

Meadowbrook News

October 2011

(Scent Free School)



Dear families,

The month of September has quickly come and gone with the arrival of October. Soon, fall colours that adorn trees will emerge indicating another change of seasons and the advent of Thanksgiving. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Run was once again a great success and I am once more impressed with the spirit of generosity that we see in our community. Terry's dream was to raise one dollar for every Canadian that would go towards cancer research – our school has raised **more** than one dollar per person. We were able to send \$115 dollars to support the Terry Fox Foundation!

Wet Weather Clothing

We had a great run of warm sunny weather in September, but it looks like the rain has made its appearance again. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for our fall and winter weather. Unless it is really pouring, the children will go outside at recess and at lunch so that they can get some fresh air. Hoods or umbrellas are essential! Boots are also a good idea for our puddle-filled playground.

Visitors to Meadowbrook

Please remember to drop off and pick up wait for your child in the back undercover area rather than in the hallway outside your child's classroom. The end of the day is very busy and a group of people outside the classroom door is very distracting.

As well, for the safety and security of your children, we would like all visitors to the school to sign in at the office. It will be very helpful for us to know who is in the building. Even if you are dropping off a lunch, please take the time to come by the office first. Thank you for this and for your help in keeping our school scent free.

School Photos:

Individual student photographs will be taken on October 12th The school photographer this year Lifetouch.

Student Planners

If you have not yet purchased a planner, please ensure that you do! **All students from grades one through five must have a planner as part of their school supplies.** If the \$8.00 purchase price is a hardship, please see Mrs. Maidens and we can arrange payment over time.

Please make sure that you have signed the signature page in the agenda, indicating that you have read our school Code of Conduct and School District 43 School Policies.



Halloween Parade:

This year we will be inviting classes to join our **Spooktacular** costume parade in the afternoon on Monday, October 31st. Students can change into their costumes for the afternoon and then will visit other classrooms just after the lunch hour. Parents who would like to join the parade are more than welcome. Please do not send your child to school with any prop that could be damaged, or any weapon-like items that could hurt, frighten or offend others.



Coquitlam Library Homework Help

The library has launched two homework assistance programs, one for kids (grades 2 to 7) and one for teens (grades 8 to 12).

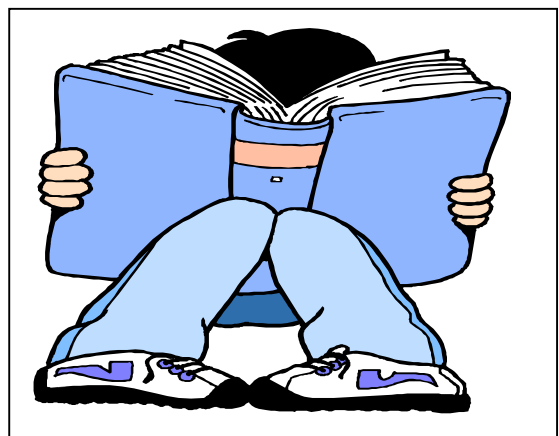
The Homework Help Club, which matches kids with high school students, runs **every Friday at City Centre library** until Nov. 25 (except for Nov. 11, when the library will be closed). Meetings are from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Lots of kids and teens are coming already, but we could squeeze in some more.

<http://www.library.coquitlam.bc.ca/programsandevents/Teens/Homework+Help.htm>

Coquitlam summer Reading students

These students participated in the summer reading program and should be congratulated! Great reading!

Malequ-Azjaha, Sahar
Malequ-Azjaha, Mostafa
Ghani, Aisha
Nicoll, Seth
Nicoll, Ethan
Cheng, Ryan
Ghani, Eklil
Ghani, Ruby





Free Clothing Give Away

October 19th, 2011
10:00am to 11:30am
1100 Winslow Avenue
Winslow Centre Gym

There is no reason that any student in the TriCity area should be without a nice set of clothes to wear to school. We have quality, lightly used clothing, for students from 5 years of age to 18 years. There are some great winter coats and quality shoes and boots, all sizes of pants, shorts, t-shirts, and hoodies. We have winter hats, gloves, gym bags, umbrellas, lunch bags and more!. Everything has been washed and cleaned and it's all FREE!

