



Home of the Mighty Voyageurs

# PITT RIVER NEWS

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## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that Christmas Break is drawing near. Time does fly when you are having fun! The kids at Pitt River continue to amaze, as do the staff. Spirits are high at Pitt River, smiles are plentiful and my biggest problem lately is getting kids to leave at the end of the day (not a bad problem to have, I guess!). I ask your support

## 'I' Day:

'I' Day is tomorrow, Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Your child only attends if they received a list of incomplete assignments and there are still some outstanding. You would have been notified by your child's teacher if he or she is expected to be in attendance. For the rest of the students it is a day off.

## **CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS FOR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

During the winter season, we experience weather conditions such as heavy snowfall, high wind or excessive ice. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) by 6:00am if possible. In addition, on inclement weather days, school closure information will be **POSTED ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE AT [WWW.SD43.BC.CA](http://WWW.SD43.BC.CA)**. We are asking that instead of calling the school please listen to the radio or check the above website.

in encouraging your kids to keep working hard right up to the break; this includes arriving to school on time, properly dressed for the cold, well fed and ready to learn! Speaking of well fed, we have a **FREE** breakfast program available to **ALL STUDENTS** every morning in the Trading Post (starting at 8:00 am). Come one, come all!

## Report Cards:

While teachers will not be preparing formal first term report cards due to their current job action, the School Act requires that reports be issued, so you will receive a report. However, it will not be what you are used to seeing. Instead it will mainly contain attendance information. These reports will be issued December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**DATE: November 24, 2011**

## **CALENDAR 2011 - 12**

*(Reminder to check your Fridge Magnet regularly)*

- Dec. 7** - Report cards home
- Dec. 8** - Christmas Concert at 7:00pm  
(1:30pm concert for students)
- Dec 13** - Pancake Breakfast
- Dec. 16** - Last day before Winter Break  
(school dismissed early at 1:45 pm)
- Dec. 18 - Jan. 2** - WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

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## ***From the Home Ec Teacher:***

Would you like to get rid of those 'darned' yarn and knitting needles? Well, look no further; our Home Ec teacher would love to have them. Please give them to your child to bring to the office..



[www.pittriver.ca](http://www.pittriver.ca)

# TEAM AND SCHOOL NEWS

## Volleyball:

The season has come to an end. We had LOTS of kids participate. A good time was had by all. Special congratulations to the Grade 7 girls team, coached by Mme. O'Grady and Ms. J. Ternan, for winning the District Championship! Also thanks to Mr. Cirillo for the many nights he spent in the gym ensuring that the games ran smoothly, and to the Athletic Council students for their hard work score keeping and setting up.

## Pancake Breakfast:

We will be holding our Annual Pancake Breakfast on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to arrive early and come by the gym for some pancakes!

Mr. Clarkson  
Principal

## PERFORMING ARTS

Mr. Lambert's classes have been very busy these days:

### **Christmas Concert**

On Thursday, December 8th, all Band and Choir students will be showcasing their folk, seasonal songs, marches and Christmas carols at 7 pm. ***Students who are performing need to dress appropriately that night.*** All family and friends are invited to attend to enjoy and give encouragement to the students.

Also there will be a matinee performance at 1:30pm in the afternoon on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> for the students

### **Short Plays**

During the week of December 12-16 in Block 5, Mr. Lambert's Grade 8 drama class will be presenting a short play titled ***"The Last Stop Before Christmas"*** to students. All classes are invited to attend on one of those days. It is a one-act play set in NYC at a bus stop, and is a subtle comedy/feel good play.

Also Drama 6/7 classes will be presenting one act original plays in exploration to the class. These plays tell the story of William Pitt, Fraser and the Voyagers.

## **FROM THE LIBRARY.....**

The library is a busy place.. Students are enjoying the wide selection of books. They will be allowed to keep the books over the holiday so they can continue reading them. However this is also a time when books go missing; so if you could remind your child to put the book in their backpack when they are finished it, we would appreciate it.

We are still collecting labels from Campbell's products. If you buy goldfish(package), V8 drinks (lids) or any other Campbell products, please save the labels and send them to the Library. Students can just put them in the book return.

