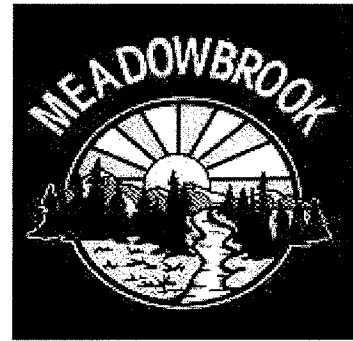


Meadowbrook Newsletter

(Scent Free School)



February 2012

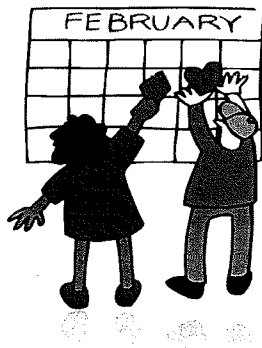
Dear Parents,

We're well into our second term which is a very important one for our students. It is during this time that students begin to consolidate the skills and concepts introduced to them in the first term. Building on this foundation, teachers also begin to introduce new concepts which incorporate the already established learning. Children are expected to begin to make connections and apply knowledge into those new areas of learning and skill development. For students, this is hard work and can be challenging, frustrating, and exciting, all at the same time. More than ever they will continue to need your support at home in making sure that homework tasks and projects are completed in a timely fashion.

Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow, but we all know that nature can be unpredictable! It may become necessary for a school to temporarily close because of extreme weather conditions, however, as a general expectation, parents should be advised that schools are open. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made public on the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca as well as on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) by 6:00 a.m. if possible.

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Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration will take place throughout our district on Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th. At Meadowbrook, we are registering students for our Reggio - influenced Kindergarten from February 6 - 10th. Please check the school district home page at www.sd43.bc.ca to check out the documentation you will need to satisfy district and ministry requirements. If you know of any children in your neighborhood who will be five years old on or before December 31, 2012, please pass on this information.

Reggio-influenced Registration still open!

There was a wonderful response to the proposed Reggio-influenced classes, with students from all over the district registering, from grades Kindergarten to grade five. Because of this response, the district has decided to extend registration opportunities - please see Mrs. Maidens or Mrs. Brito if you are interested in having your child register, or if you have any questions about the Reggio philosophy.

The Reggio-influenced school will exist alongside the Meadowbrook neighbourhood school. Staff will be hired and new classrooms will be set up to accommodate the greater number of students who will be coming to our school.

Parents of Grade Five Students

Parents of Grade 5 students will soon receive a letter notifying them of their child's assigned middle school for Grade 6 next year. Parents who want their child to attend a different school than the one assigned, must complete a cross catchment form available at all school sites as well as the district website on February 10, 2012 at 9:00am. The process will be closed off on February 22.

Scholastic Book Fair - February 27th, 28th and 29th - The very popular Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the end of February. Hours will be from 12:20 - 12:55 and 3:00 - 3:30. (Because of job action, Mrs. Maidens will not be able to open in the morning, as she will need to supervise outside from 8:45 - 9:00.) More information will be coming your way as we get closer to the date.

District Pro D Day Friday, February 17th

Friday, February 17th is a Non-Instructional Day and students do not attend school on this day.

Important Meadowbrook PAC General Meeting:

The first PAC meeting of the new year will be held **Monday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the school Library. This meeting is very important as we will be discussing upcoming events, fundraising, hot lunch and other school issues. Please come out and join us and share your thoughts and ideas. Everyone is welcome.

Community News

Family Play and Learn: Marvelous Math

Wednesday February 29th, 5:30 - 7:30

Coquitlam Centre Mall, lower level in front of The Bay

For children aged 3 - 10

KidSport Tri-Cities Spring Used Equipment Sale

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated Annual Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale, Presented by Westminster Savings: Saturday, February 18th from 10am until 2pm., Riverside Secondary School, 2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam

If you or your family is in to sports, we will save you money. A huge variety of quality used sporting goods at incredible prices. Everything from Bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment and wetsuits and everything in between.

To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from Feb 1-17 at the following locations: Port Coquitlam Rec Centre, Port Moody Rec Centre, Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex, Cyclone Taylor Sports, Corner Sports - 2276 Elgin Ave. Poco, Thriftopolis - D-2579 Lougheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam

If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Chris Wilson, KidSport Tri-Cities

Phone: 604-341-0241

Email: cwilson630@gmail.com

www.kidsporttricitie.ca

Tri City Youth Basketball Association

The Tri-City Youth Basketball Association (TCYBA) spring league registration for NEW PLAYERS will open February 27th. We offer a variety of registration options based on practice location, practice date and practice time - you choose the time that fits into your schedule - Games are Friday nights (no games for grade 2/3 teams). Roster spots are filled on first come basis - early registrations will not be accepted.

There are two levels for most grades. New players to the TCYBA register in the division where their current grade will be the higher of the two grades - for example a new Grade 5 player to the TCYBA must register in the Grade 4/5 level. We offer teams in the following age division (boys and girls):

Grade 2/3 Grade 3/4 Grade 4/5 Grade 5/6 Grade 6/7 Grade 7/8

Registration for New Players will open on February 27th. League Practices will start on week of April 2nd

League Games will begin on April 13th (no games for Grade 2/3 division)

- o League will finish on June 8th

League Fees for new players includes a jersey, shorts, a basketball and Basketball BC membership/insurance.

Complete list of our League FAQs is available on our website under the header 'DIVISIONS TO REGISTER, please go to our website www.tcyba.org and click on the BLUE Member Login Button. Create a New Member profile prior to selecting a team to register to.

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

HUGE KIDS SWAP MEET

Cloverdale Fairgrounds

****Saturday Feb 25th, 2012****

9am - 1pm

9am Early Admission \$5.00 (Best Selection)

10am -1pm \$3.00

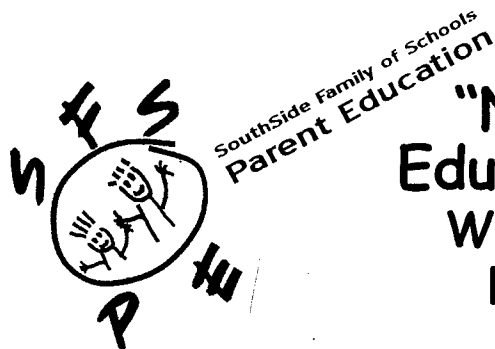
****New and Used Baby to teen Clothing, furniture toys & More****

More info email kidswapmeets@hotmail.com or call 604-513-8880

Susan

Dates to Remember

- District Pro D - Feb. 17
- PAC meeting Feb 13 (7pm in library)
- Hot lunch - Feb 24
- Pink Day - anti bullying day- Feb. 29
- Scholastic book fair - February 27-29
- Last day of classes before Spring Break - Mar.9
- School back in Session - March 26



Proudly Presents

"New Ministry of Education Directions" What Can We Expect For Our Children?

An evening with **Maureen Dockendorf**,
Assistant Superintendent and Ministry Advisor

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

6:45 - 8:30pm

at Central Elementary School's Gym

Cost: \$3/adult or \$5/couple

(Free Childminding is available
with advance registration by Feb. 15th)

To register: Visit your child's school website for this event flyer and fill out the form and return it with payment to the school office by Feb. 15, 2012. Or register by e-mail ssfspe@gmail.com including your name, number attending, and the name and ages of any children that require childminding in your email and bring payment to presentation.

*At Meadowbrook,
we encourage
peaceful problem
solving, inclusion
and respect, so on
February 29th, we
encourage
everyone to wear
pink in support of
anti-bullying day.*