



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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Finally, Spring Break is here

DATE: March 25, 2010

CALENDAR 2009-10

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

- Mar. 26 - Spring Break begins
- Mar. 26 - Apr. 5 - Spring Break
- Apr. 6 - School Reopens
- Apr. 14 - Band 6 at Moody PAC Meeting, 7pm
- Apr. 16 - Pro D Day
- Apr. 20 - Gr. 6 Immunization
- Apr. 28 - Pitt River hosting Band 7/8 District Festival
- Apr. 29 - Annual Spring Concert

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A special thanks to the teachers for keeping the kids on track through this extended session, and to the kids themselves for staying focused and maintaining the positive 'hum' that reverberates through Pitt River on a daily basis. I love this school!

Elementary School Visits:

Ms. Smith and I recently visited Central, Mary Hill, and Kilmer to introduce ourselves to the incoming Grade 6s and answer some of their questions. It is so invigorating to feel their excitement. Who knew how much emotion the thought of lockers and a cafeteria could generate?!

On June 17th the incoming Grade 6s will come to Pitt River for half a day to tour around and learn about our Exploratory programs. We will also visit the elementary schools again in June to show the kids the ropes around opening combination locks (which can be stressful for some!).

The Grade 5 Parent Night at Pitt River will be held on May 12th.

Not sure what to do with your child over Spring Break? See Page 3 of this Newsletter for some suggestions

Have a great Spring Break!

Todd Clarkson
Principal



PAC NEWS

No Cost Fundraiser

The Pitt River PAC will holding a NO COST fundraiser on TUESDAY APRIL 27TH. By now your child has brought home plastic bags in which to put your items. 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. The Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA) will pay \$3.00 per bag if we collect over 151 bags. Let's clean out those closets over Spring Break. Contact judyrohde@hotmail.com if you have any questions

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Upcoming Band and Choir Performances

During the day on Wednesday, April 28th in our Gym, Pitt River will be hosting the six Middle School Grade 8 Bands as part of the District Advanced Band Festival from 8:00am-12 noon.

Our Spring concert will be held on Thursday, April 29th from 7 - 9 pm in the gym, featuring all Band and Choir students and Mr. Lambert's Big Band - F.A.T. Jazz (Friends and Teachers jazz) - will be the special guests.

More presentations will be held in May and June and we will include that information in upcoming Newsletters.

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 Iternan@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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Spring Break is here and students are taking books out to read over the break. This is an excellent time for them to catch up on their reading for pleasure. It is also a time that books go missing. Please remind your child to put the book in their backpack as soon as they are finished reading it. If you are doing a spring cleaning at your house, please keep your eyes open for any library books that need to be returned .

We are still collecting Campbell's labels. We need the entire label from the soup cans but we only need the lids from the Soup at Hand and V8 juices. For full information see www.labelsforeducation.ca

SPRING BREAK ET AL ACTIVITIES

Got your Grade 5 & 6 Active! Card yet?

Pick up your **GET ACTIVE CARD** which gives you free fun: drop-in swimming, skating, gym and many other programs and activities! Look what you can do this spring and summer to stay active!

The Grade 5 Get Active! Card provides all Grade 5 students with free admission to drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium based activities. The **Grade 6 Stay Active! Card** gives students 12 admissions during the school year to participate in drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium based activities in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody.

So get your card, have fun and stay active!

SPRING 2010

FREE GRADE 5/6 BOOT CAMP CLASSES

COURTESY OF POCO MOTION
PORT COQUITLAM PARKS AND RECREATION

CLASSES OFFERED AT YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL
Gym and Outdoor Fields (weather permitting)

STARTING APRIL 19TH, 2010
MAXIMUM OF 2 CLASS ROOMS PER HOUR
(2 Trainers with Teachers assistance)
TOTAL OF 12 HOURS PER SCHOOL

These fun classes will utilize your schools indoor and outdoor facilities and our Certified Trainers skills and equipment. Your students will experience Boot Camp classes that have a goal of encouraging life-long participation in fitness.

BOOK YOUR SCHOOL BY CONTACTING
SHELLY ALFORD
SPORTS & FITNESS PROGRAM COORDINATOR
604-927-5175

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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 for more
information or to register online.
Or register by phone at
604.664.1636.

Poco Parks & Recreation presents:

Jelly Bean Dance

Grades 4 - 6

6:15-9:15pm

Mabbett Room

Poco Rec Complex

\$5/person in advance