



Summit E-News

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MISSION STATEMENT: "A Journey to Success" Our motto captures our belief that our main purpose is to help students become responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and healthy, caring, ethical, and intellectually reflective individuals.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As mentioned in a recent newsletter, we have been focusing our energies towards emergency preparation. Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Ascoli, Mrs. Greissel and Mrs. Jane Freeman, our PAC Chair, we have updated our emergency supplies and rations, and we have practiced both fire and earthquake emergency drills based on our updated evacuation routes.

This afternoon we practiced our "Hold and Secure Drill", which was formerly referred to as "Code Yellow". This is a drill that we practice in the event that there might be a bear on the property or in the vicinity. If classes are outside at the time of the drill, they will be asked to re-enter the building and all students will be directed to go to their classrooms and wait for further instruction. Teachers will take attendance and email it to the office.

In addition, our school district has planned a district Emergency Release Drill. Schools have been asked to hold their drills the week of May 2nd-6th. **Our Emergency Release Drill will take place on Wednesday, May 4th at 2:15 p.m.** We will be simulating a natural disaster on **the afternoon of May 4th.**

Parents or their designates will need to come to the school to pick up their children. There will be a release process that we will use to ensure that students are released to the proper adult. This is an important reminder to ensure that your emergency contact information is up-to-date.

So what can you do to prepare?

1. Update your contact information with the school. We will be sending home a form for you to complete.
2. If you cannot **come to the school at 2:15 p.m. on May 4th**, please communicate this to your emergency contact. This is a good time to review the process with your friends/relatives.
3. Ensure that your child knows who your emergency contacts are so he/she can anticipate who may pick them up in the event of an emergency.
4. Review your child's medical needs, if any. Does the school have the proper medication for your child in

the event of an emergency and he/she cannot be picked up right away?

5. Make sure you know the name of your child's teacher and the division number! Ensure that your emergency contact has this information!
6. Although not directly connected with the school
7. emergency drill, this is a good time to review your own family's emergency preparedness. I have provided a few links below:

[Get Prepared Canada](#)

[Red Cross Info for Home & Family](#)

[Red Cross Preparedness Kit](#)

[BC Government: Build an Emergency Kit](#)

We will be sending out reminders about the May 4th Emergency Release Drill, but we want to remind you that the district-wide event is coming!

Please check our school website for updates, and be sure to complete and return your contact forms promptly. You can expect to see the forms sent home next week.

Thank you in advance or your support!

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight

Principal



CLASS PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER

There are many considerations that we keep in mind when organizing classes for the next school year. Some of the factors include class composition, students' strengths and needs, gender, learning styles and class size.

Our staff will spend many hours organizing classes for the fall. It is a very involved process, and one which we value and take very seriously.

Please understand that if you feel the need to provide input regarding your child's placement, you are required to put your request, in writing, to Mrs. Speight (letter format only, no emails please). Please be sure to contact Mrs. Speight prior to May 16th. We will not be in a position to make changes to classes in the fall, nor are we able to guarantee that your request will be accommodated even though you make contact early.

Thank you for your Generous Donations!!

The Summit PAC and all our staff and students would like to thank you for your generous donations this year. Overall, \$10,665.50 was raised through two donation drives. The money that was donated was used to purchase the following items:

- A spindle sander for Tech Ed
- 2 Handheld Wireless Microphone Systems
- 5 USB Recording Microphones
- 22 Computers
- 22 Computer monitors
- 31 Ukuleles
- Gardening Supplies

Easter Hamper Drive

Prior to Spring Break, Summit staff, parents, and students collected food items for S.H.A.R.E. Twelve boxes of food were donated in total. Thank you to the Summit PAC for organizing the items for pick up, and a big thank you to everyone for making a difference in our community.

Year End Field Trip

As a culminating activity to celebrate the year end, students will be going on a field trip on **June 27th**. Students have a choice of going to Playland or Splashdown water park. Fieldtrip notices have already ready been issued and should be **returned by Friday, April 8th**.

School Dance

We will be hosting a school dance from **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm on the afternoon of April 14th**. Alternate activities will be provided for students if they are not interested in attending. Please help us to remind your child to wear appropriate clothing to this event. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale now during the lunch hour. All proceeds from the dance will go to the Oncology Unit at Children's Hospital.



Spring program registration is on now! Register now for Coquitlam camps, hiking programs, fitness classes, gardening workshops, kindergarten-prep programs, and more. View the guide online at coquitlam.ca/programguides. Register at coquitlam.ca/registration or call 604-927-4386.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016

APRIL 2016	
04	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
06	Parent-Teacher Interviews or Student Led Conferences Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
15	Pro-D Day (District) School not in session
18	Grade 5 Parent Information Night
MAY 2016	
02	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
04	Emergency Release Drill - 2:15 p.m.
13	Curriculum In-service Day (District) School not in session
18	Grade 6 Immunization
23	Victoria Day Holiday
30	Pro-D Day (School) School not in session
JUNE 2016	
03	Grade 6 Immunization (make up)
06	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
16	Year End Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
28	Grade 8 Leaving Event
29	Final Formal Reports handed out (9:00-9:30 am)
30	Administrative Day school is not in session



2016 ONLINE Registration for . . . Middle School opens 6AM Friday, April 29th

Middle Skill Building	Dates: Tuesday July 12 to Friday July 29 Time: 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM daily. Location: Hillcrest, Kway, & Scott Creek
Grade 9 & 10 Skill Building*	Dates: Tuesday July 12 to Friday July 29 Time: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM daily Location: Charles Best

- ▲ Students must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses.
- ▲ Please visit our website and create/update your account now.
- ▲ To create an account you will need your child's PEN number, which is available at your home school.

Middle Skill Building: Art, Band, Computers, Creative Writing, Drama, English Language Arts, English for Beginners, French Language Arts (Kway only), Math, Montessori, Science, and more.

***Secondary Skill Building:** English, Math, and Science 9, PE/Leadership, and Tech Ed (for students moving into Gr 7 or 8).

See website for full details!

www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

