### KINDNESS AND COMPASSION



# Welcome to Harbour View

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SCHOOL GOALS: Getting along with others and managing powerful emotions. Being compassionate and kind.

### Principal's Message

## Events Calendar 2017-2018

September 2017	
28-01	New Registrations - school open
05	First day of school 9:00 -10:00 am
08	Bear Aware Assembly 9:15 am
21	Meet the Teacher Evening for Parents 6:30 - 7:30 pm
22	Non-Instructional Day (school closed)
28	Terry Fox Run / Hot lunch day
28	Michael Mitchell performance 1:00 pm
October 2017	
02	Picture Day
02-16	FSA grade 4's
03	COWS are coming!
04-06	Zumba
09	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
18	WE Day Vancouver
18-19	Interim Meetings 3:00 - 6:00 pm
19	Early dismissal 2:00 pm
20	Non-Instructional Day (school closed)
25	Motivational Magic show 9:00 am
27	Photo retake day
31	Halloween "Parade of Costumes"
November 2017	
09	Remembrance Day Assembly
10	School not in session (school closed)
11	Remembrance Day
13	Remembrance Day holiday (school closed)
15	Earthquake drill
17-23	Dance week
24	Non-Instructional Day for redesigned curriculum (School closed)
December 2017	
02	Breakfast with Santa
04	Term 1 Report Cards distributed

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and families to Harbour View as well as welcome our returning students and families back! I hope that you all have enjoyed a wonderful summer recharging, spending coveted time with familiy and friends and are excited for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. For students and families new to Harbour View, we are looking forward to meeting with you over the course of the school year. It won't take long for you to discover that Harbour View is an outstanding elementary school in a wonderful community!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome several new staff to Harbour View this year; we are very excited to work together and know this is going to be a great year rich with learning opportunities for all. This year also marks the first of a two year term working with a newly elected Parent Advisory Council Executive (PAC); I encourage you to follow the PAC on their Facebook site - Harbour View Elementary PAC and also their new PAC Website - <a href="https://harbourviewpac.wordpress.com">https://harbourviewpac.wordpress.com</a>. I also encourage you to follow the school's Twitter feed <a href="https://harbourviewSD43">@harbourviewSD43</a> for up to date information and the school website for more detailed information, calendar events, and bulletins and school forms at <a href="http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/harbourview/">http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/harbourview/</a>.

We are amidst an exciting time in education in our province and the Coquitlam School District is a leader. As we continue with the implementation of the new K-9 curriculum, we are excited to begin to implement new technology as a learning tool to best support and enhance a student centered learning approach with an emphasis on Inquiry learning. With core competencies at the forefront, combined with literacy and numeracy foundations and an introduction to coding, our aim is to focus on what's important to best prepare our students for the future. Critical thinking and problem solving, personal and social responsibility, and communication are a few of the areas you can expect to hear more about over the course of the school year. Furthermore, we are excited to explore using smart technology as a means of enhancing communicating student learning through the use of *Freshgrade* and a School District redesigned Reporting template.

We are pleased with our growing reputation that characterizes Harbour View Elementary as an outstanding place for students to learn. Our mission is to continue to create a positive, encouraging, and supportive environment in which all members of our school community can experience success and "soar to greater heights". At Harbour View, we believe in preparing your children for future studies but also developing in each and every student a set of character skills – Integrity – that will guide them through school, adolescence, and into adult life. The major benefit to students who build and develop this essential value at Harbour View, is the reward of having a finely tuned moral compass with which to meet the challenges of life. At Harbour View, we want to partner with families to reinforce these beliefs. We believe in a Growth Mindset where everyone should take risks and feel safe and supported in learning from mistakes to stretch ourselves to reach our fullest potential. We are looking forward to working with all students and families over the course of the next ten months in this endeavour.

All students will recieve a "Student Agenda" planner that contains valuable information for students and parents. We ask that parents review with their children the first ten pages, including our Code of Conduct and School-wide goals for the coming school year – "Managing powerful emotions in pro-active ways", "Taking responsibility for actions to build, maintain, and restore healthy relationships", and "Recognizing stressful situaiton and coping with stress in positive ways".

Lastly, your voice is important to us at Harbour View; we encourage you to contact us should you have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to work together to address any concerns to best support your child with their educational plan. We strive to foster a learning community where every child is appropriately challenged to meet their potential. I look forward to getting to know you all and continuing to work together to support your child's educational plan over the course of another great year at Harbour View!

Sincerely, Ms. Cheryl Woods Principal

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AT HARBOUR VIEW

#### Go Green!

Parents, we need your help! While we believe strongly in teaching our students the importance of recycling and acting as Superheroes of our environment, managing recycling for 300 students presents a challenge in attracting unwanted pests. In order to maintain a pest free, healthy environment, we strive for LITTERLESS lunches. We ask families to pack snacks and lunches in reusable containers. If buying snack packs, we ask parents to find packaging that is recyclable and ask students to practice "Pack in, Pack out" by taking all packaging and left overs home to be recycled. This will help us to maintain a clean, pest free school.

