

- Best wishes to Mr. Colvin and his family as they welcome baby Beth into their family. Mrs. Doza will replace Mr. Colvin for the remainder of the year beginning February 4th.
- Welcome Mrs. Vnuk, our new Teacher Assistant
- Congratulations to Ms. Dimmer-Drew for assignment to Hampton Park

Heritage Mountain Elementary School

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The Numbers Are In!

To ring in the New Year, I have some data to share with you. Yay!

Tackling a new school goal is a daunting task. Believe me when I tell you that it's no easy task identifying an area of student need and creating a plan to address those needs. Working with Mr. Don Gordon, from our District's Staff Development Department, our staff has assessed our students using the same activity. On December 14th, our intrepid teachers assessed the student work samples. Earlier in the week, the students completed one of two tasks. The primary students had

to show different ways to represent a number. For example, the Grade 3s had to show all of the ways to represent 12. The intermediate students had to show how they would build a garden, given a set of parameters.

The teachers assessed the work based on how well the students communicated their thinking.

The chart below shows how we did.

Numeracy problems can take many different forms. The staff will produce a different type of problem solving activity and see

if the data below is consistent.

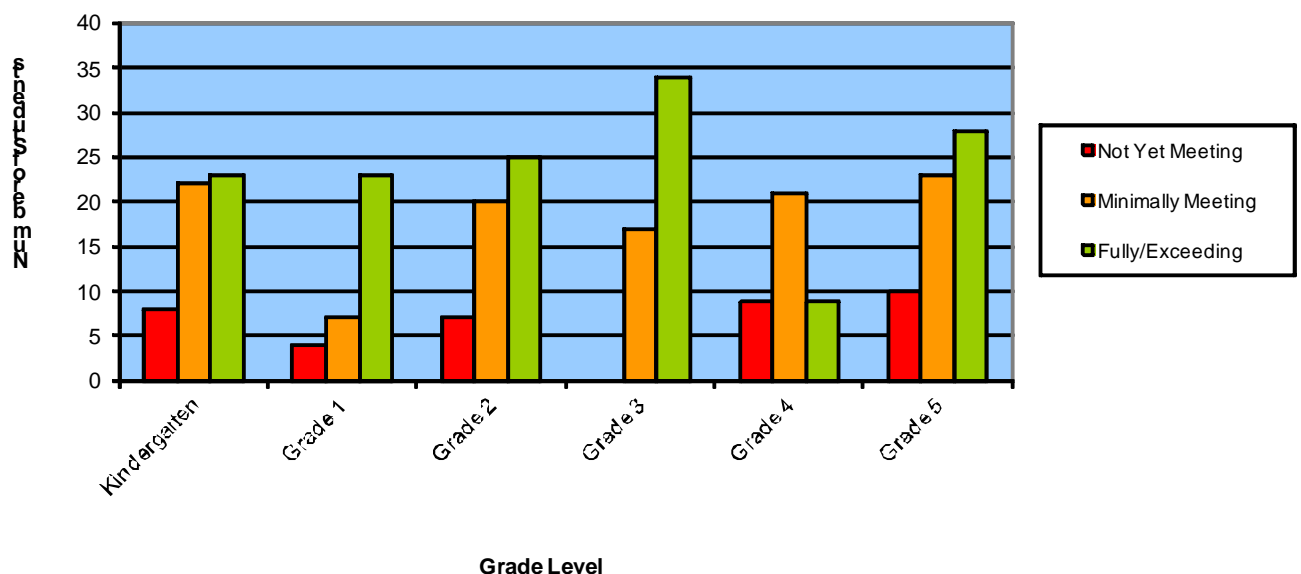
Our next round of assessments will be the first week of February.

Stay tuned for another update!

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

Heritage Mountain Elementary, Numeracy Problem Baseline, Fall 2012



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for September 2013 begins February 5, 6 and 7th.

those days to register. More information can be found later in this issue.

Registration times are 9am-3pm.

