





School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
Heritage Mountain Elementary School
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MARCH 2024

Newsletter #8

March 5, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5 Hearing Screening	6	7	8
11	12 PAC lunch	13	14	15 Report cards posted
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25 	26	27	28	29 Good Friday
April 1 Easter Monday	2 BACK TO SCHOOL!	3	4	5

SPRING BREAK!

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



Hello HME Families,

We are just past mid-way in the year! There are many markers that indicate this. I know this because I arrived 2 years ago at the mid-way point on February 1st. Sometimes it's the snow that lingers to remind us we aren't quite at Spring Break yet! But also, the kinds of activities we are involved in let us know that time is passing and we are right in the middle of it!

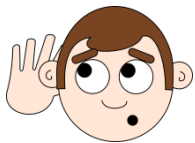
Many of the Kindergarten classes and some other grades have the tradition of celebrating 100th day, which is another form of a "half way" through tradition. It was fun to see students and teachers dressed up as "old" people and counting one hundred fruit loops. We are also part way through our Gym Sense program – a tradition that has been going on for a very long time at this time of year. Last week we had a fun "flash mob" song and dance supported by Ms. King our music teacher for the annual Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day. All these traditions and celebrations let us know we aren't at the beginning of the year with setting up classes, and we aren't at the end when things are cruising to summer, so there's much more still to come!

Up next will be your child's Term 2 learning update which will be posted on the final day March 15th. We have time set aside after Spring Break on April 10th to connect with your child's teacher if needed. We are also planning some fun activities and school initiatives for after the break – which were shared at the last PAC meeting. Stay tuned!

Thank you for all your ongoing support and partnership!

Mr. Sclater

Important Information



March 5 - Hearing Screening for Grade Two Students

The Audiology Department from SD43 will be here on March 5 to conduct their annual Grade 2 Hearing-Screening Program. All Grade 2 students AND students new to SD43 and those identified by teachers will have their hearing tested. Information has been sent by email to parents of those students eligible for screening.



IMPORTANT

Report Cards & Parent Portal

Report cards will be available to be viewed through your MyEd account on **MARCH 15th** in the

afternoon. PLEASE ENSURE you have logged into your myed account PRIOR to March 12th to update your password. Passwords expire every 90 days – if you do not update your password you will NOT be able to access your child's report card. If you have forgotten your password use the "I forgot my password" option so that you don't get locked out of your account.

Students arriving LATE

The number of students arriving late has skyrocketed in the past few months. We routinely have 20+ students daily arriving late – and some students are late nearly every day.

The beginning of each day in all classes is spent going over the agenda for the day, listening to class announcements and engaging in morning activities that give students time to be creative and time to connect with others. This time in the morning helps set kids up for success for the day. Please make every effort to have your child on time for school.

What's Happening at Heritage Mountain Elementary

Gym Sense

Thank you again to the PAC for sponsoring Gym Sense for all students. The sessions end on March 14th. Please check with your child's teacher about "parent viewing" in the final week of Gym sense.

Thank you.



Kilometer Club

Kilometer Club training begins after Spring Break!

Thank you to our PAC for providing incentive ribbons again this year!

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School Calendar 2023-2024

Designation	Date(s)
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, March 15
Spring vacation period	Monday, Mar 18 – Thursday, Mar 28
Good Friday	Friday, Mar 29
Easter Monday	Monday April 1
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	Tuesday April 2
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr 19
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
School Based Pro-D Day	Monday, June 3
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 27
Administrative day	Friday, June 28

Early Dismissals one hour earlier than normal dismissal:

Wednesday April 10 1:50
 Wednesday May 8 1:50 for student led conferences
 Thursday May 9 1:50 for student led conferences

Bell Schedule:

School Starts 8:52 am
 Recess 10:25-10:40
 Lunch 12:10-1:00
 Dismissal 2:50

Free information sessions: how to co-exist safely with coyotes

Sign up to attend a free information session to learn how to co-exist safely with urban coyotes.

Coquitlam and Port Moody are collaborating with the Stanley Park Ecology Society for the second year to provide information on common misconceptions about urban coyotes, as well as tips to help keep your family and pets safe.

Register to attend one of two free information sessions

Coyote breeding season is underway now through April, which means they will be more active as they secure and protect territory. Residents may hear coyotes howling and yipping more often as they communicate with each other and establish their territories and may even come across coyotes while the animals are active and seeking mates.

Minimizing conflicts between coyotes, humans, and pets is important in protecting the safety of our community, and our urban wildlife. Coyotes have a vital role to play in the urban ecosystem as they help control the population of rodents and other wildlife.

Presented by Dezirae Barreto from the Stanley Park Ecology Society, each one-hour session will provide information about coyote breeding season, common misconceptions about urban coyotes, what to do if you encounter a coyote, and ways to manage attractants. All ages are welcome to attend.

Port Moody

Register at portmoody.ca/SignMeUp or call 604-469-4556.

- **Date:** Friday, February 23, 2024
- **Time:** 7-8pm
- **Location:** Glenayre Community Centre, 492 Glencoe Drive
- **Course ID#:** 00039004

Coquitlam

Details at coquitlam.ca/UrbanWildlife and register by email at: UrbanWildlife@coquitlam.ca.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 16
- **Time:** 1-2pm
- **Location:** Room 2/3 at Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex, 633 Poirier Street

About the Stanley Park Ecology Society

[Stanley Park Ecology Society](#) – a registered charity since 1988 – began as the Stanley Park Zoological Society. Following the closure of the Park's petting zoo in 1995, the society revised its name but continued with its aims of education, conservation, and outreach programs.