



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an amazing startup! The kids have been absolutely fantastic—full of spirit and enthusiasm. Most seem to have settled back into the routine of working hard in class and playing hard during break times. Band and choir are in full swing, volleyball and cross country have started,summer is a distant memory! Please encourage your kids to take advantage of all of the opportunities that Middle School has to offer!

E-Form Pilot

Each year parents are asked to complete a multitude of forms related to policies, volunteering, driving, etc, Pitt River is one of a number of schools participating in a pilot project aimed at completing more of these forms online (saves paper, enhances ability to organize, sort, etc.).

Parents now have the ability to complete the following forms online: School Policies, Volunteer Application, Driver Form, and Medical Alert Form.

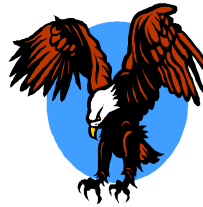
Instructions:

Go to Pitt River Website
(www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/pittriver/Pages/default.aspx).
Select PARENTS/FORMS

Then you are off to the races!

THE EAGLES

The eagles have had a fabulous start up to the year. We really enjoyed meeting so many parents at the open house; thanks for coming to our presentation!



We had a great time on our Activity Day at the movie theatre and bowling alley. We're looking forward to a terrific first term!

THE WOLVERINES

It has been a very busy start to the year for the Wolverines; it feels like we have been entertaining all month! The school had a pancake breakfast and a barbeque, followed with our team hosting the Terry Fox Assembly and Run on Sept. 27. The event started with a video about Terry and a speech from Mrs. Smith, was followed by a 20-minute run outside and concluded with a spirit assembly that had tricycle races and the announcement that our school had raised over \$1200 for cancer research!

Way to go Pitt River!

DATE: Sept. 30, 2010

CALENDAR 2010 - 11

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

- Oct. 8 - Grade 6 Immunization
- Oct. 11 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 12 - Picture Retakes
- Oct. 13 - PAC Mtg. - 7 pm
- Oct. 15 - Interim Reports Home
- Oct. 19 - Parent Teacher Mtg - Early Dismissal—1:20pm
- Oct. 22 - Pro D Day - No School
- Oct. 25 - Book Fair Opens
- Oct. 27 - Family Games Night 6:30—8:00pm
- Oct. 27 - Book Fair ends—open until 8:00pm

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Keep up to date on what's happening in our school. Check our website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/pittriver/Pages/default.aspx> for new items

SCHOOL NEWS

Library News

The library is enjoying an increase in student use this term. The library is busy all day. Our library club is formed and the computer area is open for student use during lunch and after school. Students should know the rules before using the computers. Any homework or teacher assigned work is good. Any of the social networking sites are not allowed. No email except the school email and that only for school work when at school. Students can play some games at lunch but only the ones that are on Ms. Wallach's public file. Of course, reading and taking out books is allowed almost all day.

Oct 25th is National School Library Day. There is a Drop Everything and Read Challenge so all students & staff will be asked to read for 20 mins. at the same time (to be decided) on Oct 25th. The Library will be closed except for reading (and homework). Students will be encouraged to join us in the Library for some reading activities. Information will be given to students on the announcements closer to the date. We are preparing for our first Book Fair. It will only be open for three days this time. It opens on Oct 25th and closes Oct 27th. Our late night is Oct 27th. We will stay open from 3pm to 8pm on that night.

We are pleased to announce the first Double Points promotion to kick off the new school year.

+Labels for Education news

Remember to save your Campbell's soup labels, soup at hand lids and V8 Splash bottle caps and turn them in to the library. We can use these points to buy books, sports equip and lots of other things for the school. Check it out at <http://www.labelsforeducation.ca>

From September to November 15, all Goldfish[®] Crackers products are worth double points. To qualify for this Bonus Points promotion, these labels must be deposited by November 15, 2010. So please have them to the library by the 10th

Leadership

Several Leadership students will be attending "We Day" in October, which is a concert for social change. 18,000 students will join at GM Place to hear from incredible speakers such as Al Gore, Michel Chikwanine, Spencer West, Martin Sheen, Rick Hansen and the founders of Free the Children, Craig and Marc Kielburger, as well as world-renowned performers like Colbie Caillat, Hedley, and The Barenaked Ladies. It's guaranteed to be motivating, inspiring, and eye-opening, on top of being one of the best youth concerts to hit Vancouver!



Leadership is also setting up our first round of Rendezvous Challenges for all the RV's to go against each other in some friendly morning competition! They will begin in early October – stay tuned...

