



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

PITT RIVER NEWS

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From the Principal

Good-Bye Ms. Smith

Pitt River's staff and students would like to thank Ms. Smith for her years of service at our school and wish her good luck in her new position of Vice-Principal at Como Lake Middle School. You will be missed!

Welcome Ms. Becker

Pitt River would like to welcome Ms. Pamela Becker as our new Vice-Principal. Ms. Becker is coming to us from Harbourview Elementary where she was a teacher. She is eager and ready to take on this new challenge!

Good Bye Ms. Luddu (for now J)

Ms. Luddu is going off on maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she will have lots of time to shower

her new baby with the same care and attention she does with our students! Ms. Luddu's temporary replacement will be named next week.

Pro-D Day Friday, January 27th.

Our apologies as the date was erroneously listed on the magnet as being on the 26th. Most of our teachers will be participating in a Focus Day for teachers at Kwayhquitlum Middle School.

Late French Immersion Registration: February 22nd at 7:00 PM

If you know families with grade 5 students interested in Late French Immersion for Grade 6, please pass this date and time on to them. Registration happens at this meeting so it is important to attend as spaces are limited. See attached notice.

DATE: January 26, 2012

CALENDAR 2011 - 12

(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)

- Jan. 27 - Pro D Day - School not in Session
- Feb. 16 - 'I' Letters home
- Feb. 17 - PRO D DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- Feb. 22 - Late French Immersion Registration Night - 7pm
- Feb. 24 - 'I' Day

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LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Is your child coming home shivering because he/she lost his/her coat? Are you constantly buying new clothes because sweaters and running shoes go missing? We have a stash of unclaimed Lost and Found items. They are laid out in front of the office for owners to claim. Please feel free to come in or have your child walk by and have a look and take the ones that you recognize. All items not claimed by Friday, Feb. 3rd will be sent to a charity organization.

LOST & FOUND



COMMUNITY SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

THE FOLLOWING AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS STILL HAVE ROOM! SIGN UP AND GET INVOLVED:

- MONDAY - MIXED MEDIA ART LESSONS 5 SESSIONS REMAINING - PRORATED \$50.00
- WEDNESDAY - JAZZ & HIP HOP DANCE 6 SESSIONS LEFT PRORATED \$30.00
- THURSDAY - TWISTED THURSDAYS WEAVING COME OUT FOR 4 FREE SESSIONS TO TRY IT OUT!
- FRIDAY - FLOOR HOCKEY \$20.00 TO JOIN OR DROP IN AND BRING A TOONIE
- TUESDAY AND THURSDAY ADULT FITNESS 4-5 PM \$50.00 FOR A MONTH
- TUESDAY, THURSDAY - JAZZERCISE 6 PM AND SATURDAY 9 AM IN THE MINI GYM FIRST SESSION FREE TO TRY! Contact colleen.jazzercise@shaw.ca

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS LOOK ON PITT RIVER WEBSITE OR EMAIL hroemer@sd43.bc.ca for info

TEAMS AND EXPLORATIONS NEWS

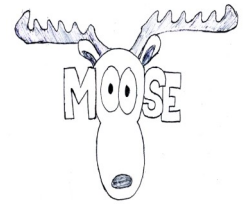
So far in 2012, the Wolverines have had some great things happening with the whole team. All of the classes have been working with MindUP, which are brain-focused strategies for learning and living. Students have been learning how our brains work and how to be mindful of their world.



We have also been doing some great things for our weekly Fitness Friday activities including Cha-cha dancing, scooter board relay races, strength/agility stations and even a game of Clue.

It's been a fun start to the new year!

This month the Moose completed a team-wide heritage project called "From where in the world are the Moose?" The students worked in cross-class groups to discover interesting facts about a country of heritage from a Moose team member. The posters are on display in the Moose hallway, as is the map indicating many of our countries of origin! The culminating activity was a fact scavenger hunt last Friday.



Our English classes are working hard on their speeches for the Public Speaking unit and soon the Late French Immersion classes will be doing the same. Our Exploration block will be changing to Block 4 starting February 2. Make sure to change your planners!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Smith well on her appointment to Como Lake Middle. Mrs. Smith was a valuable member of our team. Thank you for being our Outstanding Friday Moose! We will miss you and hope you will come back to see us soon and especially when the new school finally gets built.

Au revoir et merci Mrs. Smith.

