

Meadowbrook News



DECEMBER 2012



Dear Parents:

December has arrived and with it the season of giving. I invite the Meadowbrook Community to work together this week to donate food to SHARE that will make up Christmas hampers for TriCities families in need. Attached at the end of the newsletter is a list of needed goods. Please send donations to your child's classroom this week – items donated will be picked up on Friday December 7 so that they can be organized for distribution later this month.

Last week you all had the opportunity to meet with your child and his/her teacher. School District 43 Staff Development department has asked us to pilot a new report card for our Reggio Influenced students. There will be a feedback form sent home with the report – please take the time to let us know what you think.

Our Winter Concert will take place at 7:00 on Thursday December 20th in our school gym. For the whole school song, students are asked to bring sunglasses and a lei if possible. The PAC has asked each class to donate items that relate to a specific theme, which will be raffled off in beautiful baskets. Your child's teacher will let you know the theme that has been decided on and the date by which the items should be returned to the classroom.

"Wet" Coast Recess. As you know, Meadowbrook Elementary is now partaking in the 'west coast recess' where we go outside to enjoy the weather, rain or shine. I have been happily surprised to see how much students enjoy playing outside when they are appropriately dressed. Puddles and waterways are endlessly fascinating. Of course, in their eagerness to get outside, students might need reminders to zip

up, wear the waterproof coats they have been sent to school in, and to be aware that if they get wet, they may be uncomfortable later. A complete change of clothing is a great back up for your child to have if the puddles splash back.

Place des Arts at Meadowbrook

Beginning in January, Place des Arts will be offering quality fine arts programming at our school. I hope that our students will take advantage of some of the wonderful opportunities. Please see Mrs. Maidens if financial considerations are preventing you from registering your child in one of the afterschool classes. Please see below for course and registration information.

After-School Programs at Meadowbrook Elementary School January 14 - March 8, 2013

General Information Courses run after school from 3:15 to 4:15PM and from 4:15 to 5:15PM at Meadowbrook Elementary School (900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam). Students in grades K-5 can choose from a number of classes in art, drama, movement and music. Small class sizes ensure that students receive quality instruction. For a list of activities and dates, please refer to the timetable on the back of this brochure. Classes do not run on statutory holidays or on school-based non-instructional days. Students register per course and may register for multiple courses throughout the week to create their own individualized after-school schedule.

Registration is through Place des Arts either in person at 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam or by phone at 604-664-1636 ext 0. Payment is due upon registration.

IMPORTANT! DROP-OFFS AND PICK UPS: To ensure the safety of students, no parent parking is permitted in the two upper staff lots at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Please do not drop off students in either of the upper lots—ample parking is available in the gravel lot below the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Refunds and Transfers A full refund or transfer will be granted if a class is cancelled by Place des Arts.

All other refunds or transfers must be requested in writing at least seven calendar days prior to the start of a class. Upon approval, a refund of the course fee will be granted, less a processing fee of \$10.

No refunds or transfers will be granted after seven days before class start days.

Exceptions for medical or compassionate reasons may be considered upon receipt of a written request. A medical certificate may be required. Upon approval, a refund of the remaining course fees will be granted, less a processing fee of \$10 and applicable supply fees. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Please send all refund and transfer requests to info@placedesarts.ca

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & FEES

MONDAY CLASSES:

Let's Make Music!

Grades 3-5 | Mondays, Jan 14-Mar 4 | \$91

Learn basic music theory such as dynamics, style and reading music. Through games and interactive learning, you will gain a greater understanding of how music is put together and will even create some short compositions of your own! Teacher: Sarah Kinsman

Location: Music Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

Meet the Orchestra!

Grades K-2 | Mondays, Jan 14-Mar 4 | \$91

In this introduction to instruments and instrument families, you will explore the instruments of the orchestra as well as some lesser known ones. You'll also learn some basic music theory through singing and musical games. Teacher: Sarah Kinsman

Location: Music Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

Pencil, Paint and Print-Making

Grades K-2; 3-5 | Mondays, Jan 14-Mar 4 | \$69

Have fun with pencils, paint and print-making as you draw, paint, stamp and stencil your way onto paper. The creative process is emphasized, as are the tools to help creativity blossom such as colour mixing, mark making and more. Start from the basics of line, shape, value, colour and composition, and work toward mixing pencil, paint and print-making to create a collection of art works. Teacher: Joy Kirkwood

Location: Book Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

TUESDAY CLASSES:

Artistic Animals

Grades K-2 | Tuesdays, Jan 15-Mar 5 | \$80

Learn how to draw animals in a life-like manner! Discover how to represent the movement of animals (Muybridge style), and use proportions, patterns, shading and colours in creating artistic expressions. You'll learn with the techniques of 3D clay sculpting, water colouring, drawing, painting, pastels and scratch-board art. Teacher: Alex Angvinland

Location: Book Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

Intro to Fibre Arts

Grades K-2; 3-5 | Tuesdays, Jan 15-Mar 5 | \$76

Join us and have fun learning about fibres and their uses while creating beautiful handmade crafts. Learn about and explore a variety of fibre art techniques including spinning, weaving, felting and more. Teacher: Catherine Dumaine

