

KWAYHQUITLUM NEWS

#7— April 2019



Principal's Message

I trust everyone had a wonderful spring break. We are happy to be back learning and playing at Kway.

Talking and interacting with your children regarding their use of social media is important.

The growth in social media and students' access to cell phones and other online tools has meant that many students experience some form of cyberbullying. Parents are often not aware that this is even happening as young people worry that their device will be confiscated. We spend hours teaching our children to cross a street or drive a car but often provide devices without adequately preparing our children for the power, responsibility and safety precautions needed to successfully manage the internet and social media platforms. Understanding privacy settings and knowing what to do should someone bully them online is now essential information that children need to be equipped with. Access the following website <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/cyberbullying/> to learn more about Cyber Safety and what to teach your child to do should they encounter cyber bullying. While many of these lessons are also taught at school, students need to know that they have an adult at home that they can seek help from.

Respectfully,

Laurie Ebenal
Principal

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- Apr 8 PAC meeting 7:00pm library
Bake Sale @ lunch-PADS
 - Apr 9 Bake Sale @ lunch-PADS
 - Apr 10 Bake Sale @ lunch-BCCH
 - Apr 11 Purdy's orders ready
 - Apr 12 Decade Day
Popcorn sales @ lunch -PADS
 - Apr 17 Hot Lunch -Carl's Jr. Burgers
 - Apr 19 SCHOOL CLOSED—Good Friday
 - Apr 22 SCHOOL CLOSED—Easter Monday
 - Apr 24 Movie Night 5-7
 - Apr 25 Grade 5 Parent Night—**TIME ???**
 - Apr 26 SCHOOL CLOSED-District Pro D Day
 - Apr 29—May 3 Spirit Week
 - May 3 Spirit Assembly PM
 - May 6 Gr 6 visit for the AM
PAC meeting 7pm library
 - May 8 Hot Lunch-Little Caesar's Pizza
 - May 10 Beginning Band Day
Newsletter #8 goes out
 - May 16 Grade 6 Immunization AM
 - May 17 SCHOOL CLOSED—School Pro D Day
 - May 20 SCHOOL CLOSED—Victoria Day
 - May 23 Grade 6 Immunization catch-up AM
 - May 24 Dance—**TIME ???**
 - May 29 Hot Lunch- Carl's Jr. Burgers
MACC Parent Info Evening 6-7
 - June 3 Last PAC meeting 7pm library
 - June 5 Treat day—TCBY Yogurt
 - June 12 Family Evening Concert 7:00-8:00pm
 - June 13 School-wide Music Concert 1:40-
3:00pm
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LES CORBEAUX

Les Corbeaux are excited to begin our third term journey. The Grade 6/7 classes are looking forward to learning about space and global issues in Science and Social Studies. The Grade 7/8 classes are wrapping up their studies of Japan in Social Studies and beginning to learn about plant and animal cells in Science. All of the Corbeaux classes will be doing in-class soapstone carving workshops on April 17th and 18th - online payment is encouraged. For the remainder of the year, all Corbeaux classes will be working towards speaking more French in class, especially among their peers.

THUNDERBIRDS

The Thunder-Birds are excited to be back to school after a Spring Break filled with fun, sun, and relaxation! The Students and Teachers are all eager to get back into the routine and have a positive term 3. As Mrs. Stevenson & Mrs. Jones are both away on maternity leave we are excited to welcome Mrs. Hinz & Mr. Wilson to the team! We are getting right down to work in all subjects and are excited to begin our Poetry Units which will tie in nicely to our school-wide read of "Posted". On Thursday April 11th we look forward to doing some team-building as we go as a Team to CCAC on our swimming field trip and will cross our fingers for good weather. Let's have a great Term 3 T-Birds!

EAGLES

As we look at the last few months of Grade Eight, the Eagles are working hard to learn skills that will serve them well in high school. Eagle students are applying their knowledge by inferring, comparing, and questioning in all aspects of their core subjects. In Socials, students are learning more about the Plague during the Middle Ages which links well to Science as we are examining viruses, epidemics, and pandemics. In Math we are working towards applying the Pythagorean Relationship. In PHE we are going to be exploring healthy relationships. We are also doing a Budget Project where students researched their chosen career and its salary; from there they need to create a budget including housing, transportation, entertainment and groceries. Please ask your child about their budget project as it could spark good conversation!

A few reminders from the Eagle Teachers:

- Please ensure your child has enough school supplies to get through the rest of the year: red pens, fine liners, and pencils (for example). We also remind students to bring their computers fully charged.
- As the weather gets warmer, students are encouraged to continue to wear clothing that is appropriate for a professional environment.
- Students are required to change their clothes for PE and wear proper athletic footwear.
- Decades Day is April 12th: students can wear clothing from any decade that day.