WE HAVE ONLY A FEW
FLASH DRIVES LEFT
ONLY \$5.00 EACH
AVAILABLE AT THE
OFFICE - NO LIMITS TO PURCHASE



OTHER INFORMATION



Another great year of math is upon us! October 13th is the first of six online mathematics contests through Brock University that Pitt River Students have the opportunity to take part in. Also, the Canadian Math Challenge, through Mathletics, who brought us World Maths Day, is running from October 25th to November 1st. For more information, or to take part in either of these math opportunities, please see Ms. Gawehns.

The following puzzle is a calcrostic, similar to an acrostic word puzzle but using computations in the rows, columns and diagonals. Each letter represents a digit (of 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9). Equal letters represent equal digits, different letters represent different digits. The 9 resulting numbers **ab, cd, ebaf, egf, h, hdc, ejc, k, bfj** may have more than one digit (for example, **ab** is a 2-digit number) and are arranged in a 3 × 3 square. These numbers satisfy 3 horizontal, 3 vertical and 2 diagonal relations. The problem is to find the value of each letter. See Ms. Gawehns for a prize if you have a solution!

$$\begin{array}{r}
 abc \div dec = f \\
 - \div \quad \div \times + \\
 ggc \div dh = ff \\
 = = \quad = = = \\
 gc - db = fe
 \end{array}$$

Parents!!

Secondary School Apprenticeships (SSA) Program-----
Looking for Employers!!

Do you have a business that employs trades people? Are you looking for an apprentice? The Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) Program could be the ideal program for you.

The SSA Program is looking for businesses to apprentice our high school youth. There are 150 trades in B.C. (see Industry Training Authority ITA) <http://www.itabc.ca/Page496.aspx>. SSA gives credits toward grad completion for our students. For every 120 hours of paid employment, a student receives 4 credits for a total of 16 grad credits. All students are screened for being punctual and having a good work ethic. This is a great opportunity for our youth to begin an apprenticeship at a young age and receive their journey ticket by the age of 21. This is also an opportunity for businesses in our community to employ a student who is interested in beginning a career in their company. Students could work evenings, afternoons, holidays, spring break and summer. Grade 12 students who have completed high school credits could take the last semester to begin their apprenticeship and receive credits toward graduation.

For more information call Anabelle Paxton - Secondary School Apprenticeship Facilitator, apaxton@sd43.bc.ca or <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms>. Phone: 604-937-6416.

FREE FREE FREE
WHO DOESN'T LIKE FREE???

From 10:00am to 11:30am on Thursday, October 14th, GOAL will be open to the general public for a Free Clothing Give Away at 1100 Winslow Avenue, Winslow Centre Gym.

There is an incredible selection of items to choose from. They have quality, lightly used clothing for students from 5 years of age to 18 years. There are also hundreds of great winter coats and great quality shoes and boots, all sizes of pants, and thousands of shorts, t-shirts, and hoodies. There are winter hats, gloves, gym bags, umbrellas, lunch bags and more! Everything has been washed and cleaned and it's all FREE!

If you would like more information please contact Peter Stainton, Teacher at GOAL - 604-939-9241

NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS



PoCoMo Youth Services is entering its third year of offering Gymnastics BC's **ACRix** program at Club Aviva. **ACRix** was designed to provide fun and physical challenges for "at risk" youth who wouldn't usually access traditional sports.

Participants learn juggling, acrobatics, group pyramids, balancing, tricking & parkour and lots of trampolining along with other circus skills. At the end of the 10-week program, participants may decide to showcase what they have learned for family and friends.

Cost: \$20 for those who qualify (subsidies available if necessary - no youth will be denied for lack of funds. Limited spaces available for others at a higher cost.)

Where: Club Aviva, 98 Brigantine St., Coquitlam (near Home Depot and Tim Horton's on United Blvd., Bus #177 from Braid Station or Coquitlam Station)

When: Sunday, October 3 to Sunday, December 5, 2010 (10 Sundays)

Who: YOU!! Youth (aged 8-17) who want to learn some circus and trampoline skills.

Instructors: Qualified gymnastics, circus and trampoline coaches.
NEW FOR THIS FALL: Senior trampoline and tumbling guest coaches.

How to Register:

Dale Bryant: acrinx@pocomo.org or 604-944-0663

This program is designed for youth who would otherwise not have the opportunity to be involved in a activity of this nature.

The PoCoMo Youth Services Society, a registered charity, is delivering Gymnastics BC's ACRix Program in the Tri Cities.

