

Welcome to November!

The Autumn months are whizzing by with plenty of learning activities in classrooms and beyond. In recent weeks we celebrated the Terry Fox Fundraising with a Slime Event, Water Balloon Toss and more. Our top fundraiser, Olivia Dean, raised \$430. Olivia enjoyed a pizza luncheon with the Runners Up: Cara, Vanessa, Bryony, Taran, Nathan P., Jonah H., and Dhiren. In other news Mr. Fitzgerald is coaching Grade 5 Volleyball, the computers are now accessible in mobile carts for Grades 2-5, and the Me2WE Club encouraged everyone to bring nonperishable food items for "We Scare Hunger". We continue to work with the school district to address the options for the outdoor "hockey box" covered area, primary playground repairs, and installing a water bottle refilling station.



I would like to extend a word of thanks to all families who were able to attend the Fall Conferences. These meetings are a great opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, see a sample of school work and ask questions. Children develop at a variety of paces and as result the classes have a great deal of variety amongst students. It's eye opening to see teachers structuring lessons and activities to reach and engage all students. As we immerse ourselves more deeply into the revised curriculum the theme of increasing student voice is evident. As the school year progresses teachers will guide students in reflecting on their learning and becoming more self-aware as students.

In our staffing we welcomed two new education assistants to the school - Jas Hundal and Sunny Khakh. We have a SFU Student Volunteer, Rachel, on Fridays and for the month of November an Education Assistant practicum student will be on site as well.

Thanks to our wonderful PAC Executive for organizing all the parent committees and initiatives including Creative Cards, Fruit & Veggie, Hot Lunch, Treat Sales, and Community Runs. Stay tuned this month for the Scholastic Book Fair and Purdy's Chocolates.

You are invited to join us on Thursday November 8th at 10:45am for the Remembrance Day Assembly. We hope you take some time over the Remembrance Day Long Weekend to rest and enjoy time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Theresa Roberts, Acting Principal

STUDENT VOICE

Parents may wonder- what might student voice look like for our students?

- A **reflection** before beginning the learning on a topic: "Here's what I know and a question I have".
- A **self-assessment** after completing an assignment: "When I started to learn estimation I needed help with the tens place but now I can show you how to estimate for the tens, hundreds and thousands".
- A **journal entry** on Social Emotional Learning: "We learned the names of the emotions and I made an emotions booklet with my drawings. I notice that when I am angry my heart pumps faster. I can feel better by using my breathing exercise."

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

RC Mac will be supporting Christmas Hampers for needy families in the local area. Mrs. Roberts will be connecting with other Principals in the area to find a couple of families that need some **LOVE** at Christmas time. Specific information will be distributed by the PAC Classroom Parent for each division at a later date so that each child can have an opportunity to give a donation towards the hamper. The hampers will be put together and delivered by Mrs. Roberts on December 21st or December 22nd. Thank you in advance for your collective support.



KIDS FOR A CURE 2018

Congratulations to Hunter Melancon! Hunter visited Parliament Hill in Ottawa as a Youth Delegate for "Kids for a Cure 2018". Delegates like Hunter will help Canada's decision-makers better understand the challenges of living with type 1 diabetes and the importance of funding research to help those with the disease live easier, healthier, safer lives until a cure can be found.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Students will be going outside every day for recess and lunch. (Occasionally, we do keep the students inside under **extreme** weather conditions.) We ask that ALL students come to school with coats, appropriate outdoor shoes or boots, hats, umbrellas, gloves. **We strongly recommend** that students keep a change of clothes (including socks and underwear) at school. To ensure student safety, we can keep our hallways dry in wet weather by having all students enter the school through their class exterior doors.

Thank you for not cutting through the hallways before school.



WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!



Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca.





Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

Calvin and Hobbes



by Bill Watterson

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

 Set clocks back 1 hour	Nov. 4	Sunday
Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 AM)	Nov. 8	Thursday
Curriculum Implementation Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL	Nov. 9	Friday
 Remembrance Day	Nov. 11	Sunday
Remembrance Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL	Nov. 12	Monday
Odyssey of the Mind Club 3:15-4:15	Nov. 14	Wednesday
PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	Nov. 19	Monday
Scholastic Book Fair	Nov. 19-22	Mon-Thurs
Me2We Day Vancouver	Nov. 22	Thursday
PAC Hot Lunch	Nov. 23	Friday
Community Run 9:45-10:15 and Treat Sale (Recess)	Nov. 30	Friday
School Skating	Dec. 3	Monday
LAST DAY of BOKS Program	Dec. 7	Friday
PAC Hot Lunch	Dec. 14	Friday
Christmas Concert (afternoon and evening performances)	Dec. 19	Thursday
First Formal Report Card Goes home	Dec. 20	Thursday
RC Mac PAC Pancake Breakfast (7:45 – 8:45)	Dec. 21	Friday
 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Dec. 21	Friday
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation 	Jan. 7, 2019	Monday
Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL	Jan. 28	Monday

The RC MacDonald calendar is [online](#) – all events that have been confirmed are available for you to see at a glance.
Please revisit our site as *we will continue to add special event dates as they are confirmed.*