



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

# PITT RIVER NEWS

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## Report Cards Home Tomorrow - March 12th

**DATE: March 11, 2010**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Is it Spring yet?! It sure seems like it!!! The weather is great and the kids are beaming with energy. There has been lots going on at Pitt River.

#### FSA Testing

Grade 7 students recently completed the Foundation Skills Assessment. Completed test booklets will be sent home with your child's report card. This assessment is administered Province-wide as a method of measuring trends in education and individual student achievement. The tests are marked by educators outside of the school setting and do not affect students' grades.

#### Satisfaction Surveys

Grade 7 students are also completing an on-line Ministry Satisfaction Survey this month. The survey is designed to gather opinions from students, parents and school staff on achievement, human and social development, and safety. It is intended to provide a source of information to identify current strengths, as well as to determine where schools may need to focus improvement.  
\*You will receive a code for logging on to complete the optional Parent Survey along with your child's report card.

#### Quebec Trip

Madame Blackburn and Madame Udell will be bringing 44 of our French Immersion students home from their week in Quebec on Saturday night. All reports indicate that the kids have had the experience of a lifetime! Many thanks to the teachers, for committing their time and energy to make this program happen as well as to the parents for their support.

#### Public Speaking Contest

The District Public Speaking contest was held last week at Citadel Middle School. Our students did amazing. The students below won 2 Gold medals and 1 Silver.



Sheldon Chang  
**GOLD**



Daniela Di Francesco  
**GOLD**



Jennifer Jiang  
**SILVER**

### CALENDAR 2009-10

*(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)*

- Mar. 10 - Last Day of Book Fair
- Mar. 10 - PAC Mtg. 7pm
- Mar. 12 - Formal Report Cards home
- Mar. 26 - Spring Break begins
- Mar. 26 - Apr. 5 - Spring Break
- Apr. 6 - School Reopens
- Apr. 14 - Band 6 at Moody
- Apr. 28 - Pitt River hosting Band 7/8 District Festival
- Apr. 29 - Annual Spring Concert

### PAC NEWS

The Pitt River PAC will holding a NO COST fundraiser on TUESDAY APRIL 27TH. Watch for your notice to come home after spring break. This is a clothing and small household items donation request. The items are to be brought to the mini gym on April 27th only between 7:00am -10:00am. Bags will be provided. The Developmental Disabilities Association ( DDA) will pay \$3.00 per bag if we collect over 151 bags. Lets clean out those closets over spring break. Contact [judy-robert@hotmail.com](mailto:judy-robert@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

### *In this edition...*

**Dates to Remember**

**Principal's Message**

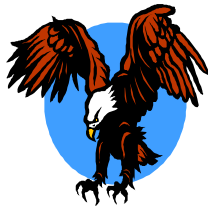
**Team News**

**Can you Help?**

**Neighbourhood Happenings**

# TEAM NEWS

Spring has sprung for the Eagles and we have a number of great programs and presentations coming up for our Grade 8s. Some of our classes have seen Riverside's presentation of Fiddler on the Roof where one of our previous students, Eric Wilmott, played the lead role. One of our classes will be painting banners that will be displayed throughout Port Coquitlam later this spring. In addition, our classes will participate in the Junior Achievement program where volunteers from local businesses lead our students through activities to understand the skills and processes involved in starting and running a business. We will also have representatives from Share coming to talk to our students about choices and decisions that pertain to drugs and alcohol use.



The Wolverines were proud hosts of Pitt River's Public Speaking Festival on February 25th. We were pleased to have Mrs. Siklic, Mr. Chute and Mr. Cober return to our school in order to judge our speeches; it was great to see them again. The Wolverine team is now looking forward to our upcoming visits to the Port Coquitlam Courthouse, which will be happening over the next few weeks.



Library  
 The book fair is winding down. The last official day is today (Thurs March 11<sup>th</sup>); however, because the French Immersion are away, I will re-open for one day on Tues March 16<sup>th</sup>. The sales were slow this time so we have only earned 25% of the sales.

# CAN YOU HELP.....

## SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

Pitt River Middle has a Scrapbooking Club that meets every second Tuesday and is open to all students for free. If you have any scrapbooking supplies or tools that you would like to donate, please email Ms. Ternan at [lternan@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:lternan@sd43.bc.ca). She would really appreciate it.



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.

Lost & Found  
 Is your child missing items of clothing, shoes, jewellery, keys, glasses, etc? Well, we accumulated lots of stuff in our Lost & Found. The clothing is presently laid out in front of the office and other items are in the office. We invite you and your child to come and have a look. Items will remain there until Friday, March 19th. At the end of that day they will be packaged and sent to charity.

# AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

Fine Tune Your Parenting Skills With Steps to Effective Parenting, a Program For Parents of teens... ages 11 - 17

Learn how to communicate better with your teen and also how to raise socially responsible teens. 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram Itinerant Youth Worker

To register: Phone: 604-230-1563, E-mail: [mabram@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mabram@sd43.bc.ca)

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

Place des Arts Spring Break  
Camp for Youth

Place des Arts, 1120 Brunette  
Avenue, Coquitlam

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

Place des Arts' Spring Break  
Camp offers four full-day blocks  
of intensive art activities devel-  
oped specifically for middle-  
school-aged youth. This year, we  
have workshops in song writing,  
voice, wire crochet jewelry or on-  
camera commercial acting. Take  
one workshop or all four, it's up  
to you! Visit

[www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca) for more  
information or to register online.  
Or register by phone at  
604.664.1636.



*The Youth Fun Inline Hockey League* has  
provided a quality recreational inline hockey  
program to the youth of the Maple Ridge -  
Pitt Meadows and Tri-Cities area for the past  
15 years. They are now accepting applica-  
tions. If you are interested in registering your

child or for more information, visit their website at

[www.youthfihl.com](http://www.youthfihl.com), 604-476-1122 or email [yfihl@shaw.ca](mailto:yfihl@shaw.ca).

## LET KIDS PLAY—Developing Youth Through Sport

The purpose of Let Kids Play Foundation is to  
increase the health, enhance the education

and develop the skills of low-income and under-  
privileged youth (under the age of 18) by

providing funds to enable them to participate in  
organized sporting activities.

For more information or to apply, please call  
604.-650-PLAY or visit our website at

[www.letkidsplay.ca](http://www.letkidsplay.ca)

## THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMM!

1. If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?
2. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
3. When the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
4. Why is the word abbreviation so long?