ORCAS

The Orcas are excited to get back to work after a restful break. We have jumped right into studying the nervous system with a focus on the physiology of the brain. Students have also started to look at poverty and the difference between equality and equity. Language continues to be a focus for the Orcas, and we are investigating different ways of using language through poetry. Students continue to work collaboratively on a variety of problem-solving tasks. In Physical and Health Education students will be starting weekly rotations investigating Hand ball, Floor hockey, how individual movement skills are performed, Improv and Drama activities. We look forward to a great month of April.

BEARS

The Bears have returned rested, refreshed, and ready for more exciting learning opportunities. Topics that we are launching into are earth science and plate tectonics, a mini unit on residential schools and reconciliation, and our continued reading of the novel Posted, which will culminate in a Skype session with the author himself, John David Anderson, on April 25th. As we journey through these next three months, Bears students will be encouraged to take advantage of all the fabulous opportunities that are offered at Kway to try new things and get involved. We look forward to a fantastic final term with our wonderful Grade 8 students.

TIMBERWOLVES

The Timberwolves would like to welcome all our families back. We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! This month in LA students will be continuing with our school-wide read and starting a unit on Fairy Tales. In Science, students are continuing their exploration of body systems by learning about the endocrine and exocrine systems. In Socials, students will look at poverty and its effects. In PHE, students are looking at eating habits and Canada's new food guide as well as learning some new dance moves! Coming up at the end of April, students will have the opportunity to participate in the HUB bike program which will explore bike safety and the fundamentals of riding a bike.

As the weather improves, parents are reminded of our clothing policy; clothes should be suitable to a work environment (not too much skin showing). Please remind your child to have a separate change of clothes for gym on Monday/Wednesday/Friday (Div. 14 and 16) or Tuesday/Thursday/Friday (Div. 15 and 17) as many students have been coming to class without gym strip. We look forward to having a strong third term.

ATHLETICS

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Spring sports are starting now! Badminton, Rugby and Track and Field will be offered again this year at Kway. Students are highly encouraged to get involved and join at least one school sports team each year. There is an effort being made to bring back the Mountain Biking Club. Stay tuned for more information. Please contact our athletic director, Jack Bale (jbale@sd43.bc.ca), if you have any questions about athletics.

Badminton

Grade 6 practices Mondays at lunch

Grade 7/8 practices Mondays after school

Drop in practices for ALL GRADES Tuesday mornings at 7:45am and Wednesdays at lunch

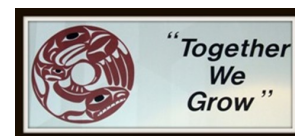
District Tournament TBA

Track & Field

Mini Meet #1 April 24th at Maple Creek Middle School

Mini Meet #2 May 1st at Pitt River Middle School

District Meet May 10th at Coquitlam Town Centre



Rugby

Girls Team play on Tuesdays (April 23, May 7, May 14, May 21 & May 28)

6/7s Junior Boys play on Mondays and Fridays (April 29, May 10, May 24 & May 31)

8s Senior Boys play on Thursdays (April 25th, May 9, May 16, May 23 & May 30)

All games will be played at Scott Creek Middle School

Intramurals

Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lunch

Wrapping up Potato Ball Season!

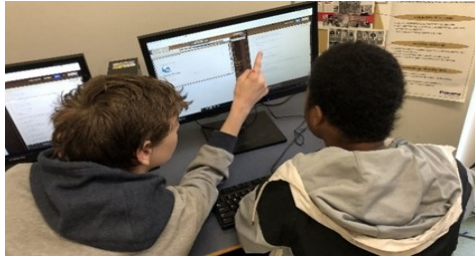
Drop In Sports Fridays at Lunch

Volleyball

SoccerFloor Hockey....Basketball....and more!!!!



eye on Explorations...



In Computers, we have been exploring game-based learning programs. Students have been working predominantly with Code Combat, Scratch and Minecraft Education Edition to develop their coding skills. Every day students spend a few minutes learning how to type faster than they were able to type on the previous day. Everything that we do in class is accessible online and can be completed anywhere on any device using Microsoft One-Drive. Here's what the stu-

dents have to say about Computers!

"I love playing Minecraft after finishing tasks that we have to do, because it feels like a reward. It just connects everyone in the exploration." – Cecile N

"I really like the Scratch projects. I can channel my imagination into my work" – Ricky P

"It's fun and challenging." – Eimmerin A

"I like how structured Computers is and that there are strict checkpoints that must be completed" – Lisa T

"I enjoyed learning Python" – Alexa A

"The reward of game time is a good incentive to work hard." – Austin L

"I like the fact that I get to practice my typing. Learning is really fun because it's all game based" – Ella C

"I like the type tests" – Jennifer Z



"I like how each day of the week we do something different." – Shaeya W

"Fun, educational, and exciting." – Ah-Ra C

"Code Combat is easy to follow and understand." – Brianna T

"I have had lots of fun doing Code Combat. I think it is a fun and interesting way to learn how to code." – Katie F

"I love playing Minecraft with my friends and building teamwork skills." – Didar B

"I think it's fun doing computers and coding. I may not be that good, but I still think it's fun." Ashby H

"I like that we can work on future projects and get ahead in class at home." – Kaden C



SPOTLIGHT ON KWAY KIDS!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team won the District Championship

This year's basketball team trained very hard all season and was determined to succeed. After losing the first game of the regular season, the boys bounced back and did not lose another game for the remainder of the regular season and playoffs.

