

**Walton
Elementary**

Walton Elementary School

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**All Walton
families
will need to
sign up for
On-Line
Payment!**

Calendar Dates:

- Friday, February 19th for Professional Day
- 2nd Term Report Cards, Friday, March 4
- Early Dismissal (1:45) for Mandarin Bilingual Program, Wednesday, March 9
- Early Dismissal (1:45) for ALL students, Thursday, March 10
- Spring Break, March 12-28

Our Class Charters

Last spring, we identified the need to create Class Charters as part of our Social Emotional Learning goal

The process began when our staff created a Staff Charter. How do we want to feel when we come to Walton. With this experience in mind, our staff set out to create charters with their students.

A Class Charter is created by students to establish the norms and expectations for maintaining a positive learning environment. The students are accountable to their charter!

Each charter is different as it reflects the unique personalities of each class!

In class, teachers and students

The Lion Returns

Walton Elementary will host the Lion Dance on Tuesday, February 16th. This is part of our Multi-Cultural Day.

The Lion Dance will happen in our gymnasium on Tuesday, February 16th at 11:00am. This event connects with our Chinese New Years and Multi-

refer to the Class Charter when needed. Students can hold each other accountable! This is all part of students regulating their emotions and behaviours in class to reduce distractions and increase learning.



This is a huge accomplishment for our school. Twenty-four classes have created twenty-four Class Charters!

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

Watch for an opportunity to see our Charters in April!

Cultural Day stations.

Parents are welcome to join us in the gym to watch the Lion Dance!



Youth Chinese Test in May!

Our Grade 4s and 5s will be invited to write the Youth Chinese Test on Saturday, May 21st.

The YCT is a standardized, on-line test used world-wide to assess Mandarin learning. The Edmonton Public School District uses the YCT regularly to assess their students.

Last year, our students wrote the YCT for the first time. We learned a lot! All of our Grade 4s passed the test! Our Grade 5s did not do as well because we felt that they had one less year in the program and little experience using keyboard to type in pinyin.

Our Grade 5s are learning to use pinyin on the keyboard!

New Curriculum Coming

The revised BC Curriculum is on the way! The curriculum will be in place on September 2016.

Will it look radically different? We don't think so. Great teaching today will be great teaching under the new curriculum plan.

So what is different?

- There are fewer learning outcomes.

What's Going On At Walton?

Grade 5 Basketball

The Walton Wildcats ride again! Walton is sponsoring a Grade 5 basketball team. 52 students have signed up! We are in the process of scheduling games. Thanks to Mrs. Denton, Mr. Chiang, Ms. Sedlacek and Mr. Finlay for coaching!

Here are our average score compared to one of the Mandarin Bilingual Schools in Edmonton from last year.

Average YCT 3 (Grade 4) score at an Edmonton School was 178.9

Average YCT 3 (Grade 4) score at Walton was 174.

Average YCT 4 score at an Edmonton School was 243.6

Average YCT 4 (Grade 5) at Walton was 189.8.



- There is an emphasis on First People's Principles of Learning.
- Competencies describe what children should be able to do.

Our staff is learning about the curriculum change.

Watch for an opportunity for a Parent

Information Session!

Field Trips to Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden

Divisions 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 will be visiting the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens in Vancouver's historic Chinatown this month. Thanks to the Walton PAC for helping to fund these educational trips.

Readathon Success

We are very pleased with our Readathon! By sponsoring children reading 15 minutes a day, we raised \$13200 in four weeks! Well done Walton!

A Caring and Sharing Concert





Walton Elementary hosted the Winter Concert on December 17th. The classes connected their charity with their performance. We had wonderful performances that featured a variety of songs and dance.

Thanks to Mr. Moshfeghi for the photographs.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

Cross Catchment Application Process 2016 – 2017

Parents can apply for a school outside of their neighbourhood catchment school. Should you want to choose a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school you must be registered at your catchment school and then submit a "Cross Catchment Application" as outlined below. Approval of applications is based on availability of space and facilities.

All Kindergarten students **must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school** on February 2nd, 3rd or 4th **before** completing a Cross Catchment Application, **except** those students with siblings at the requested school (please see below).

Confirmation of Sibling Status Grade 1-12 students, who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment, will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will be in attendance when the student begins at the out of catchment school). Parents need to complete the cross catchment application confirming sibling status.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance when the student begins at the out of catchment school) and are requested to register at the sibling's school. Therefore parents do not need to fill out a cross catchment application verifying sibling status.

Features of the 2016-2017 Cross Catchment Process:

- There are two separate applications:
 - Kindergarten Cross Catchment
 - Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment (including a section to confirm sibling status)
- **Applications will be accepted starting February 5th @ 9:00 a.m. and close February 17th at 4:30 p.m.**
- The District is encouraging use of the electronic version of the application form accessed through the District website (www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning February 5th at 9:00 a.m.
- The school locator on the district web site provides a student's designated catchment area schools.
Catchment is based on permanent home address.
 - Paper forms will also be available at all schools as of February 5th at 9:00 a.m.
 - All completed paper applications must be returned **in person or by mail** to the School district Office at 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7 by the closing date. **Faxed or email copies will not be accepted.**
 - The application requires student or PEN number (can be obtained from your child's school), child's birth date, home address, name of current or assigned school, and the name of the requested school. Kindergarten requests do not need to provide the student number/PEN number.
- Process details:
 - Applications will be processed based on the **availability of space in schools** and on a **first come-first served basis (in-district priority then out-of-district)**.
 - Approval of a cross catchment application is only applicable to the designated school requested by the student and assigned by the district. Changing levels from elementary to middle or middle to secondary school, outside of the student's assigned catchment school requires a further cross catchment application and approval.
 - The system will automatically mark the time the District receives the application for the online process.
 - The receptionist will mark the date and time of all paper copies as they are received at the front desk in the School Board Office.
 - The District will then enter the paper applications into the online system and record the appropriate date and time.
 - The process will close promptly at 4:30 p.m. on February 17th.
 - The District response to cross catchment applications will be communicated in writing and/or email during the week of March 7th-11th, 2016.

Important Information about Schools at Capacity:

A cross catchment application does not guarantee approval of the cross catchment request as many factors influence the number of cross catchment requests that each individual school can accommodate. For example, a number of schools have reached capacity and it is anticipated they will continue to be in this position for the next few years. Please be aware that the District can only approve cross catchment applications up to the current and future available space in any given school and students within the catchment have priority for placement.

The following schools are anticipated to be at capacity for 2016-2017 school year:

Aspenwood, Blakeburn, Glen, Glenayre, Heritage Mountain, Irvine, James Park, Leigh, Mary Hill, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Riverview Park, and Walton Elementary Schools.

Eagle Mountain, Hillcrest, Kwayhquitlum, Pitt River and Scott Creek Middle Schools.

Dr. Charles Best and Heritage Woods Secondary Schools.

While applications are accepted for all schools, please be aware that the District can only approve 'cross catchment applications' if space and facilities are available.

February 2016

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Family Day</i>	9 <i>Pro. D. NEW!</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 <i>Lion Dance 11:00am</i>	17	18	19 <i>Pro. D.</i>	20
21	22 <i>PAC Meeting at 6:45</i>	23	24	25	26	27
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March 2016

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		1	2	3	4 <i>Report Cards</i>	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Early Dis- missal for Mandarin students at 1:45</i>	10 <i>Early Dis- missal for ALL stu- dents at 1:45</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19

20 *Spring* 21 22 23 *Break* 24 25 26

27	28 <i>Easter Monday</i>	29 <i>School Re-opens</i>	30	31	
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