

WALTON ELEMENTARY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

COMMUNICATION AT WALTON

Want the latest news about our great school?

Check your email or follow us on our Twitter account.

Mrs. McMeiken and Mr. Mah have been building an email distribution list so that we can send out information to parents instantaneously. This could range from important events, emergency situations, snow closure days, or late, breaking news!



I would like to thank the parents, students and staff of Walton Elementary for the warm welcome I received at the beginning of the month. I would like to thank, in particular, Mrs. McMeiken, for all of her work transitioning me to this great school.

Walton Elementary is my sixth administrative assignment, and one that I am looking forward to working with you.

From a newcomers perspective, Walton Elementary is a wonderful school.

Let me share with you some of my initial observations:

- I presented at a professional day and was excited with how receptive the staff were to new ideas.
- I attended a PAC meeting in January and appreciated how supportive the parents were of the school.
- I've met many students and have been touched with their smiles!

- I watched the Lunar New Year concert and was amazed at the parent audience turnout (over 250!).

I am looking forward to working with the Walton learning community and cannot thank you enough for the wonderful start.

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

UPCOMING DATES!

- PAC Meeting, Monday, February 17, 6:45pm
- Student Led Conferences, February 20. 1:45 Early Dismissal.
- Professional Day, February 21. School closed.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Thursday, February 20th

Dismissal at 1:45.

Please notify your daycare providers of the early pick up time.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CONCERT

The first week of February featured two big Lunar New Year events.

Our students saw the Lion Dance on Monday, February 3rd. The lion ate and spat out the ceremonial lettuce, which symbolizes good luck.

On Thursday, February 6th, our Mandarin Bilingual classes hosted a Lunar New Year concert.

The students performed various songs and plays.

They did a wonderful job. Thanks to the staff for putting on a great Lunar New Year concert.

We estimated 250 parents, both from our Mandarin and neighbourhood programs, joined us for the concert.



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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

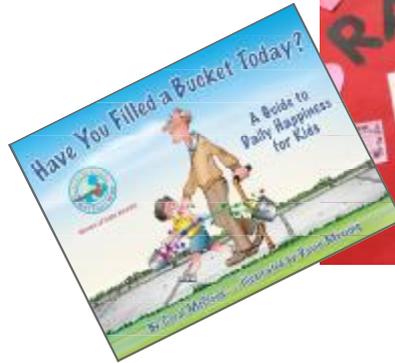
February is Random Acts of Kindness. We are featuring our kindness on a bulletin board, near the gymnasium. Thanks to Mrs. Rae for setting up our board.

Kindness starts with action and being aware that our actions have an affect on others.

The book *Have you Filled a Bucket Today?* talks about kind, thoughtful actions as being "bucket filling"; and

unkind, unhelpful actions as "bucket dipping".

We want Walton to be a bucket filling school!



PUBLIC SPEAKING FESTIVAL

Walton Elementary will be hosting the School District #43 North Zone Public Speaking Festival on February 27th, 9:00-12:00pm. Please expect heavier than usual traffic in our neighbourhood as children from different schools will be presenting at Walton.

The City of Coquitlam has lifted parking restrictions on LaSalle and Walton Avenue

for this event.

We are excited to host this event on behalf of the school district.

We are hosting our own internal festival on Tuesday, February 18th, 10:45-12:00



Walton Elementary will expand next year with the addition of two new classrooms! Construction begins this Summer!

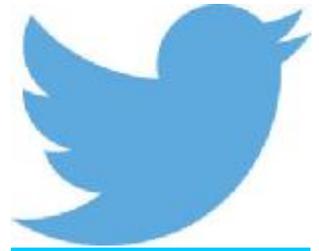
GRADE 5 BASKETBALL

Thanks to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sluis, Mr. Craik, Mr. Finlay, Mrs. Sadowski and Mr. Chiang for coaching our Grade 5 basketball team.

On Wednesday, February 12th, the boys and girls team travelled to Coquitlam River Elementary for an exhibition game!



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COQUITLAM EXPRESS VISIT!

The Coquitlam Express hockey team visited Walton on February 4! After reading to six primary classes, the team took on Team Walton.

Our Grade 4s played the Express in an exhibition game. Coached by Mr. Craik and refereed by Mrs. McMeiken, the game was fun for all.

The game ended with an autograph session!

