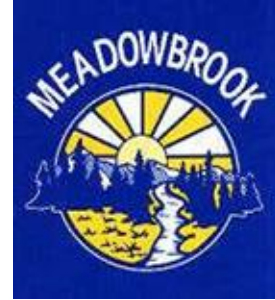


Meadowbrook News

January 2013



Dear families

Welcome to 2013 - the staff at Meadowbrook wishes you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year! We are all getting back to our routines after the (hopefully) restful break.



The winter term brings about a renewed focus on academic and social-emotional learning and a good night's sleep - at least eight hours - and a healthy breakfast are essential foundation pieces for any child's ability to self-regulate and to learn.

At Meadowbrook, we believe that parents are our partners in education and your contribution is vital to your child's success at school. Open, respectful communication between home and school is important to us - if you have concerns or questions please feel that you can voice them freely. I welcome your perspective, your opinions and your ideas and value your support. All parents are encouraged to become involved in the school, either through assisting in the wide variety of activities that happen throughout the year, joining our wonderful and active PAC or helping out in the classroom. Please speak with your child's teacher to set up a time when you can share your interests, talents and energy with your child's class. We appreciate all the assistance and enthusiasm our parents bring to the school.

We know that our west coast weather is unpredictable - please remember that students will continue to play outside, rain, shine or snow! Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear - a change of clothing on hand at school is a great idea, while students are still figuring out the natural consequences of playing in the mud or the puddles!

Concert Kudos

Thank you to everyone for helping make our winter concert such a success. The students shone on stage and the audience was wonderfully appreciative. The PAC fundraisers were successful - that money will go to support other activities around our school. A special thanks to Mrs. Azaroff for putting together the slide show presentations.

Reggio influenced Information Evening
Meadowbrook Elementary School
900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam
Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – 6:45 pm

WHAT IS REGGIO PROGRAM?

A Reggio Emilia Influenced approach has several guiding principles:

The Image of the Child: Children are powerful, capable and resourceful.

Emergent Curriculum: Builds from the natural curiosities of children. Sometimes it will emerge from the children's interests or may also be sparked by the teacher strategically putting out a provocation to see how the children respond or by posing inquiry based questions that deepen learning and understanding.

Project Work: In-depth studies that develop out of children's ideas, questions, and interests. Projects may last for short or extended periods of time and may involve individuals, small groups or the whole class. With teacher support, children choose what materials to use to support their explorations and how to research, share and re-represent their learning.

Representational Development: The arts play a key role in Reggio influenced practice and are integrated into daily activities to maximize children's development. This is consistent with Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences.

The Role of the Environment: The environment is seen as the third teacher. Careful consideration is given to the look and feel of the classroom environment: indoors and out, which are organized for small, medium and large group project work.

Documentation: Children's learning becomes visible through regular documentation. Teachers take photographs of children in action and they record their words to describe their learning experience.

Parent Involvement: Parents are seen as partners in their child's education and will regularly meet to discuss their child's development.

Sense of Community: Educators work together with all children, families, and community partners/members to create a strong identity and interconnectedness that supports all learners.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

The program is located in Meadowbrook Elementary School.

Children can be entering Kindergarten to Grade 5 in September 2013.

Registration forms will be available at the January 16, 2013 information meeting (see below) and on the district website: www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Reggio beginning January 17 at 9:00 am.

Completed registration forms must be mailed or hand delivered (no faxes or email will be accepted) to Coquitlam School Board Office (550 Poirier St., Coquitlam V3J 6A7) no later than 4:30 pm on Thursday, January 24, 2013.

Ready Set Learn Event: Monday January 21st 1:00 – 3:00 in Meadowbrook gym

School District 43 is pleased to offer a free **Ready, Set, Learn** event for families and their three-year olds in the Coquitlam South neighborhood of schools. Children will be able to participate in a variety of play based learning activities, listen to stories and have a healthy snack. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with local community agencies and school principals.

Each child will receive a free age appropriate book. Parents are encouraged to take the time to read it with their child, talk about the illustrations and have fun spending time together.

