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PITT RIVER NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Check out Busby, Perkins & Will, the architecture firm responsible for designing our new building, has set up a website where students and parents can follow the construction process.

Check it out on
www.pittrivermiddle.ca !!!!

Demolition Delay:

While our timeline for completion is still September of 2012, there has been a delay in the demolition of the rooms that border the upper parking lot. Initially this was to be completed in the Fall but it is now looking more like March of next year. The upside of this is that some of the teachers that were going to relocate to different rooms won't have to do so until after Christmas Break.

Electronics Trial:

To date, the electronics trial has been a huge success. The students have handled the responsibility that comes along with the privilege well and some teachers have been experimenting with different uses for the devices in their classrooms. As I have said before, the primary objective of this change is to get teachers used to managing the presence of electronics, and kids used to using them responsibly. How far can we be from a time when every child has a handheld device with an internet connection that replaces the typical computer? The first few days was kind of like Christ-

mas time with seemingly everyone seizing every free moment to exercise their new found freedom! But after a couple of days passed, the novelty wore off and it was difficult to tell anything had changed from when electronics were not permitted.

When I walk through the playground at lunch the kids are all still running around and playing or hanging out and talking. Kids are not making phone calls. Some are texting but that is what kids (and many adults) do these days, and as long as the messages are appropriate, then I don't see it as an issue. A few can be seen listening to music, but, hey, according to Mr. Lambert, music is a good thing. Of course, there have been a few instances where students just couldn't resist the temptation to secretly send or answer a text message in class, but this is to be expected. As long as they learn that this is not acceptable, we move on and continue to teach appropriate use. If things continue as they are, our policy will likely continue as it is into next year. This is a great example of the kids earning a privilege through positive behavior which is a big part of growing up. I am very proud of them!

PAC

Just a reminder that the PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16th at 7pm in the Gym.

DATE: June 10, 2010

CALENDAR 2009-10

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

June 10 - Final Band Concert

June 16 - PAC Mtg—7pm

June 17 - Grade 6 for ½ Day

June 21 - "I" Letters Home

June 28 - "I" Day

June 29 - Year End Leaving Ceremony

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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SUMMER SCHOOL BROCHURES
Summer School. Brochures are out. If you are interested in your child attending summer school, please pick up one of the brochures which are located just outside of the office.

SUPER SALE ON 1G FLASH DRIVES ONLY \$5.00 EACH AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE - NO LIMITS TO PURCHASE

SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to all students who wrote the Mathe-
matica Centrum Lagrange and Euler Math contests.
Certificates of participation will be awarded to:

Brooke Kang Agatha Lai
Priscilla Chan Seun Oh,
Jessica Seo Kajol Verma
Carly Liang

Brooke Kang, Seun Oh, and Jessica Seo scored above
the Canadian average and will be awarded with Cer-
tificates of Distinction. In addition, *Brooke Kang* and
Seun Oh will be awarded with medals to symbolize
great distinction in their grade categories!!

Well done by all!!



Grade 6 for 1/2 Day

Don't forget Thursday, June 17, is Grade 6 for 1/2
day. On that day all Grade 5 students who will be
attending Pitt River in September are invited to come
to the school and pretend to be Grade 6s. They will
be given a tour of the school, do some activities and
enjoy a wonderful lunch. They will then return to
their school.



LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a great year at the library. Books have
been flying off the shelves. Unfortunately not all of
them have been returning to the shelf. Please remind
your child to return any books they have. We have
extended the checkout dates as we feel it is important
to read. The final day to sign books out is June 18th.
All books need to be in by the 25th. This can be a
nightmare for us as some students do not return on
the last week of school so I am counting on you to
help us with that. Please remind students to return
their books before going on holidays. Thank you.



UPCOMING BAND AND CHOIR PERFORMANCES

There are still band and choir performances left be-
fore the end of the school year:

- TONIGHT at 7 pm, all band and choir students
will present their final formal performance for
family and friends in the gym. Please be there
by 6:45 pm.
- There are also two daytime assemblies sched-
uled: one for June 17th to present to the Grade 6
for half a day and the other on June 23rd to pre-
sent to the whole school.

