



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Construction Open House:

We had a great turn out on the 17th. Architects and District staff were on hand to answer questions and everyone in attendance seemed excited about the renderings of the building. If you were unable to attend, please check out our website as the renderings are posted. We also set them up in the foyer for a day so the students could view them. To say they were excited would be an understatement!

Also, as we would like to get parent feedback on our new building, please visit our website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/pittriver/Pages/default.aspx> to see the architectural renderings. To leave your feedback please visit the website www.surveymonkey.com/s/JNV5VNV.

Report Cards:

It is that time of year. Students will be bringing home their report cards on December 8th. Report cards are meant to provide students and parents with a snapshot of how a student is doing in relation to the Prescribed Learning Outcomes at a given time. Since this is the first reporting period, it makes sense that

many students will be working towards the outcome as opposed to exceeding them! Please use the information as feedback and encourage your kids. If they are having difficulty in a subject area, use the information to communicate with the teacher to see if there are ways you can support your child's progress.

Team Photos

Team photos are available for purchase - **only \$2.00** each for a lifelong memory. They can be bought at the office. Students can see samples which are posted in the school..

22 more sleeps until Christmas!

Todd Clarkson,
Principal

DATE: Nov. 25, 2010

CALENDAR 2010 - 11

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

- Nov. 26** - "I" Day
- Dec. 8** - Christmas Concert, 7pm
- Dec. 14** - Pancake Breakfast
- Dec. 15** - PAC Mtg., 7pm
- Dec. 17** - Last day before holidays
early dismissal 1:45
- Dec. 20 - Jan 3** - Winter Break
- Jan. 4** - School Re-opens

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COFFEE MORNINGS AT PITT!

Would you be interested in having a drop-in time at Pitt River on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 for some coffee, tea, and treats?

It would be an opportunity to sit and chat with the Counselor, Youth Worker, and other parents to inquire about questions you may have, ideas you want to share, or to come and hear what is happening in the community.

Please email or call Ms. Luddu at pluddu@sd43.bc.ca or 604-942-0267 **if this is something you would be interested in being involved in.**



SCHOOL NEWS

THE We've had a great first term! Our Eagles t-shirts have been ordered for the students that purchased them and should be here in about a week. It was great to see so many of our grade eight students participate in the Vow of Silence fund-raiser for our Clean Water Campaign...it was a lovely day:) Very soon, you will be able to see the beautiful banners that Ms. Ternan's class created hanging throughout our Poco community. Keep an eye out! First term report cards are fast approaching. If you would like a sneak peek at what your child may be getting, feel free to flip through their binders and see the work that they have been completing. Our team will also be going on a trip to Science World on December 16th to view the Body Worlds Exhibit. And before we know it, it will be Christmas break.



YEARBOOK UPDATE

Christmas Gifts

Christmas is coming... why not buy your child a Yearbook for a gift? Yearbooks are available to order for only \$40 before December 15. Please contact Mme Caldwell at ecaldwell@sd43.bc or Mme Blackburn at iblackburn@sd43.bc.ca to place your order and for more information. Yearbooks will be available to order in January, but the price will increase to \$45 after Christmas.



Yearbook Pictures

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school, team and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

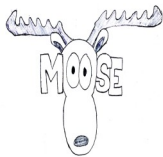
Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400053396 and password:pitriver
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.

THE **WOLVERINES** have had a busy month with Halloween celebrations, attempts at a Vow of Silence and Tomato Ball victories. For Halloween, students dressed up and brought in food to share with their classmates while the teachers were dressed as an extreme ping pong team with random games happening in the hallway and in classrooms. Last week, many Wolverines tried taking a Vow of Silence to draw attention to the fact that some children in the world do not have a voice. Pledges raised from this event will go to support a village in Africa with their quest to get water. Finally, over the past few weeks, classes around the school have been playing Tomato Ball for our lunch intramural program and to date, the Wolverines are undefeated!



MOOSE NEWS
The Moose activity for the month of November was to watch our free movie with popcorn because of our Terry Fox donation "win". The students enjoyed the treat after playing in the snow over lunch hour! Congratulations to all the students who made peace lanterns. There were a great backdrop to our Remembrance Day assembly. We would like to acknowledge Svend Hansen from The Memory Project who came and spoke about his experiences in the navy during the second World War. If you're in the school, come and check out the wire sculptures on display outside the main office. The five Moose classes created these in their Art classes.



FALL ATHLETICS

Once again we had an extremely successful fall athletics season at Pitt River. We participated in swimming, cross country running, and volleyball. Coaches and students endured some poor weather, early practices and long, exhausting days in order to achieve success. Our students were extremely competitive in all sports but more importantly they all showed a great deal of sportsmanship and had a great deal of fun in the process.

