



## MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY

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# Welcome to the 2017/18 school year!

## CALENDAR

Upcoming events that are posted on the Mundy Road school calendar:

Entertainment Book Sales begin (PAC Fundraiser)	Sept. 20
Sports Day in the morning/ Terry Fox Run in the afternoon	Sept. 21
District Professional Day	Sept. 22
Individual Photos	Sept. 25
Welcoming Conversations (Gr. 1-5)/ Early Dismissal (1:45)	Sept. 27
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Orange Shirt Day	Sept. 29
Family Photo Night (PAC Event/ Fundraiser)- more info to come	Oct. 2



\*\*Check our online school calendar for ALL upcoming events: [www.mundyroad.ca](http://www.mundyroad.ca)

## BELL SCHEDULE

**8:50** Warning Bell

**8:55** Classes Begin

**10:25** Recess

**10:40** Classes Resume

**12:10** Lunch (play first)

**12:35** Lunch (eat in the classroom)

**12:52** Warning Bell

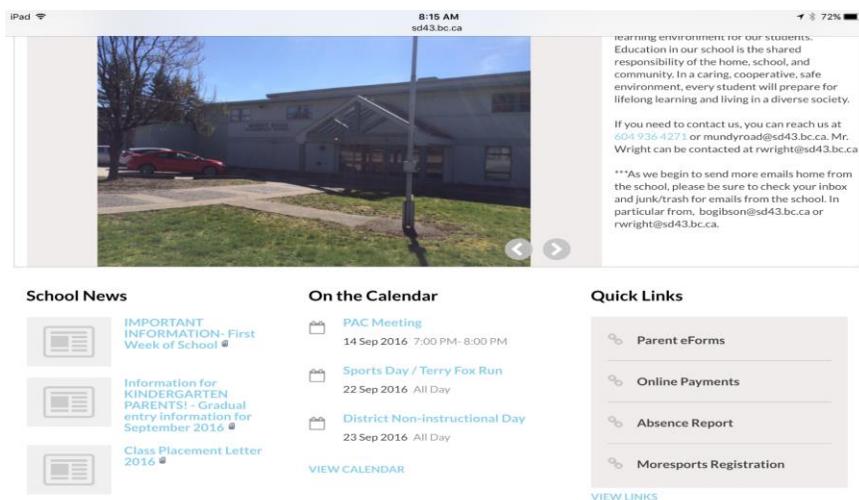
**12:57** Classes Resume

**2:50** Dismissal

## SCHOOL FORMS

All of our school forms are electronic (e-forms), except for the Emergency Release form and the Student Verification forms (both of which came home with your child last week).

At the beginning of each school year there are a number of necessary forms that we need you to complete. We are pleased to now have most of these forms online. It is crucial that you **complete the required forms for each student**. Please go online to the Mundy Road website at [www.mundyroad.ca](http://www.mundyroad.ca), click on "Parent eForms" under the "Quick Links" on the lower right hand side of the front page and complete the **required school policy forms** as promptly as possible.



## **STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM (paper form)**



The Student Verification forms came home with your child last week on LILAC paper. It is very important and must be updated every September and throughout the year as soon as circumstances change (e.g. Daycare). **All you need to do is mark any changes on this form. Please sign the form and return it to your child’s teacher so that we know it has not been “lost” or “forgotten” even if there are no changes to your information.**

## **EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS (paper form)**

The Emergency Release forms came home last week on YELLOW paper. It is very important and must be updated every September and throughout the year as soon as circumstances change (e.g. Daycare). Please return this form to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

## **STUDENT PLANNERS**

Students in Grades 1 through 5 will be using a Student Planner this year. Planners went home last week with students. The cost of **the planner is \$7.00**. For ease of collection you have the option of school cashonline payments ([www.sd43.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.sd43.schoolcashonline.com)) (PREFERRED OPTION) or cheques made out to Mundy Road School (cheques are preferable to cash). If cash is being sent with your child, please send correct change. If you have any questions or concerns about the purchase of this item or if the purchase causes financial hardship please contact Mr. Wright directly.

## **STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please report your child’s absence online by completing an online Absence Report at [www.mundyroad.ca](http://www.mundyroad.ca).

If you are unable to successfully submit an Absence Report, please contact our office at **604 936 4271** to let us know or leave a message on our school answering machine or email the school secretary at [046-secretary@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:046-secretary@sd43.bc.ca).

## **CARE PACKS**

Parent(s)/ caregiver(s) will receive a letter home about putting together a personalized Care Pack for each student (see the Mundy Road website in the *School News* section for the copy of the letter). This Care Pack is a part of our school-wide Earthquake/Emergency Preparedness Plan. This personalized Care Pack will provide your child with comfort and nutrition during an emergency and will be returned at the end of June 2018. It would be wonderful to receive a Care Pack for each student as soon as possible. Please let your child’s classroom teacher know if you are unable to provide a Care Pack for your child(ren) and one will be provided for them by the PAC Emergency Committee.



## NUT ALLERGIES

The number of students that have life threatening nut allergies appears to be increasing. It can be extremely frightening for parents of children that have this allergy. The presence of **any** peanut product (nuts or oil), even if baked into cookies or cakes, can present a **life-threatening** situation. Even a trace of peanut residue on a desk or book could be life threatening.