In the playoffs, Kway blew out a very strong team from Banting Middle School in the quarter-final round. This was a big confidence boost heading into the next rounds. In the semi-finals, Kway defeated the defending championship team from Summit Middle School. In the finals, Kway played the only team that had outscored the Cougars all year, Eagle Mountain. It was a very close game from start through finish. Thanks to the effort by John Rainier Castillo in the 4th quarter, Kway won the trophy. Rainier put the team on his back and his sharp shooting ability and ball handling skills were too much for the Eagle Mountain defenders to match up against. Overall it was a team effort by the entire team that led the cougars to such a successful season. These boys were the first team to bring home the trophy since 2000!

GO COUGARS!!!



LEGACY TEAM



Thank you for supporting Kway's Legacy Team Easter Fundraiser with Purdy's Chocolatier to raise money for Grade 8 students to attend camp.

Orders will be delivered to your son/daughter's homeroom on April 11th unless other pick up arrangements have been made.

MOVIE NIGHT AT KWAY

On Wed., April 24th from 5pm to 7pm, Kwayhquitlum Middle School and the Me to WE club will be hosting a movie night. Me to WE will be raising awareness to benefit the Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) by presenting the short documentary, Born to be Wild. After the documentary, there will be a choice of 2 films to view with your family and friends: Batteries Not Included and The Lorax (movies subject to change based on availability). Entrance will be by donation (minimum \$1) and a concession will be present with pizza, popcorn and other goodies with all proceeds going to the OFI.



Have you heard, Kway has a Foster Orangutan? His name is Trudeau. Trudeau lives at the Care Center in Central Borneo where he's learning how to live in the forest on his own. He's just a baby Orangutan so he still needs to be cared for. There is some information in the Learning Commons but if you come out to Movie Night you'll learn all about him.

Bring your friends and family, support a great cause and the Me to WE club, and enjoy a movie or two. We look forward to seeing you!

KWAYZY KITCHEN

Cooking

10 sessions Cost: \$30

Have you ever wanted to surprise your parents with a meal cooked with your very own hands? Show them you can handle safety in the kitchen and prepare a basic healthy meal plan. Join in this cooking class with jointly presented by Kwayhquitlum Middle and PoCo Parks and Rec. and find out how to perfect your cooking and baking skills. You might prepare soups, pizza, pasta, quesadillas, cookies and more; the menu changes each session!

*Space is limited to the first 30 registrations.

There are still some spaces left. Forms and payment due: Monday, April 8th.

Please bring a container in case you have leftovers.

TUESDAYS

Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11 OR

WEDNESDAYS

Dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12 OR

THURSDAYS

Dates: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13

Time: 3:00-4:15

Location: Kwayhquitlum Middle School, Home Arts room

Cost: \$30 (Please make cheques payable to Kwayhquitlum Middle)

Please email Sbarnes@sd43.bc.ca for financial subsidy if needed.

Forms are available at the office or from Sue Barnes.

YEARBOOKS

There are still some yearbooks for sale! Yearbooks are \$25.00 and available until May 31st, while supplies last. If there are any yearbooks left in June, they will be available on a "first come, first served" basis and will cost \$35 CASH ONLY. Get yours now before they run out!



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SURVEY GRADE 7

Once again, the Ministry of Education has provided an opportunity for grade 7 students, grade 7 parents and staff to participate in the 2018-2019 Student Learning Survey, formerly known as the Satisfaction Survey. Grade 7 parents are welcome to complete the survey with no log-in required up until April 30, 2019 by accessing the following link:

https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

KEV – ONLINE PAYMENT/FORM SYSTEM

We encourage you to register your account online now! If you haven't already opened your account follow these steps:

Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>

Click on "Get Started Today"

Create your account

Enter first and last name (must be your child's legal name); click continue

Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue

Choose a password and security question

Make sure to OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

KEV is also where you will find the School Policy form, School Volunteer form., and the Driver Volunteer form.

Please note: if you have paid fees by cash or cheque to your child's teacher and receive an automatic email from KEV saying the fees are not paid, you can disregard this email.

OFFICE MATTERS

If your child is going to be late or absent from school for any reason (e.g. arriving late from a doctor/dentist appointment) or will need an early dismissal on a particular day, please inform the **school office** in advance by telephone, email or through a written note. A very convenient option is to submit your child's absence on our school website:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/Kwayhquitlum>. Follow the link and click on the **Absence Report** on the main page under Quick Links.

This information is entered into our computer system and dispersed to all staff. If no notification is received, we will be calling you at home or work for information regarding the absence. Unless you advise us that your son or daughter will be gone for more than one day due to illness, vacation, etc., the school will call each morning your child is missing from class. Thanks in advance for your cooperation as this assists our office staff greatly.