



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

New Building Update

Planning for the new construction is well underway. Before the end of June, Ms. Gawhens, Ms. Ternan, and Mr. Dunham will be relocating to different rooms within the school so that the back of the building can be ready for demolition. The current woodshop and computer lab will also 'bite the dust.' The actual demolition of this area won't likely begin until next Fall, but we will be ready for it.

The new school, slated to be completed in the Fall of 2012, will be situated on the top parking lot (above the flood plain). Removing the back layer of the building provides a larger footprint for the building and also more room to work. We are lucky that we will be able to utilize current empty space within the building so that we can continue on until the new school is ready and then move right in!

The new school will include a Neighbourhood Learning Center. The "NLC" is a space that is shared with community partners. By securing these partnerships, the Ministry provides us with 20% more space! The NLC will include an athletic center, shared with the City of Port Coquitlam, space for our Community School programs, a District Aboriginal Welcoming Center, space for District Settlement Workers and Fraser Health, as well as a daycare.

On April 29th, architects from the firm of Busby, Perkins, and Will are coming to the school to meet with 20 of our students! The architects are extremely interested in getting student perspec-

tives. Over 40 students expressed an interest in attending the session. They were asked to submit a creative idea for the new school. Students were then chosen based on their ideas, and I also ensured that all grades and genders were represented.

These are exciting times at Pitt River Middle School!!!!

PAC NEWS

No Cost Fundraiser

The Pitt River PAC NO COST fundraiser takes place this coming Tuesday, April 27th only. The items are to be brought to the Mini Gym BETWEEN 7:00AM -10:00AM. We are accepting all clothing and small household items.

If you do not have the plastic bags which we supplied to you in which to put your items, please pick up one from the office.

The Developmental Disabilities Association (DDA) will pay \$3.00 per bag if we collect over 151 bags.

Please contact [judy](mailto:judy.rohde@pittriver.bc.ca).

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CALENDAR 2009-10

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

- Apr. 28 - Pitt River hosting Band 7/8 District Festival
- Apr. 29 - Annual Spring Concert, 7-9 pm
- Apr. 30 - Term 3 Exp. Reports home
- May 12 - Grade 5 & New Students Parent Info Mtg. Pm, 7pm
- May 19 - PAC Mtg., 7pm
- May 24 - Victoria Day—No School in session

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SUPER SALE ON 1G

FLASH DRIVES

ONLY \$5.00 EACH

AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

NO LIMITS TO PURCHASE



TEAM NEWS

The Eagles would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our student candidates - Mr. Finch (in Ms. Ternan's class) and Ms. Meisl (in Ms. Gawehns' class). We especially appreciate their enthusiasm and all that they contribute to our Pitt River community.



All of our Eagles classes have recently had the Share presentations on choices and values. The presenters answered students' questions about substance use/abuse and lead students through activities that encouraged them to think about the choices that they may be faced with in the future.

Three of our classes will also be participating in lessons around violence prevention and healthy relationships.

Keep an eye out for the beautiful banners throughout Poco that Ms. Ternan's class designed and painted with the help of the staff and volunteers at Leigh Square. They will be on display by May 1st.



All of the Wolverine classes have had a chance to visit the Law Courts in downtown Port Coquitlam. Our time spent there was very informative because students were able to sit in on different

proceedings and ask questions of lawyers and judges.

Later in the term some of our students 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.

The Moose would like to acknowledge the addition of Mr. Desmond Sanesh to our teaching team. Desmond is a teacher-candidate from UBC's Middle Years program and he will be with us for the remainder of the year. He is teaching in both Mr. Hayes' and Mr. Lum's classes and is currently assisting with the Pitt River Track and Field team.



Recently the Moose team recognized various students for their achievements during Term 2. Each term the team acknowledges students in the following categories: Most Improved, CARES, and Outstanding.

For the remainder of the year, the Moose have a number of team-based activities planned. We will, once again, be engaged in Track Attack where our classes face off and compete in a number of track and field events.

Also our year-end team trip planned for June will take us to the Cultus Lake Water Slides.

OTHER NEWS



Congratulations again to Pitt River's World Math Day Winners! The top ten students were *Albert Gin, Vanessa Suharto, Deion Monico, Jessica Estrada, Kajol Verma, Marina Malz, Mitch Forseille, Natalie Fox, Priscilla Chan, and April Cheung.* Well Done by all!!

Thank you to all students who came out to write Mathematica Centrum's Lagrange and Euler contests this week. Our next math contest will be the University of Waterloo's Gauss contest written on May 12th. Please see Ms. Gawehns if you have not yet signed up.

Also, the Twelfth Annual Elementary Grades Math Contest (ELMACON) is going to be held on the UBC campus on Saturday, May 08, 2010. This contest, open to students Grades 5 to 7, gives students an opportunity to experience mathematics as an exciting sport. If interested, please visit <http://www.elmacon.org> for more details and registration..

BAND NEWS

Upcoming Band and Choir Performances

- On **Wednesday, April 14**, Band Grade 6 will be going to Moody Middle.
- 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. 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 detailed information in upcoming Newsletters.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS

CPVPA CANCER RUN

CPVPA 9th Annual "In Motion" Run for Cancer Research, Sunday, April 25th 9:00 a.m. at Terry Fox Secondary School. Walk, run, cycle, roller-blade, or jog for 2K, 5K, or 10K routes on Sunday, April 25th at 9:00 am. No registration fee. Participants are asked to make a donation of \$10 or more to the Canadian Cancer Society. For more information or to pledge online please contact your school office or Andrew Graham at agraham@sd43.bc.ca. or www.sd43.bc.ca

SPRING BREAK 2011 SURVEY

Parents, the Trustees are asking you to complete a survey regarding next year's Spring Break. As you may know, the School District has a deficit next year of over 4 million dollars, and one of the cost saving measures they are looking at is extending the Spring Break for an extra week. They are looking for parent feedback on this so please take a few moments to look at this link on the SD43 website - Spring Break Survey . The timeline on this request is short.



THE 21ST ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR PICNIC will take place on Sunday 13th June, 2010 at Coquitlam Town Centre from 11:00am till 4:30pm. The Grande Parade will precede the opening of the Teddy Bear Picnic starting at 10:00am.

Children, and adults, can enjoy many exciting and fun filled activities such as – cookie decorating, teddy bear playground, miniature physical training course, gymnastics and tumbling, kids zone, bicycle safety course, fire safety house and face painting. Even young musicians can learn to make their own music. KVOS Television will be on site with their Kidstuff Cruiser and providing on site television coverage. The "hands on circus" workshops will be returning again this year.

Constant entertainment will be provided by a mix of roving entertainers and main stage performers who are sponsored by Coast Capital Savings.

Come out with your children and have some fun!

HYDE CREEK RECREATION CENTRE

presents a

Jelly Bean Dance for Grades 4, 5 & 6!
DJ, Games and Prizes!
Friday, April 23rd
6:15 - 9:15pm
Tickets \$5 in advance/ \$7 day of dance!