Families that live in our catchment will be invited to come into the school on one of

Ready Set Learn

Thursday, January 24th, 5:00-6:30pm

This event is open to 3 and 4 year olds. Each family will receive a goody bag.

All Visitors to HME are asked to check in at the office for a Visitor's Badge.

Friday, January 25th is a Professional Day

HME on Twitter

I am experimenting with Twitter as a tool to communicate exciting things that go on in our wonderful school. If you recall, at the end of December, I was tweeting road condition updates.

I am fascinated with the application of Twitter as a sharing tool with our community.

I initially set up the school Twitter account with a vision of live-tweeting from the District Track and Field Event in May. Now, I see that I can share all of the wonderful learning that goes in our

building. My goal is to tweet at more than once a week. Some if it may be mundane items such as the weather, but others may capture the exciting learning activities that goes on at HME. Unless you work in the building, I don't believe you see all of the amazing things that happen on a daily basis.

I would like to share all of these magical moments with you via Twitter.

At the time of this writing, I have 23 followers. Please



consider following me on Twitter.

@heritagemountai

P.s. Yes, I am missing the 'n' in our Twitter name due to the limit on letters. Sheesh!

Playground Update

The Jones' family has taken the initiative to host a bottle drive between January 2-8th. Liam, Connor, McKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Jones collected and sorted bottles. So far, they raised \$500.



What's Going on at HME?

Owls in the Classroom

Mrs. Kirsh and Ms. Callihoo had an owl visit their classrooms on January 21st. The students were excited to see a live owl!

Salmon in the Classroom

Mrs. Bleasdale's Grade 3 class is has started studying salmon. She has a tank set up with salmon eggs and the students will be able to see the different stages in the life cycle of a salmon. The students will release the salmon later this year.

Major Conrad Flapps

Thanks to the HME PAC for funding the visit of Major Conrad Flapps. Major Flapps has performed his clown act for over 25 years. He spoke about bullying and gave our students different strategies for dealing with a bully.

Welcome Student Teachers

We have two student teachers beginning their careers with us this January. Mrs. Baker will complete her practicum in Mrs. McCausland's Grade 2/3 class. Many of you may know Mrs. Baker

as she is also a Special Education Assistant at HME.

Mrs. Joy Liu begins her practicum in Mrs. Marshall's Kindergarten class. She is keenly learning about the children and the culture at HME. We wish both student teachers the best of luck!

Cross Stitch

Mrs. Godin is sponsoring a Cross Stitch Club for Grade Fives. There are 30 students who have signed up. The group meets twice a week at noon and learn about the fine art of cross stitch.

Grade Five Basketball

Forty-four Grade 5 students have signed up for basketball. The team's practice is being led by Mr. Counsell, a parent at HME. We are currently arranging games with other schools. Thanks to Mrs. Bleasdale, Ms. Callihoo, Mrs. Delisser, Mrs. Lauridsen and Mrs. McKave for sponsoring the team.

Division 1 & 2 Dancing

Mr. Leuvekamp and Ms. Ogilvie's class used a Nintendo Wii for a dance unit with their class.



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Kindergarten Registration for 2013

When Can My Child Start Kindergarten?

Children who are five years old before December 31, 2013 may enter school in September 2013. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2014.

When Should I Register My Child?

Kindergarten registration (except for Montessori, Bilingual Mandarin, Reggio and French Immersion) within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) will be held on February 5, 6, 7 in all elementary schools.

Beginning this year, registration for Early French Immersion will be done online from January 18-25, 2013. See our website for more details.

Should I Bring Anything for Registration?

Please bring the following documents:
Proof of citizenship for parent & child (one of): birth certificate; passport; PR Card; Canadian Citizenship Card.

Proof of BC residency for parent (one of): rental contract; property purchase contract; income tax statement; property tax statement; and 2 of the following documents: utility bill; BC care card; BC driver's licence; BC vehicle registration; Canadian Social Insurance #; Canadian bank or credit card statement; BC ID.

