

MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all students, parents and teachers for a wonderful start to the school year!

It is amazing to think that October is almost over and November is just around the corner.....our classes are settled in, we have run the Terry Fox Run, we have welcomed parents to our first PAC meeting, we have shared Thanksgiving, we have smiled for our school photos and we are now getting ready for our Halloween parade on Friday. Time flies! It is an honour to be a part of the Mundy Road school community. The positive experiences I have every day is a testament to the hard work, dedication and most of all CARE for kids that everyone in this school community has.

Rob Wright

CALENDAR

Upcoming events that have just been posted on the Mundy Road school calendar:

Interim Reports	Oct. 30
Halloween Parade	Oct. 31
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 7
November PAC Meeting	Nov. 12
PAC Pub Night	Nov. 15
PAC Christmas Market	Dec. 5
First Term Reports	Dec. 5
Early Dismissal	Dec. 9
Early Dismissal	Dec. 10
Student Led Conferences	Feb. 18-19
Early Dismissal	Feb. 18
Early Dismissal	Feb. 19
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 26
Second Term Reports	March 5
Third Term Reports	June 25



***Check our online school calendar for ALL upcoming events:www.mundyroad.ca

BELL SCHEDULE

- 8:50** Morning Bell
- 10:25** Recess
- 10:40** Classes Resume
- 12:10** Lunch (play first)
- 12:35** Lunch (eat in the classroom)
- 12:50** Classes Resume
- 2:50** Dismissal

TEACHING STAFF

Enrolling Teachers

Mr. Dave Reis	Division 1 – Grade 4/5	Teaching Partner with Mrs. Wood
<i>*** Mrs. Wood is currently teaching full time in Division 1</i>		
Mr. Ken Porter	Division 2 – Grade 4/5	
Ms Monika Kraemer	Division 3 – Grade 3/4	
Mrs. Lorraine Johnson	Division 4 – Grade 2/3	Teaching Partner with Ms. Chambers
Ms Suzanne LaFleur	Division 5 – Grade 2/3	
Mrs. Kristine Wong	Division 6 – Grade 1/2	Teaching Partner with Mrs. McGovern
Mr. Irvin Samson	Division 7 – K/Grade 1	
Mrs. Lisa Warner	Division 8 – K/Grade 1	Teaching Partner with Mrs. McGovern

Non Enrolling Teachers

Ms Stephanie Wong	District Challenge Centre Teacher
Ms. Susanne Mansfield	Speech Language Pathologist
Ms Krystle Pak	EAL Teacher & Music
Mrs. Laurie Mills	Teacher Librarian & Student Services
Mr. Mike Pledge	Counselor
Mrs. Maddalena McGovern	Gifted/ LA & EAL Teacher
Mr. Rob Wright	Principal & Student Services

Support Staff

Ms. Bonny Gibson	Secretary
Mrs. Cindy Carlson	Strong Start Facilitator
Mr. Kim Graham	Custodian (PM)
Mrs. Ann Kwon	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Lesley McLay	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Twyla Rail	Custodian (AM)

SCHOOL FORMS

All of our school forms are electronic this year, except for the Emergency Release form and the Student Verification form, both of which have already been sent home in paper copy with your child. If you have not sent in your Emergency Release Form or Verification form please do so immediately. If you need another copy of either of these forms, please contact Ms Gibson at the office to get another copy (604) 936 4271.

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, click on the Parent eForms button and complete the following forms as promptly as possible. You can even just click on the Parent e-Form below and you will be linked automatically to the eForm part of our website.



The screenshot shows the website for Mundy Road Elementary School, part of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam). The page features a navigation menu with options like Home, About Mundy Road, Programs & Services, Staff, Parents, and Intranet. A search bar is also present. The main content area includes a welcome message: "Welcome to Mundy Road. It is our aim to provide the best possible learning environment for our students." Below this, there is a section titled "Our eForms are now working" with a call to action to complete eForms. Two prominent buttons are visible: "Parent eForms" and "Absence Report". The footer contains sections for "News & Announcements", "Publications", and "On the Calendar". The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.sd43.bc.ca/eleme".

STUDENT PLANNERS

Students in Grades 1 through 5 will be using a Student Planner this year. Planners have already gone home with students. The cost of **the planner is \$7.00** and can still be given to the classroom teacher if not already done so. For ease of collection, cheques made out to Mundy Road School 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. If you are unable to successfully submit an Absence Report, please contact our office at **604 936 4271** to let us know.

CARE PACKS

Earlier this year, parent(s)/ caregiver(s) received a letter home about putting together a personalized Care Pack for each student (see the Mundy Road website in the *Publications* 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 2015. 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. The Board of Education of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) recently reviewed updated volunteer procedures, which are now in effect. 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".

*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 9th 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).

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>