



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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From the Principal

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Chaos

First, I want to thank those parents that have made arrangements to help with the congestion in front of the school during pick-up and drop-off. It should be clear to all that there are more cars than there are spaces for student drop-off and pick-up. This means that more parents need to find alternate locations for pick-up and drop-off that are a short distance from the school. I understand that immediately in front of the school is the ideal location for many, but most of our students are more than capable of walking a short distance to meet you, or you could park, then walk back to the school then walk the kids to your car if you feel that is safer.

Traffic Safety

The RCMP and City By-Law Departments have received numerous complaints from neighbours about their driveways being blocked, parents double and triple parking, making u-turns, and even stopping in the middle of the street to pick up their kids. Our RCMP liaison officer has been by to observe the driving behavior of some parents and have indicated that tickets may be issued in the future. All we are asking is that everyone use common sense, adhere to regular driving and parking safety rules and put safety above convenience.

In this regard, please ensure that your children use the crosswalk and do not run through the parked cars to cross the street to get where you are waiting.

Permanent Change

There is no longer a student Pick-Up/Drop-Off area in the Rear Parking Lot. A number of parents continue to use the rear lot despite the presence of the cones and the repeated requests not to. We ask that you cooperate with this direction. Also, please do not block the access to this lot (where the cones are located) during drop-off or pick-up times.

**I totally understand that people do not like being told how to drive, but with the construction just getting going, things are only going to get more chaotic so we really need your cooperation with the above requests.

Construction Update

There has been a lot of progress with the excavation and site preparation. Next step is setting forms for the foundation..... At the same time, some work will be done to Tyner Street directly in front of the school. Before anyone calls the school to question the timing of certain phases of the project, I have no control over this ☺, but it does reinforce the message above about minimizing congestion on Tyner street.

DATE: April 26 2012

CALENDAR 2011 - 12

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

May 4 - Report Cards Home

May 18 - Talent Show

May 21 - Victoria Day **(NO**

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June 14 - Grade 5s as Grade 6s for ½ Day

June 18 - "I" letters home

June 21 - Core and Feeder school band concert at 1:00pm

No evening performance

June 26 - Last day of classes

Gr. 8 Leaving ceremony
10:00 - 12:00, & Gr. 8 BBO
from 12:00—1:30pm

June 27 - "I" Day

June 28 - Report card pickup at 9:00am

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PROGRESS REPORTS

Tomorrow students will be bringing home a Progress Report. Please make sure to check with your child to ensure that you receive it.

SCHOOL NEWS

Over the past few months, the Wolverines have been busy with many different activities.



We were able to take the whole team skating at the PoCo Rec Centre and we had a lot of fun. We have continued with some very creative team activities on Fitness Fridays including Indiana Jones Temple of Doom, Clue and Hunger Games dodge-ball. We are now looking forward to seeing the Wolverines show off their skills at our talent show and we can't wait for our annual trip to Playland in May ☺.

HOME EC NEWS

The Home Ec teacher would like to say "Thank You" to all of the parents, grandparents and other loved ones at home, who have been helping the Home Ec students learn to knit! The students are so proud of their new skills, and are delighted to show when they have a new ball of yarn of their own choice, or their own knitting needles. Your support is greatly appreciated!



TRADING POST

Just a reminder that all students are welcome to have breakfast in the Trading Post beginning at 8:00am in the morning. Very yummy breakfast!!!!

ENVIRONMENT CLUB

Ms. Primeau and the Green Team Leadership students would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Rona-Grandview for their donation of a discount towards plants and garden supplies to help beautify the front of the school.

FRENCH IMMERSION

Congratulations to the following students who represented Pitt River at the French Public Speaking Contest:

Gr . 6LFI – Daisy Choi and Aryan Khalili

Gr . 7LFI – Maddie Davis and Jordanne Yap

Gr. 6EFI – Mira Backus

Gr. 7EFI – Daria Elrick

Gr . 8 FI – Samantha DiFrancesco

Quebec Parents , we are in the process of finalizing the accounts. You will receive an email shortly about your refund. We will be gathering the students soon to hand out the Quebec souvenir!

PITT RIVER CHILDREN

Are you looking for a great reason to go for a run and do a good deed at the same time? Well, look no further. Join the fight against childhood cancer by signing up with the Pitt River Middle Children team. This annual run takes place:

When: Sunday, June 3rd

Where: BC Children's Hospital.

You can sign-up at: <https://secure.bcchf.ca/SuperheroPages/team.cfm?Event=ChildRun&Team=5298>

NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS



Coquitlam Ducks Beach Volleyball Club

www.coquitlamducks.com

Coquitlam Ducks Beach Volleyball Club is a youth girls' beach volleyball club that offers training for athletes of all levels and ages. Open tryouts are held in May and June, and training begins in early June till mid-August, usually twice a week. There is currently no league for beach volleyball clubs in British Columbia, instead teams participate in various beach tournaments.

2012 Tryout Information

Location: Town Center Beach Courts, located across from Pinetree Secondary

Dates:

Times and Date	Age Groups
Wednesday May 30 th 5:30-7:00	U13 (Born in 1999)
Wednesday May 30 th 7:00 - 8:30	U14 (Born in 1998)
Friday June 1 st 5:00 - 6:30	U11/U12 (Born in 2001/2000)

One time tryout fee: \$10 *Please visit the Ducks Website, and view the Beach link for additional information, training cost, and online-registration form. For further information, please check our website at www.coquitlamducks.com