Proof of Guardianship: please refer to 'Funding Eligibility Checklist' on our website or contact your neighbourhood school.

Information regarding Kindergarten and parent meetings should be available at every school at the time of registration.

Can I use my childcare facility address to determine my child's school attendance area?

According to the School Act, enrolment can only be based on the home address.

All students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment area school on February 5, 6, 7. To determine your catchment school access the school locator on the District website. If parents wish their child to attend an out of catchment school they will be provided the opportunity to apply for a cross catchment transfer, beginning on February 8, 2013 with the deadline of February 20, 2013 (visit our website for more information). If enrolment projections show that space is available, cross-catchment transfer applications will be accepted in accordance with the following priorities: (i) catchment area child; (ii) non-catchment area child; and (iii) non-school district child.

Please note that siblings of students in attendance at a school are considered as a catchment area child at that school.

NON-RESIDENTS

Please contact the International Education Department @ 604-936-5769 or visit at 1100 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam. Bring along proof of citizenship for parent and student, proof of residency and proof of guardianship (if applicable).



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Cross Catchment Process 2013 – 2014

Parents have the right to choose the school their children attend subject to availability of space. Should you want to choose a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school you must submit a "Cross Catchment Form" as outlined below.

All Kindergarten students **must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school** on February 5th, 6th, or 7th **before** completing a Cross Catchment Form. **Kindergarten** students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling is still in attendance at the school), therefore parents do not need to fill out a cross-catchment application.

Features of the 2013-2014 Cross Catchment Process:

- There are two separate forms:
 - Kindergarten Cross Catchment
 - Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment
 - **All registrations will begin February 8th @ 9:00 a.m. and close February 20th at 4:30 p.m.**
- The District is encouraging use of the electronic version of the application form accessed through the District website (www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning February 8th at 9:00 a.m.
- Paper forms will also be available at all schools as of February 8th at 9:00 a.m. All completed paper forms 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 email copies will not be accepted.**
- Process details:
 - Requests 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)**.
 - The system will automatically mark the time we receive the request for the online process.
 - The receptionist will mark the date and time of all paper copies as they are received at the front desk in the School Board Office.
 - The District will then enter the paper requests into the online system and record the appropriate date and time.
 - Principals will be able to access information about requests as they are received.
 - The process will close off promptly at 4:30 pm on February 20th.
 - The District response to cross catchment requests will be communicated in writing and/or email during the week of March 11-15, 2013.

Important Information about Schools at Capacity:

A number of schools have reached capacity and it is anticipated they will continue to be in this position for the next few years. Please be aware that the District can only approve cross catchment requests up to the available space in any given school and students within the catchment have priority for placement. This list will be forwarded to you at a later date.

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Major Conrad Flapps at 1:00pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Ready Set Learn at 5:00	25 Professional Day	26
27	28 Grade Fours write FSA this week	29 Recognition Assembly at 10:30	30	31		

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Playground Meeting at 7:00pm	5 Kindergarten Registration	6 Kindergarten Registration	7 Kindergarten Registration	8 Cross Catchment Process begins McDonald's Lunch	9
10	11 BC Family Day	12 PAC Meeting at 7:00pm	13	14 Valentine's Day and 100 Day	15	16
17	18 Gym Sense begins Pizza Day	19 Student Led Conferences, Dismissal at 1:50	20	21 Student Led Conferences, Dismissal at 1:50	22 Professional Day	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Pizza Lunch	5	6	7	8 McDonald's Lunch	9
10	11	12 PAC Meeting at 9:00am	13	14	15 Second Term Report Cards. Last day be- fore Spring Break	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
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April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Easter Monday	2 School Re-Opens	3	4 Performing Artist Figures at 1:30pm.	5 Public Speech Finals at 10:30	6
7	8	9 Early Dismissal at 1:50 for Parent-Teacher Interviews	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Recognition Assembly at 12:45	19 Professional Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				







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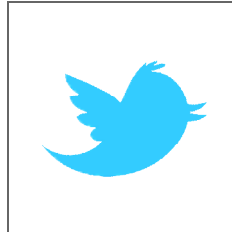
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Internet

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iPad Evening for Parents

February, 27th at 6:00pm- Como Lake Middle School

This event is for families who have purchased an iPad, those who are considering purchasing, and for parents who are looking for ideas to help to their child experience more success at school.



