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PITT RIVER NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Earlier this week I shared the news of my imminent February departure with the staff and students. I have been re-assigned as Principal at Heritage Woods Secondary. I am very excited and honoured about this new opportunity; however, I am finding this to be the hardest goodbye I have had to say to a school community. I cannot believe how emotionally attached I have become to Pitt River Community Middle School in such a short period of time. Simply put, my time here has been magic and the magic is a complete credit to the staff, students, and families of this school community. From day one I have felt, first hand, the power of the CARES way. I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for the exceptional dedication and commitment they make on a daily basis to the students of Pitt River. I have found the students here to be outstanding young citizens; their energy, enthusiasm, leadership, passion, skills and talent are second to none. I want to thank the parent community for the incredible support they provide both to our students and to our school. I would like to especially thank the Parent Advisory Council for their dedication and hard work.

Although I may not have been around long enough to create a lasting impression at Pitt River I know that it has made a lasting impression on me. I will smile every time I think about my experience here. I am proud to be able to say "I have been the Principal at Pitt River Community Middle School".

I am also happy to announce that Mr. Todd Clarkson has been appointed as the new Principal of Pitt River. Mr. Clarkson is currently the Acting Principal at Roy Stibbs Elementary. Prior to Roy Stibbs, he was a Vice-Principal at Riverside Secondary. He has a significant amount of Middle school experience as a teacher, team leader, and administrator and has a superb knowledge of the Middle school philosophy. Together, with his administrative experience and his deep understanding of Middle school, Mr. Clarkson is in an excellent position to support and lead the Pitt River school community and he is very excited about the opportunity to do so.

Thank you again for all of your support.

KEN COBER
Principal

CALENDAR 2009-10

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

- Jan. 22 - Pro D Day—School Not in Session
- Jan 25 - After School programs begin
- Jan. 29 - GOODBYE MR. COBER

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Neighbourhood Happenings

Coffee Mornings at Pitt!

Drop by the Counselling area Tuesday mornings for some coffee, tea, and treats! Sit and chat with other parents and school members to inquire about questions you may have, ideas you want to share, or to come and hear about what is happening in the community.

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 9:00-9:30am

We look forward to seeing you!
Ms. Luddu, School Counsellor

OTHER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

HONOURS PROGRAMS AT RIVERSIDE

Grade 8 students who excel in math and/or science (90%+) may have an opportunity to participate in Riverside's Honours Programs in their grade 9 year. Good candidates for this program would also have a solid work ethic, the ability to work independently and the ability to work at a faster pace.

Riverside will be offering one class of Math 9 Honours and one class of Science 9 Honours next year. Students wishing to be considered for one or both of these courses will be required to write an assessment exam at Pitt River Middle School.

January 26 th	1:00 pm Science 9 Honours Assessment
January 28 th	9:00 am Math 9 Honours Test

If your child is an exceptional student in math and/or science and is interested in applying, please discuss this with your child's math or science teacher. Suitable candidates should register with their classroom teacher by January 18th.

Acceptance into this program will be based on the results of the assessment, the grade 8 teacher's recommendation and parent approval.

For further information, contact Mrs. Simpson at Riverside (604-941-6053 or ssimpson@sd43.bc.ca)

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year and Welcome back to school.

The Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series are in the library. We have five copies of the Lightning Thief –the first in the series- and often they are all signed out. It is an excellent series which appeals to both males and females. The movie is coming out in February so make sure you read the book first.

Overdue notices have gone out and as was expected there are more than usual. Please have a look around the house for any library books. Several students are waiting for books to come back.

There will be another book fair in Feb 26th to March 10th. If you are interested in helping with that please contact wwallach@shaw.ca. If you can get prizes, organize contests or assist with the advertising that would be a help. Consider letting relatives know about this event as well. Last time we were only \$100 short of getting 50% profit instead of the 25% we did get. There are some great books for summer reading and books always make good gifts. Often there are cookbooks and family books available as well as kids books.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

On Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 pm, Riverside Secondary will be holding a Middle School Parent information meeting. All Grade 8 parents are encouraged to attend.

COMMUNITY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

By now you have received a copy of the after school program brochure outlining all the activities that are offered. Please be sure to complete and send in an application with payment for any programs you or your child would like to sign up for by January 21. Space is on a first come first served basis. If you did not receive a brochure, be sure to come in and pick one up from the office.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS

Play Rugby!

United Mini Rugby is looking for new players, boys and girls, aged 4-12.

There is still time to register-
The season runs February till May.

Age-grade competition.

Non-contact until grade 4.

For more info contact April Jones at juniorrugby@unitedrugby.ca



Middle Schools

Place des Arts Spring Break Camp for Grades 6 to 8

Registration opens Feb. 1. Call 604.664.1636 or visit www.placedesarts.ca

Monday, March 29 to Thursday, April 1 8:45am to 3:45pm

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam

Four-one-day intensive workshops in Song Writing, Singing, Wire Crochet and On-camera commercial acting – take one or all four!

Place des Arts Faculty Concert: Sound Stories

Saturday, February 20, 7:30PM

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636

Tickets: \$11 for students, \$13.50 for adults

If you're a music student or simply a lover of classical music, don't miss this opportunity to hear works by Debussy, Bruch, Schumann and others. Place des Arts clarinet instructor Johanna Hauser and guests Rosemary O'Connor (piano) and Reginald Quiring (viola) take a spin on the traditional piano trio by mixing piano with clarinet and viola. *Sound Stories* explores the expressive range of this unusual ensemble.

Fine Tune Your Parenting Skills With

STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

Teen Program for Parents of teens... ages 11 - 17

STEP offers a down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers today. It's a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behaviour in home, school and community; and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

Place: Scott Creek Middle School

Time: 7p.m. – 9p.m.

Dates: Thursday April 8, 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13 and 20th, 2010

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram Itinerant Youth Worker

To register: Phone: 604-230-1563 or email:

mabram@sd43.bc.ca

Books may be purchased at the first class – cost \$25.

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