Smencils and scented bookmarks are available from the Library helpers at the low low cost of 50 cents each or a package of all five scents for \$1.50. They make great stocking stuffers..

## **FROM THE PAC....**

Here are the names and positions of the members of your PAC for 2011 - 2012:

<b>Chair</b>	-	Dirk Rohde
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	-	Rosie Shaw
<b>Treasurer</b>	-	Linda Goldade
<b>Secretary</b>	-	Kim Becker
<b>DPAC Rep</b>	-	Irene Harrison
<b>School Planning Council 3 Parents (SPC)</b>	-	Irene Harrison
	-	Rosie Shaw
	-	Kim Abram
<b>Canadian Parents for French (CPF)</b>	-	John Alandi
<b>Fundraising Coordinator</b>	-	Judy Rohde
<b>Communication Coordinator</b>	-	Taunya Helme
<b>Parent Education Coordinator</b>	-	
<b>Southside Family of Schools - (SFS)</b>	-	Dirk Rohde
<b>Emergency Prep</b>	-	Taunya Helme

**Y**earbooks for sale:

**Purchase your own copy of this  
year's BEST  
photographs and memories.**

*\$40 at the office until December 14*

*Cheques payable to:*

*Pitt River Middle School*



SouthSide Family of Schools  
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Self-Esteem in Children

Featuring: Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Ph.D., *a Counselor and Educator in private practice with over 15 years experience working with children, adolescents, and adults.*

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- How self-esteem rooted in healthy development can withstand the ravages of adversity;
- How this type of intrinsic self-worth can be nurtured in children based on the Neufeld paradigm.

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Doors will open at 6:45 p.m.**

**Citadel Middle School (in the Cafeteria)**

1265 Citadel Dr., Port Coquitlam

**\$5 per couple/\$3 per single**

• **FREE Childminding available**

• Advance registration required • Light refreshments provided



Nurturing Self-Esteem in Children, Jan. 18, 2012 Citadel Middle School 7:00-8:30pm

PARENTS' NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: --- \_\_\_\_\_ Number and age of children requiring minding: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this registration to your school office by Wed., Jan. 11, 2012

Cheques can be made payable to 'SFSPE' or 'Southside Family of Schools Parent Education'.

Alternatively, e-mail us at [ssfspe@gmail.com](mailto:ssfspe@gmail.com) to register and bring payment to presentation.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD HAPPENINGS

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT PLACE DES ARTS**

**1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca)**

### **Light up the Square: A Lantern Affair**

**Saturday, December 3, 4:30-7:30PM**

Welcome in the light during Light up the Square's lantern affair! Discover the Japanese taiko drumming tradition that lures the sun; drop in on a variety of arts and crafts activities for all ages; get into the spirit of the season with live music and song and be entranced by a musical performance of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* staged by RA Productions. This is a free community event.

### **Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts**

**1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca)**

Place des Arts has some great workshops for children and youth coming up in November and December. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at [www.placedesarts.ca](http://www.placedesarts.ca) or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

### **Graphic Novel Workshop (11-17 years)**

Dive into the world of comic book making! Whether your interest is Japanese manga, humour comics or superheroes, you'll learn to design your own cast of characters, plot and lay out scenes across eye-catching pages, and share your story in an inventive and engaging way.

9140 • W • Nov 30 - Dec 7 • 6:15 - 8:45 PM • \$43.50

### **Felted Christmas Ornaments (8-14 years)**

Create beautiful felted ornaments such as bejewelled Christmas balls or a garland of felted stars. Explore different wet felting techniques and acquire the skills necessary to create finished pieces. Felting is quick, fun and a great way to make gifts. Materials kits provided.

9043 • TH • Dec 1 • 6:00 - 9:00 PM • \$29.50

## ***From the 2893 Seaforth Army Cadets***

2893 Seaforth Army Cadets meet at the legion in Port Coquitlam Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. We also have band practice for bagpipes and drums on Tuesday nights at 6:30. Instruments and lessons are free of charge. We are open to all youth ages 12-19. There is no membership fee. Uniforms are provided free of charge.

We offer a chance for youth to have free activities, learn about the Cadet Program, and earn up to 12 high school credits. We also offer summer camp options.

For more information, come and check us out any Monday or Thursday night at 6:30. See you there.