

WALTON ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 24, 2014

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AT WALTON



Think of a time that you've gone to work, very upset. It's tough to focus on your job when you're distracted by an event that caused upset. This is the same as children who come to school. They can be distracted from learning.

We'd like to improve student growth in Social-Emotional development

We are hoping, as a result, that our students develop greater leadership skills, exhibit more attention in class, and are more engaged with their learning. We also see increased pro-social behaviour.

All of these conditions reduce the distractions that many children face when learning.

I attended a session with Miriam Miller last week. Six members of our staff will be working with Miriam Miller, an expert in this field.

Members of our staff will be working with Miriam Miller in Social Emotional Learning. Some of the behaviours at Walton distract children from their learning. Playground issues, classroom behaviour etc. all have an effect on learning.

Watch for more information on our school goal as we begin

deep staff collaboration in January to begin examining Miriam's ideas on Social Emotional Learning.

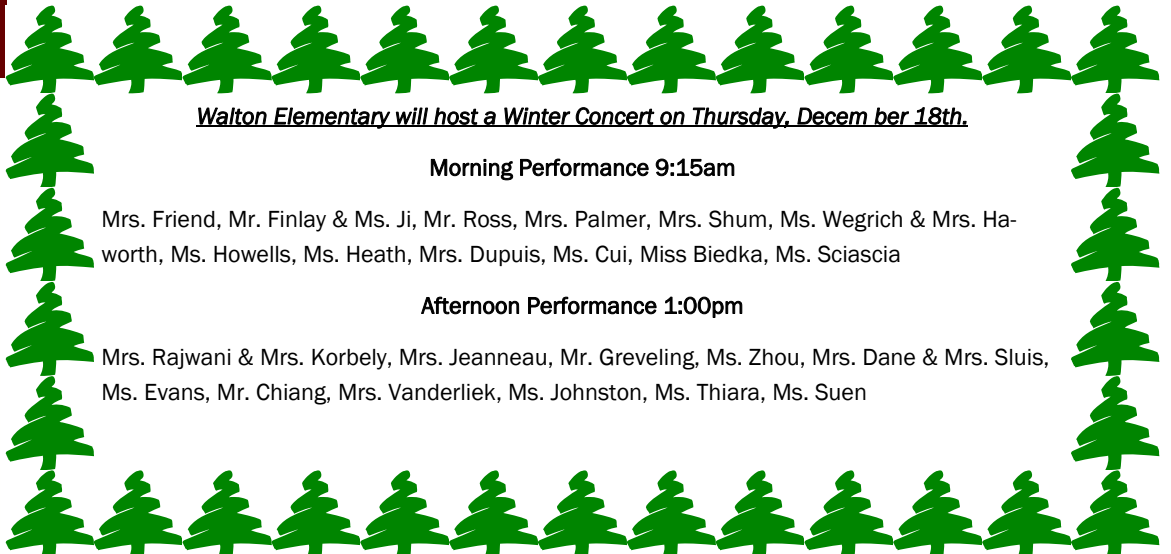
Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

WINTER CONCERT

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Last day of school before Winter Break, Friday, December 19th. Dismissal at 2:45
- School Re-Opens Monday, January 5, 2015



Walton Elementary will host a Winter Concert on Thursday, December 18th.

Morning Performance 9:15am

Mrs. Friend, Mr. Finlay & Ms. Ji, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Shum, Ms. Wegrich & Mrs. Hawthorn, Ms. Howells, Ms. Heath, Mrs. Dupuis, Ms. Cui, Miss Biedka, Ms. Sciascia

Afternoon Performance 1:00pm

Mrs. Rajwani & Mrs. Korbely, Mrs. Jeanneau, Mr. Greveling, Ms. Zhou, Mrs. Dane & Mrs. Sluis, Ms. Evans, Mr. Chiang, Mrs. Vanderliek, Ms. Johnston, Ms. Thiara, Ms. Suen

MANDARIN ROADTRIP

Our staff continues to develop our Mandarin Bilingual Program. It's a journey to define our program, for students, parents and staff.

As you know, our program is based on the Edmonton School District Mandarin program. It has been several years since Walton has been in communication with our Edmonton counterparts.

I'm pleased to announce that a team of Walton staff, along with Principal Rob Foot from Scott Creek Middle School, travelled to Edmonton on November 17 and 18th.

Incoming Superintendent Patricia Gartland also joined our team.

I would like to thank the Confucius Institutes of Coquitlam and Edmonton for making this trip possible.

The Mandarin Bilingual teachers have been collabo-

rating regularly to develop a scope and sequence of learning outcomes for their class. This work is important in aligning learning expectations from one grade to the next grade.

Stay tuned for a report about our Edmonton trip!



Our Mandarin language teachers have been collaborating frequently.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Parents and Families,

The *Scholastic Book Fair* is coming to our school.

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us.

On **Tuesday, December 2nd and Wednesday, December 3rd** the book fair will be open from **2:50 pm to 6pm** in our school gym.

Don't forget to enter our Family Event Draw. You could win \$50 in books - \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom! Look for the entry form sent home with your child this week.

Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6 goes back to our school? This allows us to purchase needed books and educational resources.

We hope you will join us.

