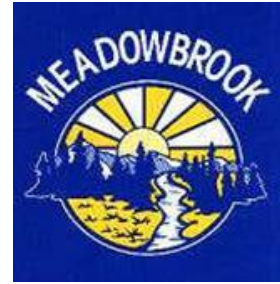


Meadowbrook News

(Scent Free School)

MARCH 2012



Dear Meadowbrook Families,

Don't you love this time of year? It is so nice to see the sun again and just knowing that spring is around the corner is enough to energize everyone. March can be a tricky month when sunshine, rain and snow are all possibilities. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather – we encourage students to play outside most days. At recess and lunchtime our students are engaged in such a wide variety of activities – basketball, hockey, soccer, and tag all occur at the same time in the different areas of our school grounds. I see some students busy building bridges and damming rivulets of water to create complicated systems of 'rivers and lakes' while others play tetherball or grounders on the play equipment. No matter what they are doing, Meadowbrook students are among the most cooperative, inclusive and kind students I have encountered in over thirty years of teaching and it is a joy to be outside sharing their enthusiasm.

Don't forget that the time change – "spring ahead" – when we put the clock ahead one hour on March 11th. Spring Break is happening from March 12 – 23, with students and staff returning to school on March 26th.

Jump Rope for Heart

We will be having a short assembly on **Friday, March 9 at 9:00 to** kick off our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event. Students will be given their fund raising envelopes and asked to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Envelopes with pledges and donations will be collected after spring break.

Charlotte Diamond coming to Meadowbrook

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs Brito and with the support of the PAC, we will be having a very special performance for our students in our school gym on April 16th at 1:00. This Juno award winning singer puts on a wonderful show! Parents and siblings are welcome to attend – donations will be gratefully accepted!

Scholastic Book Fair

Geronimo Stilton made an appearance in our classrooms last week, encouraging students to visit the Scholastic Book Fair. (Thank you, Arthur!) This popular event raised money for the purchase of library books and Mrs. Maidens would like to thank her wonderful grade five volunteers who helped the fair run smoothly.

Workshops available for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday next week

The Young Actors Project will be holding acting/improv workshops on Mon, Tues, Wed of next week **during the teachers strike**. Classes will run from 9am-3pm each day.

Location: Burquest Jewish Community Centre - 2860 Dewdney Trunk Road, Coquitlam (near Coq. Ctr. Mall).

Cost is \$40/day Ages 8-11.

Classes will be taught by YAP founder Robert Randall and Vancouver Theatre Sports League member, Jullian Kolstee.

Visit the YAP website to register: www.YoungActorsProject.ca or contact Robert Randall 604-318-0881

After School Opportunities

Due to strike action, all afterschool activities will not be running on March 5, 6 & 7

After Spring Break

Scoutsabout will continue to run next term on Mondays (sports and games) and Wednesdays (arts and crafts). Students will need to sign up again for the new sessions (\$15 each session) that starts on April 2. Both sessions run from 3:00 – 4:00. Registration forms are available in the office. Students currently enrolled in this term’s session will still attend on March 27 and/or 29.

The City of Coquitlam is offering two sessions. Please use the registration info below to sign up.

Cartooning: Character Drawing

Design your own comic characters! We will teach you about drawing characters such as; Super heroes, Anime, Disney characters or funny animals. You will bring your character to life in your own comic strip. Fee covers supply costs.

Barcode: 390591

3:00pm to 5:00pm, Tuesdays, April 11 to May 8

Cost: \$50.00 for 5 weeks at Meadowbrook Elementary School

Barcode: 390593

3:00pm to 5:00pm, Tuesdays, May 15 to June 12

Cost: \$50.00 for 5 weeks at Meadowbrook Elementary School



Multi-Sport Games

This is a great program for children who want to play a variety of sports. This program features a variety of games and sports in the gymnasium lead by an instructor. Basketball, hockey, soccer, and gym games are just some of the sports that will be played. Emphasis will be on fun and teamwork. Program will take place both indoors & outdoors weather permitting.

Barcode: 388473

3:00pm to 5:00pm, Thursdays, Apr 12 to Jun 14

Cost: \$ 25.00 for 10 weeks at Meadowbrook Elementary School - Gymnasium

Register online: www.coquitlam.ca or call 604-927-4FUN (4386)

UPCOMING DATES

March 5,6 & 7	Teacher strike - Teachers will not be reporting for duty: While school facilities will remain open under the supervision of school district staff, we will be unable to provide students with instruction or appropriate supervision during this period of job action. We are therefore requesting that parents keep their children at home on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 5, 6, and 7).
March 9	Last day before Spring Break Jump Rope for Heart Assembly at 9:00 a.m.
March 11	Set clocks ahead one hour
March 26	First day back at school
April 2	Hearing screening for grade two students
April 2	PAC meeting 7:00 in library – everyone welcome!
April 6	Good Friday – all schools closed
April 9	Easter Monday – all schools closed
April 16	Charlotte Diamond in gym at 1pm
April 18 & 19	Como Lake Relay
April 23	Dream Rider performance 11:00 in gym

PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will take place after Spring break. Please watch for details.