#### **HOT LUNCH**

Munch a Lunch is now open for ordering. If you are new to the school, please go to the PAC website (https://harbourviewpac.wordpress.com) and click on the Hot Lunch tab for information on how to set up your account. If you have any questions, please email us at hvhotlunch@gmail.com.

Harbour View Hot Lunch committee www.munchalunch.com https://harbourviewpac.wordpress.com

The first Hot lunch will be Thursday, September 28th following the Terry Fox Run.

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Next PAC meeting Nov 7th 6:30 pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



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#### **School Cash Online**

We ask parents, if you have not already done so, to create a login for School Cash online by clicking on the link on our school website so you can pay field trip fees online. This will help us by reducing the amount of cash we handle in the school.



#### E-Forms

We ask parents, if you have not already done so, to compete and submit E-Forms by clicking on the link on our school website. This information is required to update Emergency Release and Medical information, to volunteer in your child's classroom, on class fieldtrips, or as a driver as well as annually reviewing our Code of Conduct with your child. We are very appreciative for parent volunteer drivers that make class fieldtrips possible! We ask parents to complete and submit a Volunteer form, a criminal record check (valid for 5 years), and an annual driver's abstract from ICBC in advance so that teachers can plan for fieldtrips in advance.

### **After School Programming**

Theatrix is returning to Harbour View October 19th -November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays after school from 3-4 pm. As our gymnasium is fully booked, please ensure you pick your child up promptly at 4pm. Thank you for your consideration. Information regarding further



After-School Programming to be announced.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY AT HARBOUR VIEW

### **Arriving to School Safely!**

Your child's safety is important to us! As you can imagine, 280 students arriving at school between 8:45 and 9:00 am, many of which arrive by vehicle, produces a great deal of traffic congestion. Harbour View participated in a Traffic Safety Study three years ago which produced a number of recommendations to ensure students arrive at school in a safe manner. Last year, with the help of graduate students from Simon Fraser University working collaboratively with Mr. Rahn's class in a class Inquiry project, many parents completed and submitted a parent survey regarding traffic habits and safety at Harbour View. This year, we will be examining the feedback and working together to implement some safety recommendations from this study.

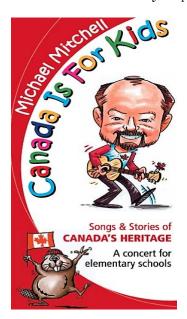
As a reminder, the safest way to drop your child off in the morning is by using the drive and drop zone in the morning as per the map below. The safest driving route in the morning is along Bartlett and pulling into the drop zone on the right curb on Lillian Street. The school parking lot is for staff parking only. Due to the congestion in this area, we ask parents not to drive through the parking lot. **Please refrain from U-Turns or 3-point Turns on Lillian Street due to the congestion in this area!** Parents are asked to pull out of the drop zone and continue up Lillian Street to Brisbane Street to exit out to Gatensbury or continue up Lillian Street to Como Lake Road.



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HARBOUR VIEW

### Michael Mitchell is coming to Harbour View

We are pleased to welcome Canadian singer, song writer Michael Mitchell to Harbour View on the afternoon of Thursday, September 28th.



We look forward to celebrating Canada's 150th year with songs and stories of Canada's Heritage following the Terry Fox Run and Hot Lunch.

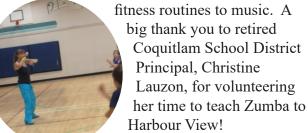
### Terry Fox Run

Once again Harbour View will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 28th. Thank you to Mr. Rahn for organizing and staff for their participation in this year's "Pie in the Face" fundraiser. This year's goal is \$7000; all proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of Cancer Research. We look forward to a great event honouring a Canadian hero! Thank you in advance for your support of this annual event.

#### **Zumba returns to Harbour View!**

The Zumba fitness trend returns to Harbour View the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will get the

chance to get moving and learn



### **Pumpkin Patch fieldtrips**

Several teachers are once again arranging class fieldtrips to the Pumpkin Patch this October. Parents can help by paying online. We ask parents,



if you have not already done so, to create a login for School Cash online by clicking on the link on our school website so you can pay field trip fees online. This will help us by reducing the amount of cash we handle in the school.

Fieldtrips often require Volunteer Parent drivers. Please ensure e-forms are completed online, including the Volunteer Form. Volunteer drivers are required to submit in advance a Criminal Record Check valid for 5 years as well as a Driver's Abstract each year.

### Photo Day!

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Picture Day at Harbour View. Students will have individual photos taken by professional photographers from **LifeTouch** throughout the morning. Photo packages will be available for purchase. Students will be bringing home purchase information forms. Should you wish to purchase a photo package, please return the envelope with a cheque or cash enclosed. Retake photo day will be on October 27<sup>th</sup> for students who were absent or parents who wish a retake for purchase purposes. Class and School Composite photos will take place in the Spring of 2018.