

December 2014 Meadowbrook News

We are winding up before we wind down for the winter break! Snow, rain, sunshine ... we have experienced it all in the past few weeks and students have played outside in all of it. Please ensure that your child (of any age!) has a change of clothing (tops, bottoms, socks and underwear) just in case. Mitts, hats and boots are a good idea.



Parking continues to be an issue in the staff lots and on the street at the top of Burton. Students walk through both lots and if you are driving in to get closer to the doors, you risk hitting one of them. Near the top of the cul-de-sac, there is a sign indicating that the area is for **drop off only – this means that you can stop there only for the time it takes for you to let your child out of the car. You cannot leave your car, or sit in it while parked there.** The bylaw officer will ticket you if your car is left there - even for five minutes. Please be considerate...this is one of our few drop off areas. If you park there you inconvenience anyone who is trying to use the spot as it is meant to be used.



As you are all aware, our students have been working on putting together a wonderful winter concert under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Pak. We are putting on 'Snowtastic' on **December 18 at 6:45** with a dress rehearsal that afternoon at 1:30; each class will sing a song, and the entire school population will be performing the opening and closing numbers. In addition, Divisions 1 and 3 will be opening the evening with a traditional Chinese dance that has been taught to them by two of our parents, Li Ma and Wen Bin Tian. Students should arrive in their classrooms at 6:15 to prepare for our 6:30 start.

Also on December 18, from 5:30 – 6:15, the students of Division 4 and 5 will be holding a craft fair in the atelier, selling hand made products as part of an ongoing project on becoming an entrepreneur. These grade one and two students have created a business plan, advertising and handmade products for you to purchase. We encourage you to visit the atelier before the concert! Cards - \$1.00

Stockings \$ 3.00

Gift tags \$ 2.00

Painted canvas \$ 5.00

Wrapping paper \$ 3.00 per roll

Baked goods \$1.00 item



Our Math Mania evening on November 27th was a great success thanks to the efforts of Natasha Davidson and her Douglas College students who manned a series of engaging math stations. Students got to try a wide variety of entertaining challenges from building ninja stars to creating three dimensional shapes to experimenting with tangrams.



On Friday December 12, starting at one p.m. the Charles Best photography club will once again be taking photos with Santa. They will develop and return the photos to our school during the last week before the holidays. Please let the classroom teacher know if you do not want your child to have his /her picture taken with Santa.

Mrs. Prince Wright has recently gone through all student files to ensure that mandatory ministry documentation is current and complete. This documentation is necessary to provide funding for all students in BC. In the report card (coming home Friday) there may be a notice indicating that your child's documentation needs to be completed. Please bring in the original documents so they can be copied and added to your child's file. Invoices for supply fees will also be sent



home – please contact the office if you believe an error has been made.

The PAC would like everyone to check out their independent website www.exploremeadowbrook.com
We would like to remind you that we will still try to update the PAC section of the SD43 Meadowbrook's website.



Division 4 will be collecting items to supplement our local SHARE food bank. Each classroom has been asked to bring a specific item that is greatly needed. Of course, other items you care to send will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Stibbs' class	juice
Ms. Schachtner 's class	Canned vegetables
Mrs. Kouchmeshgi's class	pasta
Mrs. Esmail's class	Tomato sauce
Mrs. Bain's class	Canned meats / meals– tuna, chili, soups
Ms. Simonson's class	cereal
Ms. Moscone's class	rice

