



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GO CANADA GO!!!

The excitement of the Olympics has been buzzing through the halls of Pitt River! Students have been participating in various Olympic related activities in Rendezvous and took part in an amazing Spirit assembly today. Canadian Pride and Pitt Pride are alive and well; what an amazing place this is!



New School

As most of you may know, we are in the planning stages for our new building tentatively slated to open in September of 2012. This is a VERY exciting project for our community. I look forward to sharing some details with you as they come up. Stay tuned!

"I" DAY - Friday, February 26

Just a reminder that this Friday is "I" Day. If you received a letter this means your child has incomplete assignments and will be required to come to school on that day to complete their work.

If you did not receive a letter, your child will not be required to attend School.

Medic Alert

By now you have received a brochure from your child outlining a MedicAlert program being offered by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation. This program entitles eligible students to receive a FREE MedicAlert bracelet. We are one of a few schools chosen to participate in this program. If you are interested in signing your child up, please call the phone number or use the email address on the back of the brochure and quote the PIN number. This program is available for current Pitt River students only.

Trading Post Program

As you may have heard, the School District has taken back some of the funds we received at the beginning of the year, causing a major setback in purchasing supplies for our Trading Post program. Therefore, if you are able to help out by donating items we would really appreciate it. Some of the items needed are:

Cereal, Granola Bars, Kraft Dinner, Crackers, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Soups.
**Please make sure all items are nut-free.

All items will be accepted on an on-going basis throughout the school year.

DATE: February 25, 2010

CALENDAR 2009-10

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

- Feb. 26 - "I" Day
- Feb. 26 - Book Fair Opens
- Feb. 28 - END OF OLYMPICS
- Mar. 10 - Last Day of Book Fair
- Mar. 10 - PAC Mtg. 7pm
- Mar. 12 - Formal Report Cards home

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Neighbourhood Happenings

A Big Thank You goes out to Mr. Calvin Smith, a parent, who donated two awesome chairs to the Library. Our students seem pretty happy sitting on them and reading

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Library



Come to the second Book Fair opening on Feb 26th. The Regular hours are 10:30-3:30pm . On Fri the 26th the Book Fair will only be open to teachers, adults and students who are already at school for 1 day. The late night is March 9th. This is a good time to buy books to read during the break. Last Book Fair we were only \$ 100 away from getting 50% profit instead of the 25% we earned.

The library is still missing 8 copies of the very popular series BONE. If you notice any at your house could you please have them brought back to the school.

We are still collecting Campbell's labels. Slowly we are building up our points to buy extra books and equipment for the school. Did you know that the V8 juice lids count. So if you are having V8 juice save the lids. See www.labelsforeducation.ca for full details.

Band & choir

Please make a note of the following upcoming performances:

- Band 6 is competing at Moody Middle on Wednesday, April 14th, in the morning. They will travel there via bus.
- Pitt River Middle is hosting the BAND 7/8 District Festival here in the gym all day on Wednesday, April 28th. Most of the Middle School Advanced Bands in the District will be performing in a friendly showcase format.
- The Annual Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, April 29th at 7pm with F.A.T. JAZZ invited as the special guests.
- Choir and Band 7/8 will perform outside on the front lawn of the school on Music Monday, May 3rd, as part of Music Education Day across Canada. This will take place during school hours.
- The final school concert will be held on Thursday, June 10th. We are hoping to feature a Riverside High School performing group as guests. More information will follow closer to the event.



Leadership

For 3 weeks, the Leadership students lived, ate and breathed coins. With our recent coin drive, students could bring pennies in to their core class to count as one point each; however, if any larger coins were dropped in another class' container (sabotage), they counted as negative points. In the end, it was very hard to have a positive score! Collecting and counting coins, and updating class totals became a daily activity as the school's participation far exceeded our expectations. Way to go Pitt River! We raised over \$1000 that will be split 3 ways: donations for Haiti, care kits for families at BC Children's Hospital, and donations for our Clean Water Campaign in Kenya that we are supporting all year round. The competition was tough, but prizes ended up going to Ms. Ternan's class for having the most points, and Mr. Dunham's class for being the most sabotaged. Thanks for all your support Pitt River - you are helping to support great local and international causes!

French Immersion

A grand MERCI to Canadian Parents for French (CPF) for their sponsorship of the Maple Man presentation. We learned, we danced, we played the spoons and were delighted with a maple sugar treat! This was a great activity for the whole school and fun was had by all.

The countdown has begun, 44 grade 7 early and late immersion students are heading to Quebec from March 6 – 13. We will experience the culture and life in Quebec, including the cold temperatures and the deep snow!

French Immersion students are currently working on their French public speaking presentations. The date for the district competition is April 12 at Kwayhquitlam Middle. Students from each level of immersion will represent our school (2 – 6 LFI, 2 – 7 LFI, 1 – 6 EFI, 1 – 7 EFI, 1 – 8 FI).

We are now accepting applications for our Late French Immersion program. If you know of someone who has a Grade 5 student that is interested in the program, please have them come to Pitt River to complete an application form. Forms will also be available online at our website www.sd43.bc.ca/pittriver. Space will be on a first come first served basis.

Fun Mind Bogglers, Puzzles, Helpful Hints

(answers below)

Mind Bogglers:

- Why can't a man living in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, be buried west of the Mississippi River?
- Some months have 30 days, some have 31. How many have 28 days?
- A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 died. How many did he have left?
- If you had one match and entered a room in which there was a wood stove, an oil burner, and a kerosene lamp, which one would you light first?
- If an airplane crashes on the border of Mexico and the United States, where would they bury the survivors?
- If it takes three minutes to boil an egg. How long does it take to boil six eggs?

Pictogram Puzzles: What do these mean?



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Helpful Hints

- To determine if an egg is fresh immerse it in a pan of cool salted water, if it sinks it is fresh
- To get rid of an itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area and you will experience instant relief
- Potatoes will take food stains off your fingers. Just slice and rub raw potato on the stains and rinse with water.

Pictogram Puzzles
 Jack in the box
 Face Lift
 Top Secret
 Banana Split

Don't bury survivors
 3 minutes

Mind Bogglers:
 He's alive
 All
 9
 The match