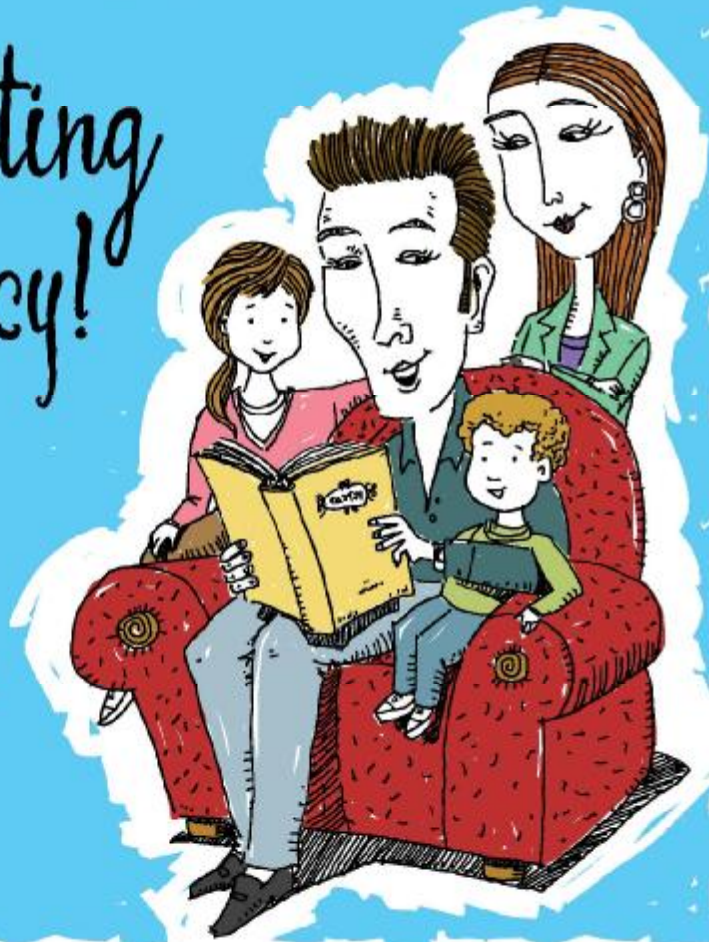
iDevices, such as the iPad, iPad mini, iPod touch and iPhone can have a profound effect on the experience of all learners. As a tool for students with exceptionalities, it can revolutionize their school experience. iDevices can allow students to access information more easily, create products for sharing what they know, and work collaboratively with others on projects. They are an amazing tool to assist communication and build skills in a wide variety of areas. The most significant impact of an iDevice, is the way that it fosters independence and confidence for students.

This workshop will provide an overview of how to use an iPad, why we find them so effective in schools and then we will break into two sessions to talk about what apps we use for social/communication/skill-building and the second session will deal with productivity apps and accessibility tools to help students complete class assignments with greater success.

Please call Brenda Peebles at Como Lake Middle School (604-936-1451) to register for this event. Bring your device if you have one.

Celebrating Literacy!

We're celebrating 5 years of Learn & Play.



Family Literacy Day – Wednesday, January 30

Coquitlam Centre and their community partners will be celebrating literacy for the entire family. It's a day filled with entertainment and interactive activities for all ages, including performances by Bobs & LoLo, Science World and Learn & Play activities, an Adult Literacy Trade Show, Youth Songwriting Workshop, Teen Scavenger Hunt, Senior's Tea, a Tech Café ... and much more.

Children's Used Book Drive

During the week of January 25 – 30, drop off your gently used children's books in our Book Zone in the Northeast Plaza by H&M. All donations will be redistributed by Learn & Play and other local community organizations.

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