Ms. Augustyn

Walton Elementary School Library



COMMUNICATING CONCERNS

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please contact the teacher directly. We would like to address any concerns or issues in a timely manner.

We ask that parents avoid any "playground or parking lot chat" in regards to questions about the classroom and address those concerns directly with the teacher.

If you have any questions about the Mandarin Bilingual Program as a whole, please contact Mr. Mah.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Walton Elementary hosted our annual Remembrance Day Celebration on Friday, November 7th.

Thanks to Mrs. Dupuis, Ms. Cui and Mrs. Sluis for their class performances.

Each class prepared a wreath for our ceremony. Bagpiper Scott McClure led our wreath layers to the front of the gym. Lest we forget.



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

Walton Elementary

Support our school! Start your shopping early!

December 2nd and 3rd, 2:50-6:00pm
Location: Gymnasium

There will be hundreds of books and items for sale. Some of the profit goes to support our library! Last year, \$1500 in profit came back to our library! Help support our school!



TERRY FOX RUN

Walton Elementary raised \$2277.10 for the Terry Fox Foundation! We had a very wet run but the school stayed true to the spirit of Terry Fox!

Our event began in the gym with Mrs. Friend and Mrs. Sadowski and the moved outside for a wet run! Thanks to our parent volunteers for supervising the route!



November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Remembrance Day at 10:45 Interim Reports	8
9	10 Non-Instructional Day	11 Remembrance Day	12 Hot Lunch	13	14	15
16	17 PAC Meeting at 6:45	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Movenber at Walton	26	27	28	29
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December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Book Fair	2 Book Fair Photo Re-Takes	3 Book Fair	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Hot Lunch	11	12	13
14	15	16 Dress Rehearsal	17	18 Winter Concert	19 Last Day of school. Report Cards	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 School Re-opens	6	7 Mandarin Program Only: Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews at 1:45	8 All Students: Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews at 1:45	9	10
11	12	13 Open House for New Kindergarten Mandarin Program	14	15	16	17
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CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS FOR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Background

On occasion, it is necessary to temporarily close a school facility when extreme weather conditions might endanger the health and safety of students. The decision to close may also involve a discussion with the Medical Health Office, the police, or transportation personnel.

In the case of extreme weather conditions, the Superintendent or designate has authority, on behalf of the Board, to temporarily close a school.

Procedures

1. As a general expectation, parents are to be advised that schools are open. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) by 7:30 a.m. if possible. Wherever possible, the decision will be announced the previous day to enable parents more time to make alternate arrangements for their children.
2. When schools are closed for extreme weather conditions, they are closed for students. If the closure is communicated prior to school opening, schools are also closed for staff. All staff will be paid for this day.
3. If school is in session when the closure is announced, staff members are expected to stay and assist with the dismissal of students. Unless the situation is unsafe for staff (as determined by the principal in consultation with the assistant superintendent) they would be expected to work the remainder of the school day.
4. Administrators are expected to complete and have on file a "School Extreme Weather Closure Plan" (Form F-132-1). If a school were to be closed for extreme weather conditions, this plan outlines procedures to ensure the safety of any students that may arrive at school. This plan also provides for communicating with the district office and maintenance regarding school circumstances (attendance information, school conditions, immediate needs). This plan also lists the core group of staff, that includes the principal, to fulfill these functions.
5. The cancellation of a bus run does not mean that schools are closed. When a bus runs early in the afternoon, the safety of elementary students must be ensured.
6. During school electrical, water or heating failures, early student dismissal will be based on the prognosis obtained by the Principal on:
 - 5.1 heating/temperature conditions
 - 5.2 light availability in washroom and work areas
 - 5.3 recovery time estimated by BC Hydro, BC Gas or Manager of Maintenance
 - 5.4 student age

Halloween at Walton!





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WELCOME TO WALTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
WHERE WE STRIVE TO
CREATE A CARING,
RESPECTFUL
COMMUNITY OF
LEARNERS. THE
SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS
FOCUSED ON CREATING
A SOCIALLY
RESPONSIBLE SCHOOL
CLIMATE TO ENHANCE
STUDENT LEARNING

Walton PAC presents...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2014

6:30 PM SHOWTIME

INSIDE THE WALTON ELEMENTARY GYM

TICKETS: \$3/PERSON AT THE DOOR or \$10 FOR FAMILY OF 4

CONCESSION OPENS AT 6:00 PM

All money raised from Movie Night will help fund the
Tot Lot Playground Replacement Project.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for Share. Each item you bring for Share gets you an entry for a draw for a prize during intermission! The more items you bring, the more times your name will be entered into the draw!

We need your help during Movie Night! Please sign up to help at www.waltonpac.ca/volunteer

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ALLERGIES AND EPI PENS

Walton Elementary has grown so large that we need to re-examine how students with allergies store their Epi-Pens.

We are encouraging students to keep their Epi-Pen with them at all times. In the event of immediate need, we will not spend time trying to locate the Epi-Pen. This can be carried in a fannypack.

If you feel that the Epi-Pen does not need to be carried

on your child's person at all times, it will be stored in their backpack. This will allow our staff to more easily locate the Epi-Pen if needed.

Ideally the school would have 2 epi-pens but we understand that the cost of these items can be expensive.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.