



Miller Park Weekly Express

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	Jan. 27	Pro-D (no school for students)
Wednesday,	Jan. 29	Coquitlam Library Link visit. Time TBA.
Friday,	Jan. 31	Monthly Assembly & Slide-show 9:00am & Coq. Library Link visit 9:30am
Friday,	Jan. 31	PAC movie night 6:30pm in the Gym
Monday,	Feb. 3	Div. 2 & 8 Skating Field Trip 9am-12pm
Monday,	Feb. 3	PAC meeting 6:30pm in the Library
Friday,	Feb. 14	School Not in Session Day
Monday,	Feb. 17	BC Family Day Holiday
Wednesday,	Feb. 19	PAC meeting 9am in the Library
Monday,	Feb. 24	Bookfair begins
Monday,	Feb. 24	Spring Conferences & Early Dismissal at 1:45pm
Wednesday,	Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day
Wednesday,	Feb. 26	Spring Conferences & Early Dismissal at 1:45pm
Thursday,	Feb. 27	Monthly Assembly & Slide-show 2pm
Friday,	Feb. 28	Pro-D (no school for students)

Message from the Principal

Hello Miller Park families,

We Love HOCKEY! Our school has been gifted a number of Port Moody Hockey Jerseys.

So..... The **Me To We team** would like to announce their next fundraising initiative for a 'Developing Country': \$2 VALENTINE CANDY GUESS

When: Starts Monday, February 3rd and goes through until Thursday, Feb 13th.

Where: Front Hallway before and after school

Prizes:

- 1) Closest Guess: Wins Candy Jar and Hockey Jersey with Port Moody logo
- 2) Students that have the next closest guesses will also win a Port Moody hockey jersey until all have been handed out

BASKETBALL

Over 30 grade 4/5 students have joined. Practises are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Coaches are Mr. Sclater, Ms. Douglas and Ms. Flood. Thank you to our student teachers who have also been helping out. Also Ms. Flood has organized a game at Alderson for March 5th.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (see attachment as well)

January 30, 2020 - School District updated messages:

- The World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus a global health emergency; however, the B.C. Provincial Health Officer is advising that the risk is low within British Columbia and all necessary precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of infection.
- The Ministry of Health has advised and confirmed that individuals returning from affected regions do not need to be isolated at home or kept home from school.
- We can assure you that we are in regular communication with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and our local health authority to make public health decisions, and to ensure students and employees are kept informed and safe.
- We will continue to be in close contact with public health officials and, with that in mind, would ask that you do not make assumptions about the risk of students or staff based on their ethnicity or travel history.

HealthLinkBC website <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus>

PARKING AND DROP OFF LANE

A reminder to be respectful and considerate of our neighbours along Egmont and Raynor. Please do not block driveways or park so that garbage and recycling bins are hidden. This causes a lot of frustrations for them as they try to get in and out and have their daily routines interrupted. Use the drop off and pick up lane along Raynor and remember to make it a quick stop, and to move forward when the vehicle in front has pulled up.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPT 2020



WHEN CAN MY CHILD START KINDERGARTEN?

Children who are **five years old on or before December 31, 2020** may enter school in September 2020. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2021. Please register at your catchment school. Use our [School Locator](#) tool to determine your catchment school.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Kindergarten registration (except for Programs of Choice - Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion) within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) will be held from **February 3 to 5, 2020** in all elementary schools.

Our Welcome to Kindergarten Event will be on Tuesday, May 5th from 1:00pm-2:15pm in our Library. We look forward to seeing all our new students and parents at this time!

CROSS CATCHMENT INFORMATION FOR SEPT 2020

HOW DO I APPLY FOR CROSS CATCHMENT FOR MY CHILD?

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school before completing a Cross Catchment Application. Applications for cross catchment transfers will be accepted **February 6 to February 12, 2020**.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance the following school year) and are requested to register at the sibling's school on February 3, 4 or 5, 2020. Therefore, Kindergarten parents do not need to fill out a cross catchment application verifying sibling status. The exception to this is for a Program of Choice. Parents must complete the online Kindergarten Programs of Choice application for siblings to attend the same program. Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.

CAN I USE MY CHILDCARE FACILITY ADDRESS TO DETERMINE MY CHILD'S CATCHMENT SCHOOL? No. According to the School Act, enrolment can only be based on the home address.

WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING MY CHILD?

View the "Funding Eligibility Checklist" for documentation required for registration found at www.sd43.bc.ca/programs.

Please note applications will be processed based on the the availability of space in schools and on a **RANDOM DRAW PROCESS**.

Invitation to Participate in the 2020-2021 Budget Process

The Board of Education appreciates and recognizes your many and valuable contributions to our school communities. With that in mind, we wish to invite you to participate and share your input at our first budget meeting on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020**, in advance of staff preparing the budget. Your input can help shape the budget proposal for the Board of Education to consider in April 2020.

If you or your group would like to provide feedback on the proposed budget, please refer to the [2020-2021 Guidelines for Stakeholder Input](#) and submit the information through [this online process](#) before 9 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer at 604-939-9201 or email jtoderas@sd43.bc.ca.

In addition, we welcome your attendance at any of the three stakeholder information and feedback events in April below:

Regular Public Meeting - Presentation of 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget | Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 7 p.m.

Special Public Meeting - Stakeholder Feedback | Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Public Board Meeting - Final Budget Presentation and Board Approval | Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7 p.m.

All events will be held at Winslow Centre Gymnasium, 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam, BC. Learn more: Visit the SD43 Budget website at www.sd43.bc.ca/budget

Sincerely,
Mr. Jonathan Sclater

PAC & Community News

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

Please be advised to take extra caution when driving and walking on the surrounding streets and sidewalks. Raynor and Egmont can get particularly icy, and in past years when cars are travelling too fast towards the corner, we have had some close calls with near-miss accidents. Please slow down and take extra care!

In the event of a district-wide or partial-district closure due to extreme weather this will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the **School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca** and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio. *Please do not phone the school.* If Miller Park or School District 43 is not mentioned as being closed, then school is in session.

Ultimately, families make decisions around their children's safety and can keep their children at home if they believe conditions are unsafe. There will be no educational consequence in this case. Please notify the school if you decide to keep your child at home in this case via the absence report on-line.

Please also ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the conditions with proper footwear – preferably winter boots with proper grip (not heels or runners), gloves, toques, warmer jackets, etc.