

Welcome Back!



Welcome back to school everyone!

Throughout our first days back it has been great to see old friends reconnect and new friendships beginning to develop. We are focussed on establishing healthy habits and routines with handwashing and personal space this week. Our staff works tirelessly to help your child settle in and to make positive connections in school.

Please know that the placement of children into classes is a thoughtful process that involves hours of planning and input from all members of staff. This process began at the end of last year with our entire staff and continued through the first days of school as new students registered. We hope you will talk with your child about the positive aspects of their classroom placement and let them know that there will be opportunities for friendships old and new to flourish both in and out of the classroom setting throughout the year. We have an amazing staff who will ensure all students have a great place to learn throughout the upcoming year.

This year at RC MacDonald we are happy to welcome back many of our teaching staff from last year. Ms. Morrison has resigned from her role as Counsellor, and we hope to have her role filled soon. Several new staff join our school community: Ms. Rakhra is teaching Grade 3/4, Intermediate Music, Gifted and Grades 2/3. Ms. Thompson is our new Student Services teacher. Ms. Massop, Ms. Dombrova are Education Assistants. Ms. Khoo, Learning Inclusion Support Worker, will be supporting students across the school.

The entire RC MacDonald staff is very excited about the wonderful possibilities and exciting opportunities the year ahead holds for every student.

Warmest wishes for a terrific school year!

Mrs. Roberts, Principal

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Our school population is 164 students, and we have 7 divisions. Our classes meet the ministry class sizes and are well balanced. They also meet the ministry criteria regarding class composition.

TEACHING		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	COMMENTS
Ballarin, Sabrina	Div. 7 Gr. K/1						Friday– Hutchings
Coomer, Meredyth	Div. 2 Gr. 4 / 5						
Fitzgerald, John	Div. 1 Gr. 4/5						
Huggins, Leona	Div. 5 Gr. 1/ 2						Thursday- Hutchings
Hutchings, Michelle	Gr. K/1/ 2, Music						
Johnson, Kelli	Div. 4 Gr. 2 / 3						Mon – Rakhra
Olund, Ronnie	Student Services						
Rakhra, Ramanjeet	Gr. 2,3,4 Music/Gifted						
Thompson, Marny	Student Services						
Wise, Michelle	Div. 6 Gr. K / 1						Wednesdays - Hutchings
Wright, Colleen	Library, Gr. 3 /4						Teach Div. 4 with Rakhra

Support		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
Cheah, Julie	Noon Hour Asst.						12:08 pm – 1:10 pm
Colombo, Rosalynn	Noon Hour Asst.						12:08 pm – 1:10 pm
Moon, Miyung	AM Caretaker						7:00 am – 11:00 am
Latulippe, Sue	Secretary						8:15 am – 3:45 pm
Mandev, Rhonda	PM Caretaker						3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Dombrova, Emilie	EA						8:30 am – 3:10 pm
Khoo, Jenny	LISW						8:30 am- 3:10 pm
Massop, Natasha	EA						8:30 am – 3:10 pm
Rawlings, Alix	EA						8:30 am – 3:10 pm
Admin.							
Roberts, Theresa	Principal						

ABSENT? GOING ON VACATION? LATE?

Please use the [online absence form](#) on the school website for absences and holidays.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF SAFETY

If you live close by, we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to walk to school. This is a great way to connect with your child and help them get off to a good start to the school day.

If you are driving to school, please obey all street signs and respect our neighbour's driveways and property. The recommended drop off is on the east side of Balfour, from the passenger side of the car directly onto our sidewalk.

Please drive with caution through our school zone, especially during the first month of start-up. For pick-up please follow the same procedures to ensure clear crosswalk access and safe walkways for all of our children at the end of the day. The parking lot is for staff parking and handicapped parking only.

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, etc. as needed. It is strongly **recommended** that students keep a change of clothes and underwear in their classroom cubby.



JOIN US FOR ZOOM PAC MEETING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD

All parents are invited to join the September PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm. The Zoom link is posted on the school website.



PICTURE DAY

Individual student photos will be taken on **Tuesday, September 14th** in the morning.

TERRY FOX RUN – FRIDAY, SEPT. 17TH



Once again RC MacDonald is proudly supporting The Terry Fox Foundation in its ongoing work to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs. You can support our school by making a donation, either with cash or a cheque given to your child to return to their teacher or with a credit card online.

Our school is already set up on the Terry Fox website to receive **online donations**. Our school fundraising page is: <http://www.terryfox.ca/RCMacDonaldElementary>. If students would like to set up their own page for on-line donations (making sure the on-line donations are counted as money raised by them), please [CLICK HERE](#).

We have some great incentives for the students of RC Mac!

- If we meet our school goal of **\$1234.56** students will win an extended recess.
- The class with the largest amount of donations will get the opportunity to “pass” water balloons back and forth with Ms. Roberts.
- The student from each division who raises the most will receive a prize.

Your kindness will impact the lives of so many people living with cancer.

ONLINE E-FORMS

We are hoping to have most of the following forms completed online this year. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the office (604-936-0447) to make other arrangements. Please complete the following forms as promptly as possible so that we can ensure the safety of your children:

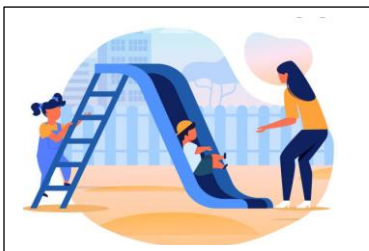


1. **School Policy Form ** Mandatory **** An email was sent to all parents on Thurs. Sept. 9th with a link to the [School Cash system](#) where you can complete this form online. This form enables the *parent to give permission for walking field trips (i.e., fun runs, Terry Fox Run, walking to Mundy Park) and to advise whether or not you permit your child to have his/her picture published, etc.* Please discuss the contents with your child – and electronically submit your acknowledgement to our office.
2. **Emergency Release Form ** MANDATORY **** - this form is available on the [RC Mac website](#) and a paper copy will be sent home with your child if needed. This information enables us to release your child to your designated representative in the event of a major catastrophe – it is NOT to be confused with the contact information that was required at registration.
3. **Medical Alert*** - To be completed each year only if your child has a medical concern. Also available on the school website.

***IMPORTANT:** You can not save data typed into the Emergency Release or the Medical Alert forms. After filling out the form, **PRINT** it and return it to your child's school.

SD#43 is Hiring!

Casual Noon Hour Supervisors



School District #43 Coquitlam is looking for Casual Noon Hour Supervisors. This position requires individuals to be available on an On-Call basis to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) at various schools throughout the District in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody and Anmore.

Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset. Successful candidates will be available over the lunch hour Monday – Friday, 5 days per week while the school is in session and be willing to accept callouts to all schools in our District. We offer \$21.86 per hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits.

To apply, please click on the following link and create a user account/profile. <https://ejp.sd43.bc.ca/postings/Account/Login>. Once you have completed your profile you will have access to the job postings.

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD

[RC MacDonald Elementary School Website](#)

Photo Day 9am-12pm	Sept. 14	Tuesday
Terry Fox Run 2:00pm – 3:00pm for Grades 1-5	Sept. 17	Friday
PAC Meeting on Zoom	Sept. 23	Thursday
Pro D Day – Students do not attend	Sept. 24	Friday
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Students do not attend	Sept. 30	Thursday
World Teacher Day	Oct. 5	Tuesday
Thanksgiving Day – No school	Oct. 14	Monday