



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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SPRING BREAK

Spring Break takes place from
March 21 - April 3. School
Reopens Monday, April 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Busy times at Pitt River! Besides all of our usual activities, we held Student-Led Conferences, Grade 7 students recently completed the FSA testing, our Leadership students conducted an AIDS awareness campaign, we enjoyed an awesome school-wide ArtStarts presentation, we had "Pink Shirt Day" to take a stand against bullying, and we held our Late French Immersion Registration night. Good times!

Upcoming events include the Grade 5 Parent Information Evening on March 9th, Spring Concert on March 10th, Report Cards home on March 11th, The Quebec Trip on March 12th, and Spring Break starting on March 21st (2 weeks this year!).

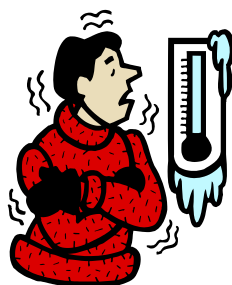
iPod Survey: After Christmas I observed a notable increase in the number of students using iPod touches. I decided to conduct a survey. It turns out that 56% of our students own an iPod touch! This is interesting because it means that more than half of our students possess a tool that can access our wi-fi network and

thereby access information instantly during class time. I am currently working with our staff to explore how they can utilize this technology to improve instruction and learning.

Electronics Policy Update: It has been almost a year since we implemented the policy which allows students to have their electronic devices on them at all times. I am proud to report that this has been an extremely successful change. The number of incidents involving inappropriate use have decreased dramatically, to the point where this is almost a non-issue, and more and more opportunities are arising for the devices to be used for educational purposes. Well done PITT!

Pitt River students continue to amaze me. They are kind, enthusiastic, and above all—tons of fun!

Enjoy the cold snap !



T. Clarkson
Principal

DATE: February 24, 2011

CALENDAR 2010 - 11

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)


- Feb. 25** - 'I' Day
- Feb. 28** - Book Fair Opens - Library
- March 2** - Book Fair Ends
- March 9** - PAC Mtg 6:15pM
Gr. 5 Parent Night 6:30PM
- March 10** - Spring Band Concert, 7pm
- March 21 - Apr 3** - Spring Break
- April 4** - School Re-opens

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**FLASH DRIVES
ARE SOLD OUT**

TEAM AND SCHOOL NEWS

The  have been busy with various school-wide activities over the last month. They have been working diligently to write and present speeches within the classes and then having some students present to the entire team. Two Grade 6 and two Grade 7 presenters will then move on to the school speeches on March 2nd. The team also hosted Student-Led Conferences this month and then they supported Anti-Bullying Day by wearing pink clothing on Feb. 23th. Finally, the Wolverines would like to congratulate Mr. Cirillo for completing a week-long First-Aid course and then passing the test to receive his certification. Way to go Mr. C!

Band and Choir News

Mr. Lambert is inviting you to attend

The Spring Band & Choir concert

When: Thursday , March 10th

Time: 7:00 pm.

Where: Main Gym

Who: All band and choir students

**Special Guests: Mr. Lambert's
Jazz Band - F.A.T Jazz
(District 43 teachers' big band).**

All participating students must wear the appropriate white blouse or shirt and black pants or skirts.

Parents, family and friends are invited.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The spring Book Fair starts on Monday the 28th. The regular hours are 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. The late night open to 7 pm is Tues Mar 1st. Everyone who brings an adult to the fair gets entered in a draw for \$25 worth of books for themselves and \$25 for their class library. Everyone who buys \$25 worth of books gets a free stuffed puppy with a cage. There are a variety of books for all ages from young to old. There will be various contests during the Book Fair. Remember that this is a great way to support literacy in your home and school. If we sell over \$1500 of books we get a 50% profit which buys a lot of good books. Join us at the fair.

We are still selling the **Smencils and scented book marks** at a reduced price of **\$1 each**. The packs of pencils will be **\$5**. The scent will last for approx. 2 years so they would still be good for next year's gifts. I also love the way the Smencils write.

Did you know that students can access the World Book online and other fabulous student resources on the library site from home so if they need help with their homework it is available.

Ms. Wallach is still working on her SharePoint and adding announcements to the library page.

It is still a work in progress so keep checking back for more updates. One thing we have done is made the Library easier to access from both the Pitt River site (under Programs and services) and the library site. Once there students can log into their account and reserve books or write a review of a book they have read.



Don't forget to check out our website at www.sd43.bc.ca/pittriver to keep up on what's happening in the school

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS.

STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

STEP is offering a Teen Program for parents of teens ages 11-17. It will involve a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behavior in home, school and community and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

Place: Gleneagle Secondary

Time: 7 - 9 pm

Dates: Thurs, April 7, 14, Wed. April 20, Thurs. April 21 and May 5, 12, 19

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram - Itinerant Youth Worker

To register: Phone 604-230.1563

Email: mabram@sd43.bc.ca

SPRING BREAK CAMP FOR YOUTH AT PLACE DES ARTS

Date: Monday, March 21—April 1, 2011
(Registration is in progress)

Age: Grades 6 - 8

Classes offered:

- **Spring Break Mud Sling**—1-week
- Pottery Camp
12:35—3:35pm
Cost: \$119.50, Block 8 #8343
- **Young Shakespeareans Workshop** (presentation on Sunday, April 3)
Two Weeks with Bard on the Beach
9:00am—12:00pm
Cost: \$360.00 #8334



Registration is now open online at www.placedesarts.ca by phone at 604-664-1636 or in person at 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam

See Brochure on Parent Information Board across from the office.

KidSport Tri-Cities Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated Annual **Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale**:

Mar 13 from 10am until 2pm

Port Coquitlam Rec Centre
2150 Wilson Avenue.

To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! **Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from Feb 26th to March 12th at the following locations:**

Poco Rec Centre - any time between 9:00-9:00pm
Cyclone Taylor Sports - 562J Clarke Road
Corner Sports - 2276 Elgin Ave. Poco

If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals.

This event will only be a success if we have a good selection of equipment, and we need the community's help to ensure we have that equipment.

Since 2006, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, KidSport Tri-Cities has helped over 1000 youth to participate in organized sport including more than 400 in 2010 alone. Our bi-annual used sporting goods sales are very important for us - putting quality used equipment in the hands of families and raising much needed funds to subsidize sport registration fees for families in need.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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You're invited to:

Swap Meet at Central School

Need new kids items? Love a good deal?

Then come out and shop!

Have too many toys/books/clothes? Need some extra money?

Then book a table and sell it!

WHEN: Saturday, March 12th from 9am until 1pm

WHERE: 2260 Central Ave, Port Coquitlam

COST: Entrance is a donation to the food bank

OVER 50 TABLES TO BE SOLD!

To book a table, contact Natasha by phone at 604-941-6445 or by email at central-schoolfundraising@gmail.com

Tables are \$25.