



# James Park News

## December 2018

Together We Can ... Learn, Belong, Take Care of each other and this place

Please help us as we strive to do our best at school

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Christmas Concert**

What happened? Only 5 more days left before the holidays! Similar to last year, our amazing Music teacher Ms. Oliverio has spent long hours - before, during, after school and even during her days off - preparing for the upcoming concerts on December 19. In addition, I am very grateful to the staff at James Park Elementary for not only supporting the concert, but also for volunteering their time and energy for an evening performance again this year. We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday in the early afternoon (1:30 p.m.) or evening (7:00 p.m.). Lastly, but very importantly, we anticipate high numbers of parents and relatives at both concerts. Therefore, if you are driving to the school, please ensure your vehicle is parked legally in our neighborhood and give yourselves enough time to get to the concert. If you are able, please consider walking to the school/concert.

### **Holiday Food Drive and Gingerbread House Draw**

'Tis the season of giving! Thanks to O. MacRury, K. and L. Huynh and Mrs. Cleave and daughters for donating the amazing gingerbread houses as well as to Ms Perry for making the candy tree and sleighs which will be raffled off during the two concerts. To receive a ticket to enter the draw, students are encouraged to bring in food donations. Students will receive one ticket per item brought in. Attending the concert is a perfect opportunity to bring a few cans of non-perishable food items which can be dropped off in the boxes under the Christmas tree in front of the office. All food donations will be picked up on Thursday, December 20 and will go to the SHARE society. Thank you to all who have already donated so generously and to those who will do so in this final week of the food drive!

### **Respect**

Thank you to all families who participated in the assigned 'homework' by completing the green Respect worksheet. I hope this activity initiated or continued the conversation with your children of one of our school values. Both \$50 gift certificates to White Spot will be raffled off during the concert.

### **City of Port Coquitlam Staff Donation**

On the topic of giving, we would like to thank staff members of the City of Port Coquitlam for donating two \$150 food gift cards which will benefit two of our James Park families.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

I would also like to invite you to our annual pancake breakfast on Thursday, December 20. Pancakes will be served starting at 8:00 a.m. A huge thank you to our cooks and kitchen volunteers for coming early that day to prepare breakfast for us. If you are coming, please consider bringing plastic plates, knives and forks so that we can reduce waste.

## Report Cards and Early Dismissal

Term 1 reports cards were distributed to students last week Friday. If you would like to discuss your child's report card, please contact his/her teacher(s) and use the upcoming early dismissal on Friday, December 21 at 1:53 p.m. for a parent-teacher conference.

Lastly, just like many of you, I am looking forward to the break and I hope that you will not only spend some quality time with family and friends, but that you will also find the time to relax during the holidays. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Marco Jankowiak  
Principal, James Park Elementary

From the Superintendent of Schools:

## Season's Greetings 2018

The holiday season is here, and what a joy it is to celebrate this time of year in our school district and all that comes with it—the Christmas music, decorations, holiday treats, time with friends and family, and the spirit of giving.

Fall is a wonderful time for students' academic, emotional, social and physical growth and success thanks to the collaboration and involvement of the employees, parents, trustees, partner groups and the community.

We are proud of how our school district comes together in the true meaning of the season to share and give back to the community by collecting food and toys, making hampers, sponsoring families, and volunteering time to help those in need. Thank you all for your extra efforts.

On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I wish you a peaceful and restful winter break, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent of Schools



## **School Calendar – Days to Remember!**

### **James Park**

<b>Wed Dec 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Concert <u>Rehearsal</u> AM 1:30pm Afternoon Winter Musical 7-8pm Evening Winter Musical</b>
<b>Thurs Dec 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Share Food Drive Pick Up</b>
<b>Fri Dec 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><u>Early Dismissal at 1:53pm</u> Last Day of class before Winter Break</b>
<b>Mon Jan 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School re-opens today</b>
<b>Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Jan 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9am Montessori Online Registration (Lottery Draw, see <a href="http://www.sd43.bc.ca">www.sd43.bc.ca</a>)</b>
<b>Jan 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fraser Health Kindergarten Hearing Screening</b>
<b>Jan 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Based Pro-D Day (no school in session)</b>
<b>Jan 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Pink Shirt T-shirt Order deadline</b>

## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

### School Calendar 2018-2019

DESIGNATION	
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 4
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 21
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 19
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, Nov. 9
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, Nov. 12
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 21
Winter vacation period	Dec. 24 – Jan. 4
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 7
School Not in Session	Friday, Feb. 15
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 18
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 22
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 15
Spring vacation period	Mar. 18 – 29
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, Apr. 1
Good Friday	Friday, Apr. 19
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr. 22
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 26
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 27
Administrative Day	Friday, June 28

**\*\* Please note: an additional 2 school-based non –instructional days will be selected by each school.**

**\*\*\* Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 School Based Pro-D James Park**

**\*\*\* May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 School Based Pro-D James Park**