Location: Atelier Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

Papier Mache Cat in 3D

Grades 3-5 | Tuesdays, Jan 15-Mar 5 | \$79

Come learn the technique of papier mâché art. Sculpt a life-sized 3D cat from paper and papier mâché paste, then paint it and design a gift card to accompany your art work. Learn how to articulate shapes and the use of colour to express character and mood, and develop a sense of proportion. Teacher: Alex Angvinland

Location: Book Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

THURSDAY CLASSES:

Dance Expressions

Grades K-2; 3-5 | Thursdays, Jan 17-Mar 7 | \$92

Journey through different styles of dance like hip hop, ballet, jazz, contemporary and African dance, focusing on fundamentals. We will work together to build towards storytelling through movement and learn a short choreographed routine as time allows. Come dressed in comfortable clothes that allow for movement. Teacher: Philippa Myler

Location: Atelier Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

Musical Theatre

Grades K-2; 3-5 | Thursdays, Jan 17-Mar 7 | \$68

Sing! Dance! Act! Discover the art of storytelling through music, scripts and improvisation. You'll explore using movement and voice as storytelling skills, and then perform what you've learned at an end-of-session open house for parents and friends. Teacher: Erika Babins

Location: Music Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

FRIDAY CLASSES:

Cartooning & Animation

Grades K-2; 3-5 | Fridays, Jan 18-Mar 8 | \$57

Learn to bring your drawings to life through hand-drawn animation! You'll practice drawing human and animal characters in a Flip-o-Rama, then create and animate your own characters for your first ever YouTube animations! Teacher: Kenten Bowick

Location: Atelier Room, Meadowbrook Elementary School

Drawing and Painting

Grades K-2; 3-5 | Fridays, Jan 18-Mar 8 | \$60

Explore the incredible world of art! Build creativity and self-confidence by combining

PAC meeting is tonight at 7:00 pm in our school library. Everyone is welcome!

Community Announcements

Family Day at PDA!

Sunday, January 13, 1:30-3:30pm

Place des Arts, 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam |

Admission by donation. Call 604.664.1636 or visit www.placedesarts.ca to reserve.

Gather up the family and tour three new exhibitions: *Edible Art*, tapestry weaving by TWIGS & TAPIS group; *Unruly Lines*, acrylic on canvas by Ellen Bang; and *Capturing the Vibrancy of Nature*, multiple media by the Passionate Outdoor Painters. Then participate in a variety of all-ages, drop-in style workshops led by the exhibiting artists themselves. Activities: Tapestry Weaving, Painting Inspired by Nature, Social Fabric Tapestry Weaving. *Don't be intimidated by art - get engaged in it!*

Art Camps

Registration for the February 22 Pro-D Day of the Arts opens on January 14

Registration for Place des Arts' Spring Break Camp (March 18 – 22) opens January 28

Register early, as these camps fill quickly. Registration may be done online at www.placedesarts.ca; by phone at 604.664.1636 or in person at Place des Arts, 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam.

Workshops

Felted Christmas Ornaments (8-14 years)

Thursday, Dec 6, 6-9pm

Create beautiful felted ornaments such as bejewelled Christmas Balls or a garland of felted stars. Explore different wet felting techniques and acquire the skills necessary to create finished pieces. Felting is quick, fun and a great way to make gifts. Materials kits provided. Teacher: Catherine Dumaine.

\$30.50



The Tri-City Youth Basketball Association (TCYBA) Fall/Winter Season runs from October to March. There is still space available for your child and their friends to join a team for the fall season. Teams in your area that still have limited spots available are:

Division	League Fees	Practice Location	Practice Date	Practice Time	Games Date
Grade 2/3 Girls	\$165.00	Baker Drive	Thursday	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	No Games
Grade 3/4 Girls	\$210.00	Eagle Ridge	Wednesday	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Friday Nights
Grade 4/5 Girls	\$210.00	Castle Park	Tuesday	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Friday Nights

TO REGISTER, please go to our website <http://tcyba.org> and click on the **BLUE** Member Log in Button and then click on Member Log-in. Create a New Member profile prior to selecting a team to register to (Roster spots are filled on first come basis, if the team you are interested in registering to is not on the list of choices under the particular age group, then it means that the team is FULL).

If you experience any problems, please feel free to contact our registrar at registration@tcyba.org.

Face-to-face



Work and Learn

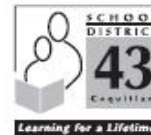


Upgrade your skills



Study English! Free learning opportunities!

Join our Foundations English classes for adults which focus on basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. These classes also prepare students for high school credit courses.



ONGOING REGISTRATION

Thursdays ONLY until December 20 4:00 - 7:00 PM

PLEASE BRING: ❶ Proof of Canadian Status
 ❷ Photo ID ❸ Two proofs of BC residency

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 British Columbia, V3K 5G2

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December 7 th	Pictures with Santa done by Charles Best Students
December 20 th	Meadowbrook Concert - 7:00 p.m. only
December 21 st	Hot Lunch Day
December 21 st	Winter Vacation beings
January 7 th	School Back in Session