

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- District Track and Field Meet, Wednesday, May 22nd at Town Centre Stadium

HME is a polling station for the May 14th Provincial Election. Expect heavier than usual traffic.

# Heritage Mountain Elementary School

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## Shhhh...Sneaky, Sneaky

What was the sneakiest thing you have ever done as a child?

Think of a time that you did something so sneaky, your parents still do now know. I will share one of mine. Get ready.

By ten years old, I knew every hiding spot in the house.

I don't think my parents knew that I found every nook and cranny hiding place in the house.

When my parents were watching TV, I would sneak around their bedroom and find things. I always left it and I don't think they ever suspected what I found. I was careful not to leave fingerprints in dust; I put objects back exactly as I found it.

I found my dad's hidden coin collection; I found my brother's surprise birthday present (a Landspeeder from Star Wars); I

found the keys to their safe; I even found my surprise birthday present and acted surprised when I unwrapped the gift a week later. (It was the tauntaun from The Empire Strikes Back.)

They had no clue what I was doing.

Today, what is the sneakiest thing *your* child has done?

Do you even know?

I am asking parents to diligently check their child's on-line activities.

What are they doing on Instagram or Snap Chat?

What are they doing with the iPod when you are not looking?

Are they playing video games that are excessively violent or

have inappropriate content?

Do you know what your child does with a mobile device?

Are they saying cruel things to other children?

Are cruel things being said to your child?

I ask this so parents can make choices about appropriate activities or games that their children play.

I ask this so parents can discuss issues with children and to discover if they are exposed to inappropriate language or images.

I am encouraging parents to educate themselves about what their child could potentially be doing on-line.

Regards,  
Mr. C. Mah

## Parent Appreciation

The parents of Heritage Mountain are tremendously supportive of the school. Parent support ranges from reading with your child nightly, helping in the classroom, driving on a field trip, or assisting with fundraising.

This is a wonderfully supportive school.

On June 7th, we'd like to show our appreciation for the parents at Heritage Mountain.

Plan on joining us on the morning of June 7th for our Learning Celebration and Parent Appreciation. Our Grade 4/5 classes will perform for you.

Friday, June 7th, 8:50-10:15

# Track and Field and Como Lake



Taryn is about to overtake runner from another school.

Heritage Mountain is known as a Track and Field school. For as long as I can remember, HME has always done well at track meets. Dedicated kids and dedicated staff account for this.

This year, our Grade 5 girls placed first. Our Grade 4 boys, placed fifth and our Grade 4 girls placed third!

Heritage Mountain's training



schedule has been posted! Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are trying out for a variety of

activities.

# Outdoor Art Murals



One year ago, our Outdoor Art Mural project gained much

Breakfast Television segment. Today the murals continue to

attention when City TV aired a

gain attention! Port Moody Mayor Mike Clay came to the school to announce that four of our art murals will be featured in the Port Moody Recreation Centre!

Mrs. Liski's class re-united for Mayor Clay's announcement. Mrs. Ewart, the driving force of the project also joined the class.

# Playdates

The staff at HME are asking parents to arrange for playdates before the school day begins.

**We will not accept parent phone calls**

**during the day asking staff to pass on playdate info to their child.**

We have found that through miscommunication, we've had

upset children and parents.

Parents can relay any changes in routine to the teacher via notes or the child's planner.

All playdates should be pre-arranged and the children should be aware of it.

# The Tweets of the Month



## It's All About Me (aka Mr. Mah's PGP)

As I work with learners, I am learning about educational leadership as well. The job ranges from Parking Wars, building school culture, working with staff in a collaborative manner and cleaning up vomit.

Administration of a school is quite complex and I am always looking forward to improving.

I have a Professional Growth Plan.

The PGP is part of my contract with the Coquitlam School District. My goal is to develop Heritage Mountain Elementary as a Professional Learning Community.

With that, I'd like to offer parents a chance to provide me with feedback. Your feedback will be used to gauge my work at Heritage Mountain.

Please watch your email inboxes for a survey in the coming weeks. I would appreciate your honest feedback.

Klingons can now have their revenge.

*Grade Fives*

*will visit*

*Moody Middle*

*for "Grade 6*

*for 1/2 Day" in*

*the morning of*

*May 29th.*

## Looking Ahead to 2013-2014

Heritage Mountain is still formulating plans for class organizations. Parents are able to submit requests regarding their child's placement until May 10.

The process of building classrooms is incredibly complex and must take into account a balanced approach. Class building requires much thought as we strive to create opti-

mal learning environment for all children.

The requests must be in writing and outline the education reasons. As such, letters requesting a specific teacher will not be accepted.

Class placement will be driven by the teachers' knowledge of the child. Parental requests are used as supplemental information.

Also, if your family is not returning to HME, please notify the office as soon as possible.

It is important that we have the most accurate enrollment numbers as possible.



**Request letters are accepted until May 10th**



Jeans Day!

HME raised \$951.80 for Jeans Day on April 25th! All proceeds go to support Children's Hospital Thanks to Mrs. Godin for sponsoring the event at HME!

# Silverdent Comics Fundraiser

Daniel and Soroush, both in Grade Five, came up with a great fundraising idea! Sell their own comic books!

Both boys have been creating their comics and would like to auction of these first editions to the HME community.

The proceeds would be donated to the playground fund!

Daniel and Soroush are creating two baskets. Each basket

will contain:

- 1 set of 1st Edition Comic Books
- 1 gift certificate to Hour Glass Comics
- 1 model kit
- 1 tube of model glue
- Candy

The starting bid for each basket will be \$15.00.