Exploration music classes are presenting songs for
Haiti, and original Blues melodies and lyrics in class
time.

As you can see, there is a full schedule for our musi-
cal students, so there will still be classes in the morn-
ings until June 23rd.



NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS



FREE DAY OF FOOTBALL - SKILLS CAMP / EVALUATION

Are you considering joining football but aren't really sure. Come along on Saturday June 19th for the 'Try-It Program'. It will give you an idea as to what is involved and what to expect.

Event takes place on Saturday, June 19th @ Mackin Park (rain or shine).

Flag and Atom Players (Tackle) 5 - 9 years 9:00 am - 11:00 am
PeeWee and JB Players 9 – 15 years 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your start time to sign in. The skills camp / evaluation is open to all players and wannabees in the above divisions but is especially important to:

1. *New Players*
2. *Returning players who are moving up a division*

This gives CMFA coaches a chance to see you in action. There will be different drill stations that you will all run through.

Please respond via email no later than Tuesday, June 15th to confirm your attendance with Leigh, Registrar – CMFA at football.mom@shaw.ca.

Volleyball Camp

www.coquitlamducks.com

Love volleyball & wanna learn more?

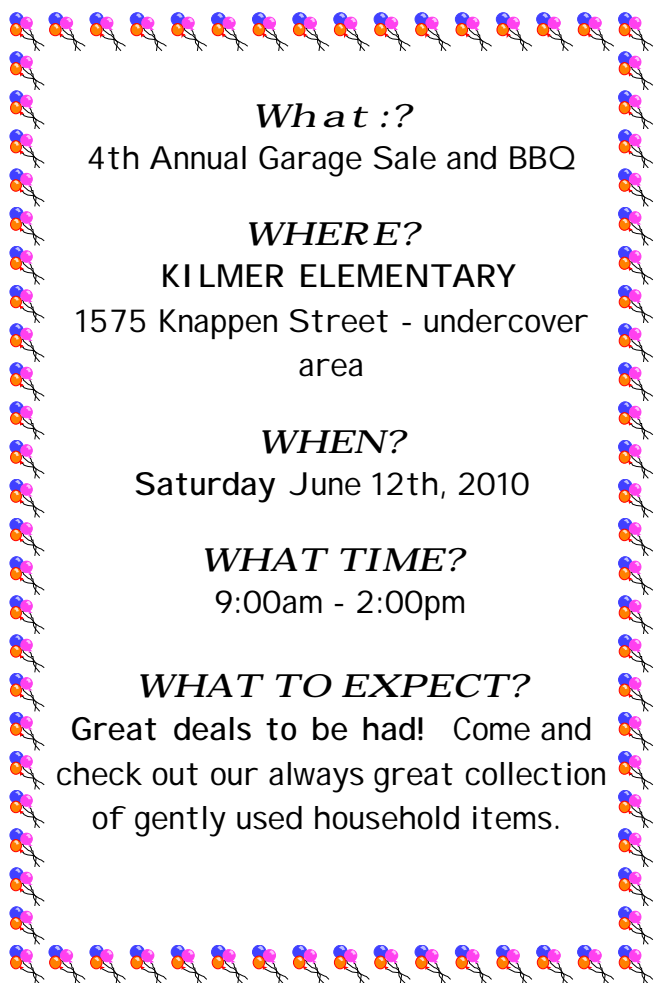
Take this special opportunity to attend a volleyball skills camp developed specially for middle school athletes in Grade 6, 7 and 8.

Featured Coaches:

Bob Yuen, Ducks Volleyball Club Technical Director, Level 3 Coach

Ryan Vijandre, Douglas College Women's Coach

Bryan Gee, Riverside Senior Girls Coach, Level 3 Coach



What :?

4th Annual Garage Sale and BBQ

WHERE?

KILMER ELEMENTARY
1575 Knappen Street - undercover area

WHEN?

Saturday June 12th, 2010

WHAT TIME?

9:00am - 2:00pm

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Great deals to be had! Come and check out our always great collection of gently used household items.

CANDLELIGHT TRIBUTE

Passing the torch of remembrance

September 11th, 2010 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Robinson Memorial Park Cemetery
621 Robinson Street
Coquitlam, B.C.