



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

Heritage Mountain Elementary School

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We acknowledge we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the Tseil-Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish, and Sto':lo Nations.

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Newsletter #8

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Hello HME Families,

It's been a full week after coming back from Spring Break, as students and staff have been busily working together on projects and having fun. Yesterday, we had an assembly for our community time about "Connection, Caring and Love", which was a nice way to celebrate together after the long break. Thanks to Mrs. Khan for organizing and presenting about Hawaiian culture and greetings, and Ms. Baker for her work and presentation with the HME choir who sang a Hawaiian Mele Song and an Indigenous Travelling Song. It's so nice to see the great work of staff and students being shared!



With the nice weather starting back up, the Como Lake Relays have begun under the leadership of Mr. Leuvekamp and teachers, after a 3-year absence. Next week in all classes, students will be participating in the KM club during the school day – which is when they run the path around the grass field. Many classes will also be going out for time in the forest areas and on some walking trips. Teachers will notify you about anything coming up for your children. It's great to be able to get outside and enjoy our beautiful school grounds this time of year!



I wanted to update you on a few of our recent staff absences, as there are often changes on staff throughout the year. Ms. Hansen, who is one of our EAs, has been off on medical leave since before spring break. We hope to see her return sometime in late April or early May, and we wish her all the best in her recovery. Mr. Clarke has also just gone on medical leave following the spring break holiday. This may be for the remainder of the school year, and we wish him all the best as well. Families in that class will be updated about the replacement teacher who will be assigned soon. For now, there is a TTOC filling in. Finally, finding replacements for our noon hour supervisor positions has been a challenge since the winter break. You may have heard from your child recently that there have been changes for play areas at lunch time. Just to recap, Ms. France retired at the end of December and the position was filled by someone who is on maternity leave. We expect to see that person in May. They have been actively searching for a temporary replacement in the meantime, and we have just received news that a new noon hour will be joining us Monday! We also had quite a few absences with our other two noon hours, and now one of them may be off until further notice. What this means is that we had been operating with only one noon hour most days, and some days with no noon hour supervisors. It has been a day-to-day decision about outdoor play at lunch, and we had to have all students go to the field and supervised by me, one noon hour supervisor, and our EAs. Thank you for your ongoing support as we deal with these challenges and changes. Reminder that if you are interested in applying to be a noon hour supervisor, please check the information in this newsletter regarding that. You need to be hired on as an SD43 employee to do this work, and we cannot simply have parents "volunteering" to supervise at lunch.

Please check the calendar for holidays and special days for conferences coming up. This final term always has a lot going on. Speaking of special events, the PAC is having a social fundraiser on Thursday, April the 20th at 7:00pm at the Livelyhood Pub in Port Moody, which is the evening before the Pro-D. Just in case you want to know, I will be there, and there might even be a few teachers! You never know what we might share over a beer (insert favourite emoji here). This fundraiser helps to support all the wonderful opportunities at HME including classroom funds, library materials, arts and athletic performances, to name a few.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and partnership!
Mr. Sclater

Important Information

Your PAC needs your help!

Can you help us with the position/event listed below:

- We are looking at organizing a possible outdoor event for September and need parent volunteers who are interested in helping organize this



Please email if interested @ Heritagemountainpac@gmail.com

What's Happening at Heritage Mountain

Early Dismissal - April 11th - One hour early 1:50

Please pick up your children on Tuesday, April 11th one hour earlier than the usual dismissal time (1:50) This early dismissal is to facilitate any parent /teacher meetings (optional). If you would like a zoom meeting or phone meeting with your child's classroom teacher on April 11th, please contact your teacher directly.

Professional Development Day on Friday April 21

There is no school for students. Teachers will be participating in the District Indigenous Focused Pro D Day on April 21st.

Wildlife Aware Reminders for Heritage Mountain Elementary

We are continuing to be diligent on our school grounds by ensuring garbage is brought inside outside of school hours and litter is constantly picked up. If you live in our neighborhood, please encourage your neighbors to also remember to keep garbage secure until the morning of garbage day.



Please note that if a bear, cougar, or coyote is sighted in our neighborhood near dismissal, students must be under the direct supervision of their parent or daycare provider when released by the classroom teacher. Students walking home alone will be kept at school and provided with further instructions from the Principal (or delegate).

If you see wildlife in your area, please call the Conservation officer at 1-877-952-7277. They keep track of this data and will contact the school if they feel extra safety measures need to take place.

NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR FOR HERITAGE MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY

Heritage Mountain Elementary is looking for a temporary Noon Hour Assistant to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) within an assigned zone at our school. (Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset!)

Please submit your resume (by email) to Kristy Kozak, Human Resources Advisor @ kkozak@sd43.bc.ca if you would be interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for our school.



Afterschool Club

The City of Port Moody's **Community Services and School District 43** are excited to team up to offer great programs! Meet new friends, stay active and have fun.

For children in grades K-5.

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Register online Tuesday, Feb 14 8am

Kids Zone

Kids Zone will allow your child to decide how they would like to spend their time. Recreation staff will facilitate activities such as gym games, mindful projects and homework help.

31987 Mon, Apr 3-May 29 2:55-4:55pm

Outdoor Adventure

Your child will engage in active outdoor play including games, sports and playground time.

31988 Tue, Apr 4-June 6 2:55-4:55pm

Please pack a healthy snack for your child each week, as we will begin each class with a short snack time. These 2-hour afterschool programs will also include a component of free play.

Wacky Science

Your child will engage in hands-on experiments and activities that help bring the exciting world of science to life.

31989 Thu, Apr 6-Jun 8 2:55-4:55pm

Dance and Art

Your child will be introduced to various styles of dance and simple arts and crafts.

31990 Fri, Apr 14-Jun 9 2:55-4:55pm



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Summer Learning

2023

Elementary

Eight locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!
Free to all BC residents*.

Middle

Three locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Two locations. Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. Free to all BC residents*. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 (earn a passing mark) also available, by referral.

Secondary Skill Building

Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track
Two locations. Wednesday July 5 - Thursday August 10 8:00-11:30am OR 12:00-3:30pm. Biology 11,12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11,12; EAL 10,11; English 10,11,12; English First Peoples 11,12; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PHE 10; Socials 10,11.

Secondary Full Credit

Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!

- Registration begins...
- Elementary: Tuesday May 2
 - Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 5
 - Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 10
- Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.
*SD43 Residency requirements apply

To Register



WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA / Phone 604-936-4261

Courses and locations listed above are subject to change

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For ages
5-11



Children's Spring Programs

Programs begin the week of April 3

NEW Ball Sports

NEW Clay Day

NEW Zumba at
Old Orchard Hall

Pro-D Day Events Friday, April 21

- Junior Life Skills
- Outdoor Adventures

Mountain Biking
Beginner &
Intermediate

Ninja
Training

Pickleball

Yoga

Visit portmoody.ca/signmeup to register today!

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YOUTH ROOTS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

OUTDOOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - AGES 7-12
TUESDAYS 4:00-6:00PM - APRIL 11-JUNE 13

CANOEING - KAYAKING - ARCHERY - ROCK CLIMBING



www.sasamat.org/afterschool-programs
604-939-2268