Parents will receive ideas for fun learning activities that promote the healthy development of young children, additional information regarding community services and neighbourhood schools. There will also be a fact sheet from the Ministry of Education website which includes a link to a parent booklet, **Ready, Set, Learn: Helping Your Preschooler Get Ready for School**, which offers parents helpful tips for supporting their preschooler's learning and development. Translations of the booklet are also available in 12 languages. The **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative, sponsored by the B.C. Ministry of Education provides families with an opportunity to make positive connections with the schools and their community partners.

THE PEN PROJECT

Last year Meadowbrook students contributed to a project run by students at Port Moody Secondary to raise money for Free the Children. Their goal was to raise one million pennies and with our support, they surpassed that goal, raising over \$11,000!

This coming Saturday, January 19, 2013, from 10AM to 5PM at the new Coquitlam library (1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, B.C.) the PEN project will be displaying the one million+ pennies for students to take a photo, and to feel proud as well! This money will then be donated to Free the Children to build a school in Sierra Leone.

Winter Weather

We had a taste of cold winter weather and we may have more. We may experience snow again and we wanted to remind everyone about



our expectations during snowy weather. Throwing snowballs is prohibited at Meadowbrook as it may result in serious injuries to others. On occasion 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 on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) by 6:30 a.m. if possible. You can also check the district website www.sd43.bc.ca and refresh frequently.

Upcoming events and important dates

January 16	Reggio influenced program parent information evening 6:45 – 7:30
January 21	Ready Set Learn – for 3 & 4 year olds, in the gym 1:00 – 3:00
January 23	Geoff Sales, scientist, will speak to all students starting at 9:00
January 24	Hot lunch (pizza)
January 25	Professional Day – no school for students
February 8	Theatre 9:00 in gym : Raven Meets the Monkey King
February 11	Family Day – no school
February 22	Pro D – no school for students



2013 SPRING JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY PROGRAM

The TRI-CITY EAGLES FIELD HOCKEY CLUB has offered a field hockey program to younger players since 1991. The Spring program runs for approximately 10 weeks from April through until the end of June. There is a mini program for those with 2003 to 2006 birth dates, and a junior program for those with 1995 to 2002 birth dates.

U-11 to U-18 teams compete in the Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey League and the program cost is \$125. The Club's Mini program is designed to introduce younger players to the sport and the rules and field size are modified. Season fee is \$100 per participant for the Mini program and space is limited. Our U10 Mini program is open to both boys and girls.

Registration deadline is February 1, 2013 (and February 22, 2013 for Mini's). Late registrants add \$10 late fee, if space is still available. More information on the Spring program is available through the Club's web site at www.tffieldhockey.com or by contacting Brian Lewis at 604-619-4034.

Players must first register with Field Hockey BC to gain insurance coverage and a player membership number. U-13 to U-18 pay \$43, U11 & U12 players pay \$15 and U7 to U10 pay \$6. Without the player membership number, registration with our Club cannot be finalized.

The TRI-CITY EAGLES FIELD HOCKEY CLUB is hosting a no-cost Introduction to Field Hockey drop-in session for new players at CUNNINGS FIELD (Pinetree Way & David) in Coquitlam on Saturday, Jan 19th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM for **BOYS ONLY** and Saturday, Jan 26th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM for **BOYS and GIRLS**. Junior players new to field hockey will have a chance to pick up a stick and try it out before committing to register. Weather permitting so check the web site for any cancellation. Please dress appropriately. Sticks will be provided for this session, mouth guards \$3.

We hope to see your daughter/son on the field hockey pitch this Spring!



[Coquitlam Continuing Education](#) offers many academic, high school credit courses. Courses are available to adult students – tuition-free* for most students. We offer face-to-face classes or students can take courses online through [Coquitlam Open Learning](#). We also offer self-paced classes through our learning centre at CLOC. Classes are available in many different locations and include both daytime or evening options.

*Check us out at www.ce43.com for more information.

Biology 11/12
English 11/12

Physics 11/12
Communications 11/12

Chemistry 11/12
Math 11/12 (all)

