**MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY**

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Dear Parents/Guardians: September 9, 2013

Welcome back! It was a wonderful start up and it was wonderful to hear about students’ summer adventures!. Our first full day for Grades 1 to 5 on September 5th was made even better by a special performance by singer/songwriter Michael Mitchell. His focus was on Canada and along with some great toe tapping tunes, he got the entire teaching staff up, waltzing around the gym to the song “Logdriver’s Waltz”. Many of our students joined in and judging by the smiling faces, it was a great way to start our year. Thanks to Mrs. Johnson for booking this performer! Also, a big ‘thank you’ to Mr. Porter for playing the role of the lumberjack and everyone appreciated the enthusiasm of the Mundy Road students who willingly danced their way around the gym with teachers and their peers. The patriotic red and white attire certainly added to the spirit of the day! If you are new to our community, welcome to a great school, with wonderful kids and very supportive families. We encourage you to be involved in your child’s education and attend our school events.

Yesterday we were able to put students into classes just before noon and classrooms were buzzing with organizational endeavours. Class placements and class building begins in late spring and continues up until we hear from the District regarding our organization for the school year. As students transfer in and out, we are continually engaged in a very thoughtful process that takes several hours of careful planning. We do realize that students often hope to be with friends that they know well, but each year brings new opportunities for new friendships and a wider social circle. We balance classes between many factors including learning styles and learning needs, gender, as well as social and emotional learning needs. If you wish to help out in your child’s classroom, or volunteer at the school – great! We do ask that as a volunteer in the school you follow District procedures and sign in at the office, as well as get a ‘Parent Visitor’ name tag. This name tag is a way of letting our staff and students know that you are part of the Mundy Road community. There are many ways to get involved in our school and you can contact your child’s teacher in about a week about what you can do, or you can contact the PAC, or the office. We also encourage you to attend our upcoming Open House and tour our wonderful school!

**EMAIL CONTACT PLEASE!**

Please fill out the email form at the end of the newsletter so that we have your most current email address(es) or email Mrs. Hein at shein@sd43.bc.ca and please include your child(ren(‘s) first and last name, so that we can easily cross reference your email to your child.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Our school calendar is located in a few places; our school website – [www.mundyroad.ca](http://www.mundyroad.ca), and in our student planner, and in this newsletter. Please make sure you regularly check the school calendar as different events are added, and sometimes changes have to be made to the calendar. A few of the upcoming dates are:

* PAC Meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 7 pm in our library
* Mundy Road’s Open House on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 to 7:30.
* National Sports Day is Friday, September 27th in the morning, and in the afternoon, we have the Terry Fox Run.

Please feel free to come to the PAC Meeting this week. You are a member of the Mundy Road PAC because your child(ren) attend school here. At the PAC meeting you’ll be able to meet the PAC Executive Members and hear about the wonderful things our incredible parents do for the children at Mundy Road. We hope to see you there!

**STAFF ORGANIZATION and WELCOME TO NEW STAFF!**

We do have a few new faces on staff on staff as last spring some of our teachers were displaced by recall. You will meet them over the next few days, but you will also be able to meet with them at our upcoming ‘National Sports Day’ & ‘Terry Fox Run’ as well. Our staff organization is as follows:

**TEACHING STAFF**

Mrs. Amy Azaroff Division 6 – Grade 1/2 Teaching Partner with Mrs. Cherry

Mrs. Nicole Cherry Division 6 – Grade 1/2 Teaching Partner with Mrs. Azaroff

Mr. Simon Hong Division 4 – Grade 2/3 Teaching Partner with Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Lorraine Johnson Division 4 – Grade 2/3 Teaching Partner with Mr. Simon Hong

Ms. Suzanne LaFleur Division 5 – Grade 2/3

Mrs. Maddalena McGovern Division 7 – Grade 1/2 Teaching Partner with Mrs. Wong

Mrs. Maddalena McGovern Division 9 – Kindergarten Teaching Partner with Mrs. Warner

Mrs. Lynn Moyer Division 8 – K/Grade 1

Ms. Stephanie Perko Division 3 – Grade 3/4

Mr. Ken Porter Division 2 – Grade 4/5

Mr. Dave Reis Division 1 – Grade 4/5 Teaching Partner with Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Lisa Warner Division 9 – Kindergarten Teaching Partner with Mrs. McGovern

