



September 2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It has been a great pleasure welcoming your children to a new school year, especially one with so many exciting changes. Welcome to all our new staff and new families! We have had a successful start-up, thanks to the efforts of our marvelous staff and the cooperation of our wonderful students - we are on our way to a great year of learning and laughing together. I have appreciated the supportive comments as we work to build our new Reggio influenced classes - we are all learning together and your patience and understanding is so appreciated.

Parents as Partners

At Meadowbrook, we truly believe that education must be a partnership between home and school. Parental attitudes towards such basics as reading, homework and respectful behavior have a significant effect on your child's approach to learning. If you show your child that you value education and life-long learning, chances are that your child will value them too. Research clearly indicates that when parental support and involvement is high, student achievement improves. We encourage you to get involved in the Meadowbrook community, whether by volunteering, joining the PAC, keeping in touch with your child's teacher, or just dropping in to the office to say hello. Keep us informed when "at home" issues are going to affect your child's performance at school so that we can do our best to help. Talk with your child about what they are learning at school – have them teach you something new. We are all learners!

Nut Free

We have a number of students in our school with life-threatening allergies to a variety of nuts. Even a trace of oil left on a desk can cause an anaphylactic reaction. Thank you in advance for not sending food containing nuts to school with your child.

OPEN HOUSE

Mark Thursday, October 4th on your calendar. Staff will be available in their classrooms from 6:30 – 7:30 and your child has the opportunity to introduce you to his/her teacher and take you on a tour of the classroom. At 7:30 everyone will be invited to come down the gym for a brief assembly. Please keep in mind that due to time limitations, this is not a time to discuss your child's progress.

Terry Fox Run – September 27th

Once again, Meadowbrook staff, students and all interested parents will be running to support the Terry Fox Foundation in its efforts to raise money for cancer research. We will meet in the gym at 2 p.m. for a very short assembly and then head outside to run. Donations will be gratefully received at the office. Please join us!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Sign in and out at the office - This will help ensure a safe and secure environment for our students and makes us aware of who is in the building in case of an emergency.

Medical alerts – If your child has a medical condition that we should be aware of, it is imperative that you let the school know. Please stop in at the office and request a medical Alert form to complete or if you have completed a form in previous years, please update and initial your previously completed form.

Lates/Absences - Please let the office know if your child is going to be absent or late. If your child arrives late to school, please check in to the office and get a late slip. This way, we know if your child has arrived and won't call home to check.

Parking Lot -Staff parking lots are the upper two near the school. For **safety reasons**, please use the **lower parking lot**.

Rainy Days - in order to provide students with exercise and fresh air, we will be expecting students to go outside at recess and lunch unless the weather is **extreme**. ***Please send your child to school with weather appropriate clothing.***

PAC

The PAC hold their meetings on the first Monday of the month in the library at year on Monday night at 7:00. Everyone is welcome! Please come out and support our Meadowbrook community.

There are many ways to help out in the school. If you don't have the time to attend PAC meetings, we are always looking for volunteers to spend one hour a month supervising the handing out of food for hot lunch days or shelving books in the library. Let us know if you can help. Parent volunteers need to have a criminal record check – you can ask at the office for the form that indicates you are working at our school, and the fee will be waived.

After School programs at Meadowbrook

Scoutsabout

SCOUTSabout has returned to the Tri-Cities! We are offering our structured after-school program at your school on Wednesdays, starting September 19 until November 28, 2012. The program will run from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm. You are welcome to arrive a few minutes before 4:00 to pick up your child. We will be based in the gym, and many of our activities will be “gym” activities, but the children will also be doing some crafts, and occasionally going outside. Parent volunteers are very welcome!

The cost per student is just \$30 for the entire eleven weeks, and may be paid by cash or cheque (payable to Scouts Canada). This covers all craft costs as well. Registration forms will be available from the school office.

Scouts Canada has been developing youth through exciting programs and local partnerships for more than 100 years! We look forward to partnering with you to provide your children with fun, learning and life skills after school.

For more information, please see the SCOUTSabout brochure, or contact Jennifer Deby at jdeby@scouts.ca or 604-999-6040.

Multi-Sport Games (through Coquitlam Parks and Recreation at Meadowbrook)

6 to 10 years

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. Equipment supplied.

Barcode: 412236 3:00pm to 5:00pm, Thursdays, Sept 27 to Nov 29 in Meadowbrook Gym

Cost: \$35.00

To register online: www.coquitlam.ca, by phone: 604-927-4386 or go to any Coquitlam Recreation Facilities. Quote the barcode to make it easier to register.

Parenting Classes

How to Talk so Kids Will Listen...How to Listen so Kids Will Talk

6 Week program begins Tuesday. October 23

and ends on November 27th at

Alderson Elementary:

Time: 7 – 9 PM

Book cost: \$20.00 (payable first class)

Steps to Effective Parenting.

7 week program begins on October 23rd

and ends December 4th at

Alderson Elementary:

Time: 9:30-11:00 AM.

Book Cost \$25.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

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

Phone: 604-313-8902

Creative Kids!

Ages 7- 12 years

Studio B

Evergreen Cultural Centre

Mon. Sept .24- Nov. 26th 3:30- 5 pm

Come and create, paint, explore the art of Painting, Drawing, Storyboards, Animation Characters and Collage in this fun program lead by Artist and Teacher **Judith M. Atkinson**. Students will learn from the Masters and will create masterpieces and discover their own artistic genius!

8 Sessions - Materials supplied

Cost: \$98.00

No Classes on Monday, October 8th & Nov. 12th , 2012.

Continuing to Paint
Studio B
Evergreen Cultural Centre

Adults & Youth

Mon. Sept .24- Nov. 26th 7:00– 10:00 pm

This inspiring 3 hour program lead by Artist and Instructor Judith M. Atkinson is designed for painters of all levels a study course on contemporary painting practices and principles using a variety of media of your choice, oil or acrylic or watercolour. The course will cover colour theory, composition, skill building and technique along with masterwork painting references. Dive and enrich your creative talents.

8 Sessions
Cost: \$229.00

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Painting In the Afternoon - A Salon for Artists'
Studio B
Evergreen Cultural Centre

Thurs Sept .27- Nov. 15th 1:00– 4:00 pm

This inspiring 3 hour program lead by Artist and Instructor Judith M. Atkinson is designed for painters of all levels, is a study course on painting practices and principles using a variety of media of your choice; acrylic or watercolour, which will be provided for a small supply fee. Students will explore composition, colour theory, texture and painting techniques through a series of exercises intended to enhance individual forms of expression while building your skills and working with masterwork painting references. Explore and enrich your creative talents.

8 Sessions
Cost: \$229:00

Register:

By phone: Evergreen Cultural Centre : 927-6552 (Monday – Saturday 12- 5:00 pm)

In person : Evergreen Cultural Centre, 1205 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam

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