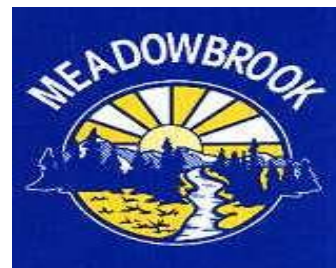


Meadowbrook News

(Scent Free School)



MAY 2011

Dear Parents,



May has arrived and we are all looking forward to the warm weather. As spring weather can be unpredictable, please make sure that your child comes to school dressed for rain – just in case!

The District budget has been approved and one of the changes that will affect us is that Meadowbrook will no longer be annexed with Riverview Park - Mrs. Maidens has been appointed Principal for Meadowbrook as of July 1, 2011. The staff and community would like to thank Mrs. Bawa for her support - it has been wonderful working with her this year and we all hope that she will continue to be a regular visitor to our school.

Other news is that we will have a two week Spring Break again – the dates are yet to be confirmed.

It will be another busy month as we head into the home stretch of this school year.

Track and Field

Our students in grades 3 to 5 are busily preparing for events in Track and Field meet on Wednesday, May 25 at Town Centre Park. Practices for these events vary from day to day



Please help your child remember **that proper footwear and gym strip are necessary for practices**. These events include both long and short distance running; long and high jump; shot put and discus. Regrettably, not all students will qualify for the meet. We have limits to the number of students we can enter in events and students must meet qualifying standards that are established by the district in order to participate. I'd like to thank all staff members that have volunteered to coach, with special thanks going to Mrs. Boss, Mrs. Fortier and Ms. Chaikin for coordinating schedules.

Welcome to Kindergarten

All parents whose children are registered for Kindergarten in September, 2011 are invited to attend our Kindergarten orientation (Welcome to Kindergarten) on Tuesday, May 17 between 9 am. - 10:30 a.m. in our school library with their child. This meeting will provide helpful information for Kindergarten parents.

Vancouver Children's Festival June 2

The students of Meadowbrook Elementary have been given an amazing opportunity! On June 2, all students will be transported by bus to Granville Island to take part in the Vancouver Children's Festival at no charge to students. While there, students will see a theatre production, Russell's World, as well as partake of all the activities around the island. **We will need several parent volunteers per class to help with supervision, so please let your child's teacher know if you can help!**

Permission forms will be going home this week. This trip is made possible by donations from businesses in the lower mainland through the 'adopt a school' program. We were adopted by some very very generous donors!

Hip Hop

What a great performance the students put on in mid-April! It was well attended by friends and families and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the PAC for supporting our students with a week of dance instruction. **A dvd of the performance that also includes some great still photographs is available for \$5.00. An order form is included at the end of the newsletter.** Thanks to Amy Wasilieff for putting this together for us!



Cool Craft!

Mrs. McMillan invites all Meadowbrook students to work with her to create a cool Piggy Bank. This might give your team the edge to collect the most pennies, because how could you resist feeding your cute piggy those pennies it loves so much. The cost is only \$4.00 A notice has been sent home to all students. The activity will take place at lunchtime in Room 9 on :
May 16 – Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 students
May 30 – Grades 3, 4 and 5 students

Are You Planning to Move?

If your family will be moving over the summer months and attending another school next year, please let us know as soon as possible. This information is **vital** in helping us plan for school organization of classes for September, 2011.

PAC News

The Parent Advisory Council held elections of executive officers for the next school year at May's meeting with the following results:

President: Yvonne Kuntz

Vice President : Humera Ahsanullah

Treasurer : Alanda Nicolls

Secretary : Amy Wasilieff

Fund raiser: Davida Quinn

We would really like to thank our elected officers from the 2010-2011 year for their efforts on behalf of the school, and would like to encourage people to consider being part of this important organization. We are so fortunate to have such a committed caring parent community.

Sports Day June 3

The students of Meadowbrook have been divided into their colour teams and the friendly

rivalry begins! Students are trying to fill their team's bucket with pennies – the winning team will be announced on Sports Day, June 3rd. Bring in those pennies!

Parent Appreciation Tea June 7th

We are fortunate to have so many wonderful parents and volunteers helping us at Meadowbrook school and on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, we would like to show our appreciation for your support. You are invited to a Parent Appreciation Tea in our school library from 3:00 – 4:00. Tea will follow a short assembly in the gym and babysitting will be available so that you can relax and enjoy visiting with staff and other parents. An invitation will be sent home closer to the time.

Calendar

May 17 th	- Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation 9:00-10:30
May 20 th	- Future careers day –dress up for your future
May 23 rd	- Victoria Day (school not in session)
May 25 th	- District Track and Field day
May 27 th	- Hot Lunch Day
June 1 st	- Milton Randall drumming
June 2 nd	- Vancouver Children's festival
June 3 rd	- Sports Day
June 6 th	- Professional development day – no school for students
June 7 th	- Parent Appreciation tea
June 10 th	- Dream Rider Zero Heroes – drama presentation
June 14 th	-Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
June 24 th	- Grade 5s to waterslides at Cultus
June 29 th	- Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony
June 29 th	- Last day of school for students
June 30 th	- Administrative day – School closed for summer

Community News



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KID'S NIGHT – JERSEY NIGHT
Saturday, May 28th

Coquitlam Adanacs
vs
Maple Ridge Burrards

COQUITLAM SPORTS CENTER

The Coquitlam Adanacs are offering **FREE** admission to all children 16 and under. Wear your favourite **SPORT'S JERSEY**.



CPVPA 10th Annual “In Motion” for Cancer Research

Sunday, May 15th 9:00 a.m. at Terry Fox Secondary School

The Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association is hosting its 10th Anniversary “In Motion” run for Cancer Research. You are invited to join staff, students, and community members from our Tri-Cities schools and neighbourhoods to walk, run, cycle, rollerblade, or jog for 2K, 5K, or 10K on Sunday, May 15th at 9:00 am. School teams and individuals can participate – there is no registration fee and all participants are asked to make a donation of \$10 or more to the Canadian Cancer Society. Over 9 years, this event has raised over \$69,000 for Cancer Research. For more information please contact your school office or Darlene Proulx at dproulx@sd43.bc.ca. Online pledges link will open immediately after the run. A tax receipt will be issued for in person or online pledges.

MEADOWBROOK PLAYERS

Summer is almost here! Do you need daycare for your school-aged child in the summer? We are registering now for Summer Camp. We offer monthly, weekly and daily rates. Please call 604 338-8943 or 604 936-7005 for more information. Also, we still have Part-time and Full-time rates for Preschool and out-of-school care for September, 2011. Please call Luisa at 604 338-8943 for registration information.

