36
Reduced rate for Winter 2019   Sports & Games is made possible through funding provided by the Government of British Columbia and support from the BC Recreation and Parks Association BCRPA					
Indoor Floor Hockey & Fun	34154	Th	Jan 24-Mar 14, 2019	2:45-4:15pm	\$72



Register | [www.experienceit.ca](http://www.experienceit.ca)

604.927.PLAY