Mrs. Lucy Wood Division 1 – Grade 4/5 Teaching Partner with Mr. Reis

Mrs. Kristine Wong Division 7 – Grade 1/2 Teaching Partner with Mrs. McGovern

**NON-ENROLLING TEACHERS**

Mrs. Nancy Greenall District Challenge Centre Teacher

Miss Linda Klein Student Services

Ms. Susanne Mansfield Speech Language Pathologist

Mrs. Laurie Mills Teacher Librarian & Student Services

Mrs. Jill Riederer Counselor & ESL Teacher

Mrs. Lucy Wood Enrichment/Gifted & Music

Mrs. Kelly Zimmer Principal & Student Services

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Mrs. Sandy Hein Secretary

Mrs. Donnalee Bridges Educational Assistant

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)

Mrs. Chris Simister Teaching Assistant

***BELL SCHEDULE****:*

8:50 Morning Bell

10:25 Recess

10:40 Classes Resume

12:10 Lunch (We play outside and then come in and eat our lunch)

12:50 Afternoon bell – classes resume

2:50 Dismissal

**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!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**:

**Picture Day** (Individual photos) - Wednesday, September 25th. No money is sent in, but when the pictures come home, you select the poses/photo package you want to order and then submit your forms with a cheque.



**Coffee with the Principal** – Tuesday September 24th at 9:am – 10 am. Feel free to drop by and join this very casual gathering, and enjoy a cup of coffee!

**TERRY FOX RUN**

Our annual Terry Fox Run will happen on Friday, September 27th, from 1 pm to 2 pm. 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)!

**EMERGENCY FORMS**

The school forms will be ready for you to complete **ON LINE** by tomorrow afternoon. Please go to the Mundy Road website at: [www.mundyroad.ca](http://www.mundyroad.ca). Look for the box labeled ‘E FORMS’ and click on that icon.

The volunteer forms are valid as long as the Criminal Record check is valid, but all other forms need to be completed each year.

You will need to know your child’s division and you can complete these forms on line. The only form that will come home in paper format will be the VERIFICATION FORM. **The Verification Form must be completed each school year** and although it may seem repetitive, we do require this information each school year. Please read the Verification forms carefully and note any changes on the form and return to your child’s teacher or the office so that we can update your child’s information. Thank you in advance for your time.

**IN CASE OF AN ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**:

If your child is going to be absent you can use our website to let the school know. Log onto [www.mundyroad.ca](http://www.mundyroad.ca) and click on the ‘ABSENCE’ icon. This information will go directly to the office personnel. If you cannot access a computer, please call the school and leave a message on the answering machine or with Mrs. Hein.

**PETS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Please make sure that if you bring your 4-legged friend to school that you have the dog on short leash at all times, and stay back from the large group of children that gather in both undercover areas. We ask this because no one can predict the behaviour of our pets and with so many young toddlers and babies in strollers on our school grounds, we want to ensure that they feel safe. As well, many individuals have allergies and cannot come in close proximity to pets. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Mundy Road has some parking available along both the east and west sides of the street. The east side is 15 minute parking and the west side is longer. The front parking lot is for staff members. Parents can park their vehicles along Mundy Road, or along Tolmie or Warrenton and then walk along the community pathways into the school. If you wish to drop your child off at the front doors, you may do so – but you may not park. Please watch your child enter the front door, and then exit the staff parking lot. We have had mornings where staff members cannot park their vehicles.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2013 ~ 2014**

The following is a basic calendar of events for our school district for the 2013 ~ 2014 school year. It contains a listing of major holidays and Professional Development Days.

September 3rd – Tuesday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . School Opens

September 19th – Thursday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Open House 6:30 pm

September 20th – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . District Non-Instructional Day

September 25th – Wednesday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Individual Student Pictures

September 27th –Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sports Day & Terry Fox Run

October 14th – Monday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thanksgiving Holiday

October 25th – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Provincial Non-Instructional Day

November 8th Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . All Schools Closed

November 11th –Monday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Remembrance Day Holiday

December 20th – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Last Day of School before Winter Vacation

December 23rd - January 3rd . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Winter Vacation

January 6th - Monday. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . School Reopens

January 27th – Monday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . School Based Non-Instructional Day

February 10th – Monday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . BC Family Day February 21st – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . District Non-Instructional Day

March 17th – March 28th . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Spring Vacation

March 31st – Monday. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . School Reopens

April 11th – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . School Based Non-Instructional Day April 18th – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Good Friday

April 21st – Monday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Easter Monday

May 16th – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .School Based Non-Instructional Day

May 19th – Monday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Victoria Day Holiday

June 26th –Thursday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Last Day of School for students – Report cards

June 27th – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Last Day of School for teachers – 2013~2014

**VANDALISM WATCH**

Please support our parent community and school community in being extra careful around schools – we have had numerous vandalism incidents on the weekends. Please do not put yourselves or your children in danger but do report any suspicious or dangerous behaviour to the RCMP immediately.