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar

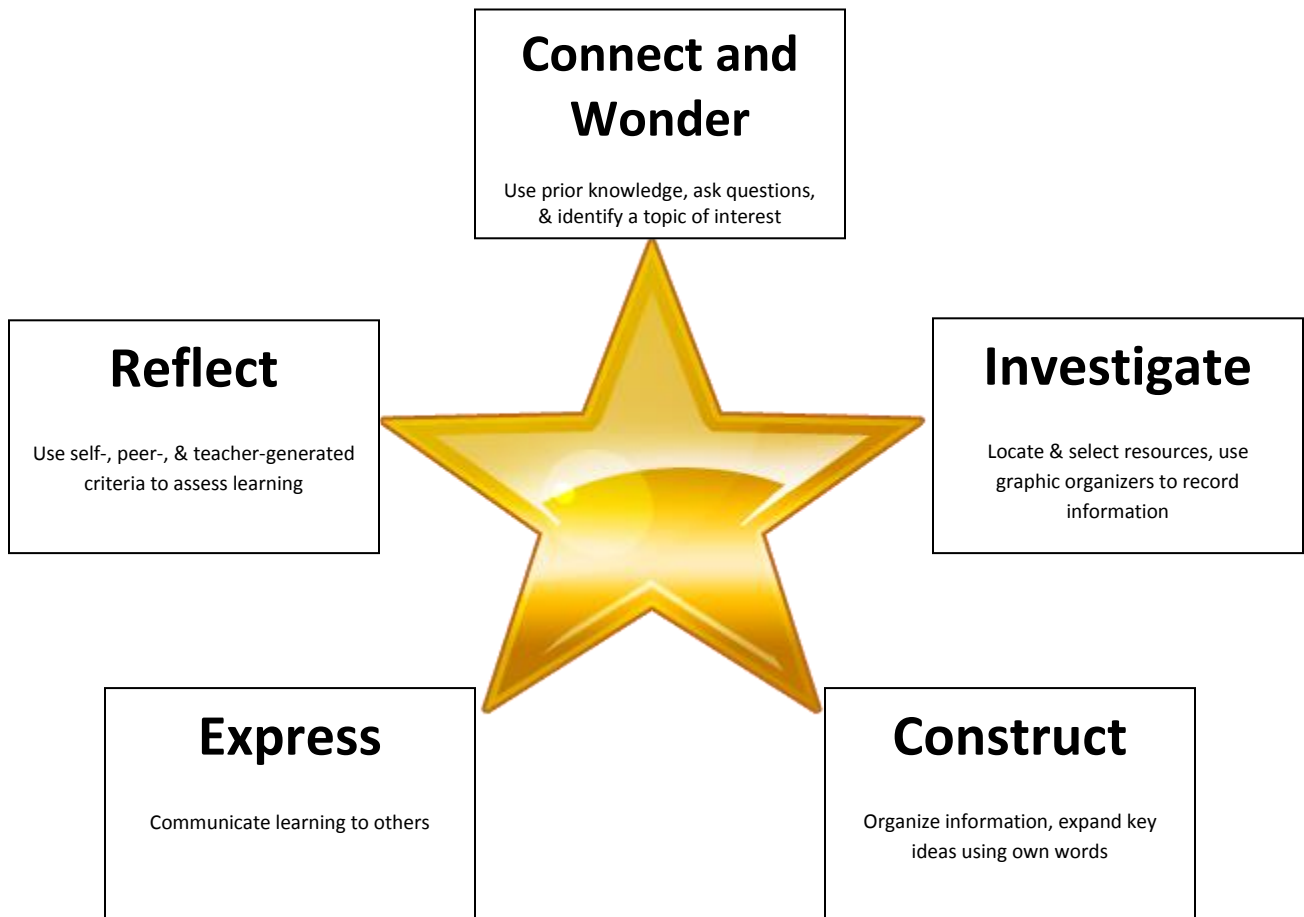
December 11 – treat day after school – bring your loonie! (Donations of Christmas goodies gratefully accepted!)
December 12 – photos with Santa (afternoon)
December 12 – report cards home
December 17 - front seat draw (last tickets due in 3:00 December 16) Winners notified by phone
December 18 – hot lunch
December 18 – division 4& 5 craft fair in atelier 5:30 – 6:15
December 18 – Snowtastic! Our winter concert starts at 6:30 – the gym doors open at 6:00. Students should arrive in class between 6:15 and 6:20, dressed in winter wear – hats, scarves, mitts etc. At the end of the concert, students will return to their classroom where parents can pick them up.

Looking forward to the New Year.....



Friday Jan 9th Axe' Capoeira Performance 9am
Friday Jan 9th Movie night - Tentative movie. "Guardians of the Galaxy"
Monday Jan 12th (not Jan 5th) is the next PAC meeting
Wednesday Jan 14th New student Information Night 6:45pm
Thursday Jan 14th Kindergarten Registration 9am
Thursday Jan 15th Treat Day
Tuesday Jan 20th Coquitlam Express 11:30 – 1pm
Thursday Jan 22nd Hot Lunch
Friday Jan 23rd Assembly 10:30am
Monday Jan 26th School based Pro D Day – School Closed

The Points of Inquiry



<http://bctf.ca/bctla/pub/documents/Points%20of%20Inquiry/PointsofInquiry.pdf> ©BCTLA

Some teachers have chosen to include students' progress with project based learning in their report cards. These points of inquiry are explained above.





Aboriginal Education Program
2070 Tyner Street, Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2Z1

Date: December 2014

Dear Parents;

Aboriginal Education would like to thank **Meadowbrook Elementary** for providing our department the opportunity to deliver First Nation's curriculum to your child. Your principal invited us to participate in the development and teaching of curriculum from a First Nations perspective. It is our hope that this opportunity provided your child with a rich and rewarding learning opportunity.

During the session, the focus for the students was:

- a. Teachings of a Traditional Talking Circle
- b. West Coast First Nation's culture

It has been a privilege to have the opportunity to work with your child and their teacher in such a positive learning environment. Our hope is that we have planted the seed that will encourage your child to develop the curiosity that will lead them to further investigate our First Nations heritage.

Sincerely,

Laura Reale
Aboriginal Department Resource Teacher

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Principal Aboriginal Education