Meadowbrook PAC:

Our next Meadowbrook PAC meeting will be tonight Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. All parents are encouraged to attend these PAC meetings – you can meet other parents, hear about what is going on at Meadowbrook and find out how you can support your child.

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day assembly will be held in our school gym on Thursday, November 10th at 10: 45 am. Parents are invited to attend. All schools in Canada are closed on November 11. **Please note that on November 14th District #43 schools will not be open.**

DOING WHAT MATTERS MOST: HOW PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILD TO SUCCEED AT SCHOOL

More important than limiting TV time, or even monitoring homework, there are four things that lead the pack when it comes to making a difference:

1. Parents having high (but reasonable) expectations of their children
2. Parents talking with their children, particularly about school
3. Parents helping their children develop positive attitudes towards learning and strong work habits
4. Parents reading to or with their children

1. High expectations

A series of systematic review articles found high parental expectations (followed by reading with children and talking about school) had the greatest impact on student achievement (Jeynes, 2003, 2005,2007). When parents consistently communicate their belief in their children's potential and communicate that they expect them to be able to succeed academically, students do better.

2. Talking about school

A major study of 25,000 U.S. schoolchildren showed “home discussion”—parents talking with children about school activities and programs—had a greater impact on academic achievement than a wide range of other parent actions. Simply talking with kids about school was shown to have more of an effect than contact between parents and the school and parental volunteering. Talking also had more of an impact than various forms of parental “supervision,” such as monitoring kids’ homework, parents being at home after school, or limiting TV time or the time students were allowed to go out during the week.

3. Attitudes and work habits

As children grow older, many of the factors that directly affect achievement are out of parents’ control. Like it or not, parents can’t teach children everything they need to know or make sure students decide to apply those skills when called upon. Parents’ most critical influence on school success is found in how they shape children’s attitudes, their sense of personal competence, and work habits including persistence, seeking help, and planning. This means that rather than trying to directly “teach” their children, the more important work of parents can be found in helping kids handle distractions, negotiating crises of confidence, praise for effort and persistence or constructively handling conflict while being positive about school as a whole. Bit by bit, this effort builds a solid foundation for success.

4. Reading together

Reading is one of the main foundations of all education, and parents can make a major difference by reading and talking about books and stories with their children. While the letter-sound correspondence that children learn at school is vital, the motivation, comprehension and strong oral language skills children develop through conversation and reading together with their parents creates the crucial foundations for successful literacy in primary years and beyond.

Calendar:

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| October 10 | Thanksgiving Day |
| October 12 | Individual Photos |
| October 21 | Provincial Pro. D. Day |
| October 31 | Halloween Parade |
| November 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day – No school |
| November 14 | No school |
| December 16 | Last day of school before Christmas |
| January 3 | School reopens |

Community Events

Elementary Schools

Upcoming Events at Place des Arts
1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam

Day of the Arts Pro-D Day Camp: *Monster Mash!*
Friday, October 21, 8:45AM to 3:45PM

Monster Mash is the theme for this Pro-D day art camp at Place des Arts — just in time for Halloween! Kids can explore their creativity through a variety of activities in the visual, literary and performing arts, meet new friends and, most of all, have fun! Registration is now open for six blocks of classes divided into three age groups: Kindergarten; Kindergarten to Grade 2; and Grades 3 to 5. Families can pick the block of classes that best suits the interests of their child. After hours care is available until 5PM for a \$5 fee. Call 604.664.1636 to register. Visit www.placedesarts.ca for more information.

Fall Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts

We have two great fall workshops for children and youth coming up. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years)

Create your own stop-motion animated film! Plan a story, make a storyboard, design and build your own characters and sets, and then shoot and edit your film, practicing techniques in shot composition, movement and timing. Add voices and music and upload it to YouTube! A digital camera with removable card is recommended for this class. Teacher: Kenten Bowick

9139 • W • Nov 23-Nov 30 • 3:30 - 6:00 PM • \$46.50

Get knitting (10-17 years)

This one-day workshop is for youth who want to learn to knit but don't want to join a longer, more comprehensive class. In this workshop, you will be shown the very basics of knitting: casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch and casting off. Teacher: Kirsten Zerbinis

9127 • M • Oct 17 • 6:30 - 9:00 PM • \$33.50

**THE TERRY FOX CRAFT FAIR IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
WHICH SUPPORTS THE AFTERGRAD, 2012.**