We are requesting that you avoid sending peanut products in your child's recess snack or lunch, if possible. In the event that a student does bring foods to school that include nuts or peanut butter, he/she will eat their lunches and recess snacks in a separate location. Students should then wash their hands thoroughly after eating.

**Because many younger students do not know what is in their lunch, the best way to deal with this is to avoid sending nut products to school and save them for home time.**

Thank you, in advance, for helping us to ensure a safe environment for all of our students. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated. If you have questions, please contact the school.

## WEST COAST RECESS

We believe that children need to get outside into the fresh air at recess. They need an opportunity to run and play with their friends so that when they return to the classroom, they are ready to focus on their learning. As well, with our daily physical activity requirements, this is a perfect opportunity to get moving.

On the west coast, we could enjoy many more days of the beautiful weather we have been enjoying or we could experience weeks of rain. The fall season is here and so is the rainy season. Most days we will be sending children outside to play at recess rain or shine. We ask parents to be sure that children are dressed for the weather.

**In extreme weather, children will remain inside.**

## VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AT SCHOOL

As in past years, we acknowledge that school volunteers provide a valuable contribution to the successful operation of our school. The support volunteers provide to Mundy Road students has a direct and positive influence on the quality of education for our students.

Volunteer activities include:

- Volunteering with small groups or individual students;
- Assisting students with special projects;
- Assisting with coaching opportunities
- Providing transportation and supervision on field trips and extra-curricular events; and
- Assisting staff with organizational tasks.

While encouraging volunteer involvement in our school, we are also committed to providing a safe, secure and caring environment for all our students. To support this, we ask that volunteers fill in the "Volunteer Application eForm". If your volunteer duties are not under the direct supervision of a staff member you will be asked to provide evidence of a criminal record check. Volunteers who have already completed this process are asked to review their criminal record check no less than every five years.

Volunteer drivers must provide a criminal record check, a driver's abstract and complete the "Driver Application eForm" as well as the "Volunteer application eForm".

***\*\*\*The volunteer form is good for 6 years, the criminal record check is good for 5 years, but the driver's abstract and driver application e-form must be completed each year.***

\*Please take note of the revised regulation details from *Boost BC* for private vehicles listed below.



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**All drivers are responsible for complying with all child restraint requirements.**

- Infants are to be secured in a rear-facing child car seat away from an active frontal airbag until at least 12 months and 9kg (20lbs)
- Children under 18kg (40 lbs) are to be secured in a car seat with harness.
- Children at least 18kg (40 lbs) are to be secured:
  - in a booster seat, in a seating position equipped with a shoulder harness OR
  - in a lap belt only, (no booster), if a seating equipped with a shoulder harness is not available
  - \*\*\*up to their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday or 145 cm (4'9") tall, whichever comes first.
- Children at least 9 years to 16 years are to be secured:
  - in a seating position equipped with a shoulder harness or
  - in a lap belt, if a seating position equipped with a shoulder harness is not available

**STUDENT SERVICES**

Our Student Services team is available to support students in need of extra help. Many students are already part of an established caseload. New referrals come from the classroom teacher. If you have a concern about your child's progress, you must speak with the classroom teacher who can then access our School Based Team if needed. At that time, plans can be discussed about how to support the student. Priorities are set based on a variety of reasons, including need and resources available.

**SPECIAL EVENT ASSEMBLIES**

Throughout the school year, our community will gather for fine arts performances, special holiday presentations and school wide event assemblies. Parents and guests are always welcome to attend these assemblies. Notice of such assemblies will be communicated through our school website (calendar).

**SPORTS DAY**

Our annual Sports Day is Thursday, September 21st, in the morning (Terry Fox Run in the afternoon). We will be holding our Sport's Day rain or shine! If it rains we will have indoor activities. There will NOT be a hot lunch this year, PLEASE make sure to send your child with a lunch. A concession will be available with limited snacks.

The day begins at the usual time, 8:50am, students will be involved in team activities until lunchtime. After lunch it is our annual Terry Fox Run.

Parents, grandparents, guardians, etc. are welcome and encouraged to come out and cheer on the children!

**TERRY FOX RUN**

Our annual Terry Fox Run will happen on Thursday, September 21st, after lunch (Sports Day in the morning). Donations to the Terry Fox Run can be made at the office, or through the collection basket in your child's classroom. We hope our gorgeous weather will hold out and we encourage all of our community to join us that afternoon. All members, young and old are encouraged to come out and walk, run, or stroll(er)!

**STRONGSTART CENTRE**

Just a reminder to anyone with children under 5 years of age – our StrongStart Centre is open each day school is open, during the afternoons, from 12:45 to 3:45, Monday to Friday. Mrs. Carlson, the StrongStart Centre Early Childhood Educator, brings her room to life with music, art, literature activities, water and sand tables, as well as time in the 'big gym' or outside on the playground. This is a free program and you



can come for as long as wish during the hours we are open, and you can start anytime between 12:45 to 3:45 time. We encourage you to drop by - lots of moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers fill this room each afternoon and we are very happy to see our StrongStart room brimming with children! StrongStart will begin on September 18 in Room 103.

### **COQUITLAM SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE**

Our district web page contains information about our school district including upcoming events and district programs. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

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