**EMAIL ADDRESS(ES)**

My name is : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and my email address is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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CHILDREN’S SWAP MEET

**There will be a Children’s Swap Meet at the Poirier Community Centre and Centennial Pavilion on Sunday, September 22, 2013 from 9:00am – 1:00pm.       All 66 tables are sold, so there will be a good selection of gently used baby and children’s clothes, books, toys and accessories.  Admission for buyers is free.**

**The Poirier Community Centre is a City of Coquitlam Recreation facility located at 630 Poirier Street in Coquitlam.**

**For more information, please contact 604-927-4386**

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 | **http://littleneighbours.com/images/nav/homehead.jpg****September 2013 Registration Is Open****Open House****Saturday, May 25th****10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.****Students can start anytime during the school year! Our school does not require that** **children are toilet trained to attend.** [**Phone or email:**](http://littleneighbours.com/news.html) **enrollment@littleneighbours.com** **to set up a class** **observation (604-521-5158)****Register today!** |
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**September 2013 School Newsletter Information**

**Elementary Schools**

**Upcoming Events at Place des Arts
1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam**

**Place des Arts Family Open House**

Saturday September 14, 2 to 4PM

Admission: Free!

Discover the world of art at Place des Arts annual Family Open House. Enjoy fun arts & crafts activities, take a tour of the centre, participate in hands-on teacher demos, win fabulous door prizes and get a discount on class registration during the event (1 per family). Programmers will be available to answer questions.

**Family Day at PdA: A Canada Culture Days Event**Sunday, September 29, 1:30 – 3:30PM

Admission: FREE!

Gather up the family and celebrate Canada Culture Days at Place des Arts. Tour three exhibitions, meet the artists and participate in several all-ages workshops! These include a *Visual Language Workshop* where, under the guidance of artist Joy Kirkwood, you’ll use letters, words, sentences and pages from books to translate projected images of artist Alan Maples photographic exhibition *Colors of Rajasthan* into works of art, works of literature, or both. The Van Goh Café will be open serving light snacks and beverages. Don’t be intimidated by art, get engaged in it! Reserve your spot online at placedesarts.ca or by calling (604) 664-1636.

**Day of the Arts Pro-D Art Camp: On the Farm**

Friday, September 20, 8:45am – 3:45pm

1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca)

Gallop like a horse! Draw and paint a duck! Make music that sounds like the noises on a farm! Kids from Kindergarten to grade 5 will discover farm life through the visual and performing arts during this fun and active Pro-D Day of the Arts. To view the full time-table and class descriptions, visit [placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca/camps-field-trips/day-arts-camp.aspx) or pick up a brochure at Place des Arts. Register now online, by phone at 604.664.1636, or in person at 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam.

**Place des Arts Fall Classes**

Place des Arts has many exciting classes this fall for creative kids! Registration is now open and may be done by phone at 604.664.1636, in person at Place des Arts, 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam or online at [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca) where you may also view the full 2013/14 program guide.

**Music:** Group Guitar, Group Piano, Fiddling Ensemble, Taiko Drumming Ensemble, Mixed Wind Ensemble, Drum Set, Singing Fundamentals, plus private music lessons in a multitude of instruments;

**Dance:** Ballet for Children (6-7 & 8-9 years), Dance Sampler (5-7 years – held at Evergreen Cultural Centre), Tap (8-12 years - held at Evergreen Cultural Centre);

**Theatre Arts:** Dress-Up Drama (5-6 years), Drama I (7-10 years) & Drama II (11-13 years), and On-Camera Acting (8-12 years), Musical Theatre Basics (5-6 years), Musical Theatre I (7-9 years) Musical Theatre II (10-12 years);Speech Arts & Drama (6-8 & 9-12 years);

**Visual Arts:** Drawing & Painting, Cartooning, Animation & Anime, Clay Play, Mixed-media, Fibre arts, Baroque Gilding and more;