



# Summit E-News

**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.*

October 16, 2015

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As your principal, newly assigned to Summit Middle School, I would like to let you know about the warm welcome I have received from our school community! Actually, since I was first appointed back in May of last year, the Summit students, staff, administration and parent community have made me feel right at home! I have also seen the same level of kindness and outreach extended to students and staff who have joined our school community this year.

It is plain to see that our school goal around enhancing everyone's feeling of connectedness and belonging is alive and well! We are SO fortunate to be part of such a great school community.

We have had a busy, productive and enjoyable first few weeks of school thanks to everyone's effort and commitment. Our Open House evening held on September 29th allowed for families to come to school together, as students introduced their family members to teachers, and provided tours of our school. It was great to hear the buzz of excitement throughout the hallways and classrooms! Our students and staff have been busy in classrooms, explorations classes and engaged in extra-curricular activities even though we have only been in session just over a month.

I have appreciated parents dropping by and introducing themselves during Open House or when they are in the building dropping off an item for their son or daughter. Our monthly PAC Meetings have also provided me an opportunity to connect with parents. I am looking forward to getting to know more families in the near future.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents in to school again in a couple of weeks when we schedule parent/teacher interviews. You may also wish to join us for our Remembrance Day Observance in November. Please be sure to check our school calendar for upcoming events, and formal opportunities to spend some time with us in school!

Best regards,

*Glenda Speight*

Principal



## Alternate Pick Up and Drop Off Dates

Once again this year, we will be practicing our alternate pick up (and drop off) location after school once per month. This practice was first started when we had to close the parking lot due to an emergency. Parents did not know where to get their child. As mentioned above, The Northside FourSquare Church, on the corner of David and Lansdowne, has generously allowed our school community to use their parking lot for this important drill. We ask our parents to please be respectful of the IGA parking lot and the Montreux Housing Complex and not use them as pick up locations. The businesses and residents have requested we pass this information to you.

**The parking lot will be closed from 1:30 to 3:30 on the dates below to practice this drill to be prepared for emergencies:**

- **Monday, October 19 (this upcoming Monday!)**
- Monday, November 16
- No December, January or February dates
- Monday, April 18
- Monday, May 16
- No June date

## Halloween in Middle School

We are aware that parents and students have been thinking about costumes already. No student will be permitted to wear a mask covering their face or head.

Please be reminded that we do not allow any costumes that include alcohol, drug or sex references or lifestyle. Likewise, we ask students to leave home any props that represent weapons - no guns, knives or swords.

On a final note, most classes will carry on as usual on **Friday, October 30th**, so it is important that costumes that are worn to school in the morning do not interfere with students' ability to work.

## Interim reports

Interim reports will be sent home on **Tuesday, October 20th**. These will be behavioural based comments, but will not reflect academic progress. Look for them to come home with your child. Our Parent- Teacher conferences will take place a week later on Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th. There will be an early dismissal on both of those days seeing students dismissed at 2pm. If you are requesting an interview, please reply to the bottom portion of the Interim report and return it to your child's teacher.



**Summit Spirit Clothing Now Available Online!!**

Once again this year, families will have the opportunity to order and purchase Summit Wear online!! Order your Summit Gear NOW at <https://summit2015.itemorder.com>. The online link for purchase is open from **Friday, October 16th through November 1st, 2015**. Check out the flyer attachment along with this email. Show your Summit

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As space is limited, we are on a first come, first served basis **ONLY 4 SPOTS REMAINING!!!**



**News from the WAFFLE-O Group!**

The WAFFLE-O group -**We're All Friends, Friends Love Each Other**, with the help of Ms. Asher, Ms. Swanson and Mr. Raghoobarsingh, is a new philanthropic group of students at Summit. The WAFFLE-O students are kicking off their first initiative of the year with a "**We Scare Hunger**" food drive for our local food bank. The donation goal is to reach **1000 non-perishable food items by Monday, November 2nd**. Items can be dropped off by your child in core classrooms daily through October 30th. Thank you for your generosity and let's Scare Hunger Away!!

**Parking Lot and Traffic Squad**

Parents, thank you for being mindful of the Traffic Squad students who are assisting us with the traffic flow in our parking lot during busy morning and afternoon pickup. Drivers must pass through the crosswalk and travel AS FAR DOWN IN THE LEFT OR RIGHT LANES before dropping off or picking up their child. Please refrain from stopping before the crosswalk or parking on it in to drop off your child, for safety reasons. If you are unsure of drop off areas, please go to our website [www.sd43.bc.ca/summit](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/summit), click on "About Summit" then scroll down to "Summit Parking Lot Rules" and "Summit Parking Lot Diagram". These 2 documents will describe to you fully the intended flow of parking and drive through areas on site. Thanks for your mindfulness with our student volunteers and ultimately your assistance in our parking lot during busy times of the day!

<b>SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016</b>	
<b>OCTOBER 2015</b>	
19	Parking Lot Closure/Alternate Pickup
21	<b>Photo Retake Day</b>
23	<b>Pro-D Day (Provincial) School not in session</b>
27	Grade 6 Immunizations
27/28	Parent/Teacher Conferences <b>Early Dismissal 2 p.m. both days</b>
29	Squeak & Squawk Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
01	<b>Set Clocks BACK One Hour - DST Ends</b>
02	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
05	Grade 6 Immunization (make up)
10	<b>Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 a.m.</b>
11	<b>Remembrance Day - School not in session</b>
16	Parking Lot Closure/Alternate Pickup
20	<b>District Day (School not in session)</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2015</b>	
03	First formal report sent home
07	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10	Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m.
18	Last day of school before Winter Vacation
21	Christmas Break/Winter Vacation Period <b>December 21 to January 01</b>
<b>JANUARY 2016</b>	
04	School re-opens
11	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
29	<b>Pro-D Day (School) School not in session</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2016</b>	
08	<b>BC Family Day</b>
19	<b>Pro-D Day (District) School not in session</b>
24	"Pink Shirt" Day
26	Winter Activity Day (all teams)