PERFORMING ARTS

Band and Choir students have a lot going on these days. Below is a list of ongoing and upcoming events::

In Music /Drama 6/7 Explorations, Mr. Lambert's classes are writing socially responsible songs to raise awareness for hunger and disaster relief, and is using the arts to convey the message to students, parents and the general public.

Grade 8 Music/Drama students are learning guitar and will also present short one-act plays mid-February during Drama class.

Pitt River Middle will be hosting the District Spring Band festival which will take place on Wednesday, April 25, from 9 am - noon. Our Band 7/8 students, along with other Middle Schools' Grade 7/8 band students, are preparing to take part in this gala band festival.

The Choir is preparing for the Spring concert and the Grade 6 Band students are getting ready for the Grade 6 band festival at Maillard Middle during the morning of April 18.

FROM THE LIBRARY.....

The Library is a busy place. We continue to get the newest books which are enjoyed by many. Unfortunately some students do not bring their books back for months. If you see a library book around the house can you please remind your child to return it. Students can renew the book if no one is waiting for it preferably before the due date.

We have noticed that all issues of the magazine *Playstation* are missing. They were not signed out . If you notice any of these magazines please return them to the school.

The Library helpers are trying to purchase an electricity ball with the Campbell's for education points. Unfortunately the price has gone up and we are short by 1000 points. If you know anyone who eats Campbell's soup (whole label), V8 Juice and Fusion(lid) , goldfish (barcodes), Pace Salsa (barcode) Prego (label) or Habitant soup (label), could you please ask them to save the labels and send them into the library.

Due to Job Action the Book Fair scheduled for the end of Feb will be postponed.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION

Late French Immersion

- Offers all students whose first language is not French the possibility of completing the prescribed BC curriculum and learning French at the same time;
 - Helps students develop strong communication skills in both English and French; and
- Expands cultural horizons and helps prepare students for the global economy.

INVITATIONS TO PARENTS:

If you are considering **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION** in September, 2012 you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program. Meeting will take place at:

PITT RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
2070 Tyner Street, Port Coquitlam
February 22nd, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

For further information visit our website at www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

Late Montessori Registration at Montgomery & Scott Creek Middle Schools (Grade 6 entry)

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS: If you are considering the Montessori program at middle school in September 2012, you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program. An information meeting regarding the middle school program will take place at:

SCOTT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
1240 Lansdowne Dr., Coquitlam
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm

****Please note that for this year only Scott Creek will be accepting Gr. 7 students who have attended Montessori at the elementary level.**

For further information visit our website:

www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Rob McFaul, Principal,
Montgomery Middle School at 604-939-7367

or e-mail: montgomery@sd43.bc.ca or Judy Robb, Principal, Scott Creek Middle School at 604-945-0156 or email: scottcreek@sd43.bc.ca

NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS

Central Community PAC is organizing a

Swap Meet at Central School

We are now booking tables for the Swap Meet at Central just in time for spring cleaning! Great way to earn extra money for yourself, clean out your closet and support your school! Please be sure to share with friends/family to spread the word. Details for buyers coming soon. To book, fill out form below.

WHEN: Saturday, March 3rd from 9am until 1pm

WHERE: School Gym

COST: \$20 before February 1st, \$25 after.

Commercial vendors, \$30 before February 1st, \$35 after.

Name: _____ Company (if applicable) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle what you require: 6ft Table Space Total Requested Space/Table _____

Specific Requests: (wall, corner, next to friend, power etc.) (this is not a guarantee, but we will do our best to accommodate your needs.) _____

*Please make your cheque out to "**Central Community PAC**"*

I have read and understand the guidelines below. I agree to NOT hold responsible Central Community School, the Parent Advisory Committee or School District 43, for any theft or damage that may occur.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Vendor Guidelines PLEASE READ

1. Doors will be open at 8am for set up. After unloading, we ask for vendors to park in the parking lot behind the school (accessed by Shaughnessy, the alley before Pitt River Light). That will give the shoppers plenty of room to park in front of the school near the gym.
2. No items are to be left behind. Please ensure your garbage is picked up and any unsold items are taken home with you. It is your responsibility to donate any unwanted/unsold items.
3. Please stay set up until 1:00pm for common courtesy of other vendors and shoppers.
4. No refunds will be given. We will do our best to resell your table if given a week or more notice for cancellations but there are no guarantees.

Any further questions can be directed to: Natasha Milligan, at 604-941-6445 (leave a message) or by email : centralschoolfundraising@gmail.com