Watch your email inboxes and

the school Twitter account for more information on how to place a bid!



# Top 10 Violent Video Games

Top 10 list of games

(in no particular order)

1. Gears of War series
2. MadWorld
3. Grand Theft Auto series
4. Mortal Kombat series
5. Call of Duty series (Black Ops edition is very popular)
6. Deadrising series
7. Resident Evil
8. Red Dead Redemption
9. Dark Souls
10. Manhunt

Violent video games just or soon to be released:

1. Assassin's creed 3 was just released and is very popular at schools (including elementary)
2. Medal of Honour was just released
3. Naughty Bear: Panic in Paradise was just released
4. Halo 4 comes out on November 6th
5. Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 comes out on November 13th
6. Grand Theft Auto 5 on November 15th

Video games are rated.

Video game companies are required by law to display the content rating on the face of their game (similar to movie ratings). Here are the basic rating categories you can expect to see displayed on video games cases.



*From ERASE Bullying program.*

*The staff of Heritage Mountain ask parents to take a moment to review these games with their children.*



# The Hair Cut

Mrs. Cooper, our PAC chair, revealed that our school community has raised \$71000 for our new playground. Mayor Mike Clay joined our school for "The Hair Cut" on Monday, April 22nd.

Thanks to Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Stancato for arranging this memorable day for the kids.

Grade 3, Ethan S., was chosen to make the first cut. Congratulations Ethan!

Special thanks to Mrs. Dzevitski

from Luxe Salon for her time.

Mayor Clay also announced that he would personally donate \$600 to the playground fund! Thanks Mayor Clay!



*"The Hair Cut" was featured in The Now News, Tri-City News and Global's BC1! You can view it on the school's Youtube channel!*



## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) 2013-2014 Proposed Calendar

	2013-2014 Date(s)
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 3
Pro D (District)	Friday, Sept 20
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 14
Pro D (District)	Friday, Oct. 25
Closure Day (School Not in Session)	Friday, Nov. 8
Remembrance Day	Monday, Nov. 11
Schools close for Winter Break (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 20
Winter Break	Dec. 23 – Jan. 3
Schools reopen after Winter Break	Monday, Jan. 6
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 10
Pro D (District)	Friday, Feb 21
Schools close for Spring Break (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 14
Spring Break	Mar. 17 – Mar. 21
Closure Day (School Not in Session)	Mar. 24 – Mar. 28
Schools reopen after Extended Spring Break	Monday, Mar. 31
Pro D (District)	Friday, Apr 11
Good Friday	Friday, Apr. 18
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr. 21
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19
Administrative Day (Student not in session)	Friday, June 27

This is a draft calendar for 2013-2014. It does not include two school based professional days and early dismissals.

# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> School Re-Opens	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Figura Performance at 1:30	<b>5</b> Public Speaking at 1:00	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Early Dismissal at 1:50. PAC Meeting at 7:00	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HME PAC Pub Night
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Recognition Assembly at 10:30	<b>19</b> Pro. D.	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> The Hair Cut at 9:00.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Como Lake Relays	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

# May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Class Photo Day	4
5	6	7 PAC Meeting at 7:00pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Provincial Election.	15 Welcome to Kindergarten, 6:00-7:00	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 District Track Meet	23	24	25 Bottle Drive
26	27 Recognition Assembly at 8:50	28	29	30	31	



# June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Jump Rope, Parent App. and Learning Celebra- tion Movie Night	8
9	10 Pro. D.	11 PAC Wine and Cheese at 7:00	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Gr. 5 Luncheon	19 Recognition Assembly at 8:50	20 Gr. 5 at Cultus Lake	21 Gr. 5 Luncheon	22
23	24	25	26 Grade 5 Leav- ing Ceremony. @ 1:00	27 Last Day of School	28	29
30	Summer Holidays begin!					



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Creating a Community of Learners and  
Leaders

**Heritage Mountain  
turns**

**20**

**November 2013**

**Follow HME!**

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**Youtube Channel: [www.youtube.com/heritagemountainelem](http://www.youtube.com/heritagemountainelem)**

**Website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/heritagemountain](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/heritagemountain)**



**Elementary – Grades 1-5**  
 Online registration starts  
 at 6:00 a.m., May 28  
 Registration ends July 5.

 **ONLINE REGISTRATION!**  
 Get an account to be able to register.  
 Update your account (if you already have one).  
[www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)

**Locations:** Bramblewood, Glen, Heritage Mountain, Miller Park, Pinetree Way and Porter Elementary Schools  
**Dates:** July 9 – July 26  
**Course Times:** 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
**Courses:** Fine Arts, French Immersion, Reading & Writing, Math, Science – Outdoor Focus

**NOTE: Course offerings vary by location.**  
 See website for full program information.

\*Students are required to commit to the entire program and attend on each and every day.

*Classes may be cancelled, combined or moved where necessary.*

**PROGRAM FEES**

Students ordinarily resident in BC	<b>TUITION FREE</b>
International Students**	\$580.00
Student initiated transfer/withdrawal	\$25.00

\*\*International fees will be refunded at 50% if requested on or before June 28 (less any required fees). For more information regarding student withdrawal, please visit our website.



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 July 9 – 26  
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bramblewood	Glen
Heritage Mountain	Miller Park
Pinetree Way	Porter Street



Visit our website for complete Elementary, Middle and Secondary Program information.

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