Meadowbrook Players

Meadowbrook Players is having an OPEN HOUSE ! If you require Preschool or Before/After School Care for September 2012, or this Spring, please join us on **Saturday, March 3rd from 10 – 12 p.m. and Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.** Check out our Facebook Page for more information at www.facebook.com/hpmeadowbrookplayers or call Ms. Luisa at 604 338-8943. Hope to see you there!

Spring Break Camp

Tuesday March 20 – Friday March 23, 2012

The SFU “School of Wonderstanding” Day Camp for grades K – 5 will again be offered at both Seaview and Central Community Schools. This unique camp experience is offered by these schools in partnership with the Simon Fraser University Professional Development Program (Teachers’ Training). This awesome 4 day camp is staffed by student teachers and it runs each day from 9am – 2:45pm. In addition to all the usual fun and educational activities there will also be a French language component this year. The cost per child for 4 days is \$50. Registration forms are available at Seaview and Central Community Schools or they can be down loaded at each Community School’s website. **Happy Camping!**

For more information please contact: Steve Brown-John at 604 230-1233 or sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca or Heather Roemer at 604 464-0207 or hroemer@sd43.bc.ca

- Seaview Community School – 1215 Cecile Drive, Port Moody www.sd43.bc.ca/seaview
- Central Community School – 2260 Central Avenue, Port Coquitlam www.sd43.bc.ca/central

Place des Arts Spring Break Camp

Monday, March 19 to Friday, March 23, 8:45am – 3:45pm

There are still a few spaces left in Place des Arts popular Spring Break Camp for kids from grades 3 to 5. Unfortunately, all blocks for Kindergarten to grade 2 are sold out. Don’t miss out! Register now by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or in person at 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam. To view the full time-table and class descriptions, visit [Place des Arts' website](http://www.placedesarts.ca) or pick up the Spring Break brochure at the centre.

Day of the Arts: *Fun with Nature!*

District #43 Pro-D Day: Friday, April 20, 8:45am - 3:45pm

Day of the Arts: *Fun with Nature* features a variety of visual and performing arts classes that will engage kids in our natural world. Kids from Kindergarten to grade 5 can design, assemble and decorate a beautiful bird or invent a wacky bug; create a dance to express appreciation for Mother Earth; sculpt a favourite forest animal out of modeling clay and bring it to life in a Claymation short and more! To view the full time-table and class descriptions, visit www.placedesarts.ca or pick up a brochure at Place des Arts. **Registration is open** and may be done by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or in person at 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam.

Parenting Classes

Once again, two different parenting programs will be offered this term. As this is only offered in one Zone– make sure you register quickly to assure a space.

Sibling Rivalry by Faber and Mazlish

6 Week program begins Wed. April 18th and ends on May 23rd at Alderson Elementary:
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 Book cost: \$20.00 (payable first class)***Limited to 20 Participants***

Steps to Effective Parenting.

7 week program begins on April 17th and ends May 29th

At Alderson Elementary:

Time: 7pm. – 9pm.

Book Cost \$20.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

To Register: Email: momichinski@sd43.bc.ca

Phone: 604-313-8902

Coquitlam Principal's and Vice-Principal's Association

11th Annual *In Motion* Event for Cancer Research

The Coquitlam Principals and Vice Principals Association 11th Annual *In Motion* for Cancer Research event will be held Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 9:00 am at Terry Fox Secondary School. There are three routes for participants: 2km, 5km, and 10 km. Come run, walk, ride or roll with us!

This 11th anniversary year's event will be the best yet, with individuals and teams participating on behalf of members of the School District 43 family who have been affected by cancer. We have always enjoyed good staff and student participation and are hoping for another large turnout this year. In 10 years we have contributed over \$75,000 to the Canadian Cancer Society. Donations received at the door or online will be matched by Scotiabank up to \$5000!

Online donations can be made at: <http://cancerevents.kintera.org/cpvpa>

Registration information can be obtained at local schools or by visiting the School District Website at: www.sd43.bc.ca For more information contact Darlene Proulx by e-mail at dproulx@sd43.bc.ca or by phone at 604-941-3408

Tri-City Field Hockey Club Elementary School Program

The Tri-City Field Hockey Club is pleased to offer a Program aimed at elementary aged boys and girls. The Spring Program is designed to introduce players to the skills and strategies of the world's second most popular sport. The U-10 Program emphasis is on fun , participation and skill development!

The U-10 program starts the last week of March and runs through June 23rd. Under 10s are divided into Mite teams (BD 04, 05 and 06) and Mini teams (BD 02 and 03). Teams practice once a week from 6 to 7 P.M. at Cunning's Field at Town Centre Park. The practice evening is decided by the coach and could be Monday through Thursday. Games are played Saturday mornings at either 8:30 or 9:30 also at Cunning.

The registration fee is \$100 which includes a uniform which players keep at the end of the season. The Club will have sticks available in advance of the season. Sticks can be purchased individually or as a package which includes stick, ball, shinguards and mouthguard. Parents of registered players will be notified as to the time and location.

The early registration deadline is February 18th . After the 18th a \$10 late fee is applied but registration will be accepted.

Every attempt is made to accommodate specific parent requests.