On behalf of all the athletes and the Pitt River Athletics Department I would like to thank coaches and sponsor coaches: Monsieur Barabe, Madame Kurlyo, Mrs. Komori, Mrs. Ternan, Madame Toor, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Chand, Mrs. Reid, Ms. Johns and Ms. Gawehns. I would also like to thank Athletics Council for their help score keeping and running our district volleyball tournaments.

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LEADERSHIP

HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER

This year, our school's "HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER" brought in a total of 1536 donations! Way to go Pitt River! That amount will be tripled by both Shaw and Campbells and it will be donated to our local food bank. We would like to thank **SAN REMO'S PIZZA**, one of Port Coquitlam's best Pizza Parlors, for donating a pizza lunch to Mrs. Chand's class. Her class brought in a total of **206 items!** **WELL DONE, CLASS.**



Vow of Silence

Our vow of Silence was a success – many students, in addition to Leadership, participated in this initiative and took a stand for kids all around the world who don't have a voice. Although difficult to stay silent for an entire day, it was an interesting experience to be in the shoes of someone who doesn't get to speak out. Not only did we learn about this important issue, we managed to bring in pledges for a village in need in Kenya; we hope to reach our goal later this year and provide an entire clean water system for them! Check out the district website to see our Vow of Silence picture on the home page!

Watch out in December

Coming up in December, our school will begin putting together food hampers for families in need in our own community. Leadership will be organizing some lunch time activities to help fill up our hampers!

Band and Choir News

All band and choir classes are excited and ready to perform at the Christmas concert to be held on **Wednesday, December 8th** at Pitt River in the gym. Remember these concerts are "projects" and as such are marked on the CARES scale.

The concert will begin at 7 pm. All band/choir student volunteers are needed to set up the entire gym floor after school that day from 3:00 – 4:00pm. Band and Choir students are expected to return to the school by 6:30pm on the evening of the concert. **Please ensure that participating students bring all instruments and music sheets to school that morning.**

All students that are performing are required to wear

the formal evening concert clothing which is white shirts/blouses, ties, and dark skirts/pants/slacks or black dresses. They are also required to wear their music vests.

We encourage all our parents, family and friends to come and enjoy this wonderful evening of entertainment. Just the thing to get you in the Christmas spirit!!!!

Library News

Library news: Library hours are 8am to 3:30pm. Students can take out books any time the library is open. The students are now allowed to use the computers in the morning to work on homework. They are still closed for nutrition break but are open again at lunch and after school.

Fundraiser

The Library is having a fundraiser. We will be selling Xmas Smencils and Bookscents starting Dec 1st. The Smencils (scented pencils) are made from recycled paper and cost \$2 each. The Bookscents are scented bookmarks. They sell for \$1.50 each. The scent lasts up to two years. These are great gifts for sisters and brothers. They will be on sale in the library. If you want to buy some and the library isn't open contact me at 604-942-0267 during school hours and I can arrange another time.

Campbell's Soup Labels for education Bonus point promotion.

We are pleased to announce the second Bonus Points promotion of the school year. **Any Campbell's® soup label with the "25% Less Sodium" Blue Band is worth double points.** click [here](#) for more details on Blue Band products:

http://campbellsoup.ca/en/products/guaranteed_delicious.asp. This promotion runs from November 15 until January 15, 2011. That means that we need to have them counted and sent in by the 15th of Jan.



NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS

30TH ANNUAL COQUITLAM CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

at the Poirier Community Centre, 624 Poirier St.

Friday, December 3 from 5 to 9pm

Saturday, December 4 from 10am to 4pm

Sunday, December 5 from 11am to 4pm



Over 120 crafters have been busy making fabulous gifts for everyone on your list and beautiful home decor items to pamper yourself.

Admission is \$2 and supports local charities.

Contact Stephanie or Samantha at 604-469-9669 or coquitlamcrafts@canada.com.

**FLASH DRIVES ARE
SOLD OUT**

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

NATIONAL DRUG AWARENESS

At SHARE, we believe in supporting positive relationships between parents and teenagers. Creating and/or taking the opportunities to talk with our youth are key components to support them to successfully navigating the teenage years. Below is a list of the "top 5" ways to talk with youth about substance use:

Create opportunities for regular communication with your youth.

Be a good listener and acknowledge your youth's point of view.

Be direct and honest about your fears regarding substance use and youth.

Clarify your own beliefs/values and be clear with your youth about expectations and limits.

Educate yourself with accurate, unbiased information about substances and their use.

*sourced from Centre for Addictions Research of B.C.

Recommended websites for more information about substances and talking to your teens:

www.heretohelp.bc.ca

www.adcs.bc.ca

www.carbc.ca

www.asaba.com/default.asp

For local program information and services contact SHARE's Community and School Based Prevention Workers: Karen O'Brien, Riverside Secondary, 604-941-6053 ext. 255

Alison Shields, Centennial Secondary, 604-936-7205 ext. 168