

**Walton  
Elementary**



# The Wildcat Newsletter

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**September 2016**

**Open  
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Thurs  
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5:30-  
6:30**

## **Walton Fun Facts**

- One of the largest elementary schools in SD43! We estimate 567 students starting with us! This makes us the most populous elementary school in the Tri-Cities.
- Office365 has now been moved to a Canadian Microsoft Server! No need for permission to use it!

## **Welcome Back!**

I'd like to welcome everyone back to Walton for another great year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break! One of the telling signs of my summer break is whether my fluorescent traffic vest still fits or not!

You've probably heard a lot about BC's new curriculum. There was certainly a lot of TV and radio coverage about the new curriculum starting this year.

There certainly has been a change in some of the content areas that was covered in certain grades. You'll see an emphasis on First People's perspectives as well. We'll be talking more about Core Competencies as we move along in the year.

Why does education change?

When I was in elementary school in the 70's, mathematics was adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. As adults, we relate mathematics to these operations.

Over the past ten years, we've realized that students also need to learn about the application of numeracy and processing information.

In the 70's, social studies was based on memorizing dates and historical events. We're now looking at social studies as a chance to learn about our interactions with each other and our environment.

Education changes as a reflection of what we anticipate children will need when they graduate.

The re-designed curriculum is anticipating the skills and knowledge our students will

need in the future.

Think of this: Our new kindergarten students will graduate in 2029!

We know that children will need to be good digital citizens as technology has amplified everything we do. They will have to learn how to process and communicate information.

I am re-assured every day when I see much of what we do at Walton is already in the spirit of British Columbia's revised curriculum.

Thanks for reading! Welcome back!

Mr. C. Mah  
Principal

## **Housekeeping**

### **Calendar**

Did you know that you can find the latest, up to date calendar on our school website?

### **Litterless Lunch**

Walton adopted the Litterless Lunch philosophy last year.

We are asking students to bring home their recycling and food scraps. If you recall, last year we were unable to manage the food scraps and empty juice boxes of 500 children every day! #fruitflies

### **Bell Schedule**

We are aiming for all children to arrive at school by the first bell at 8:50am.

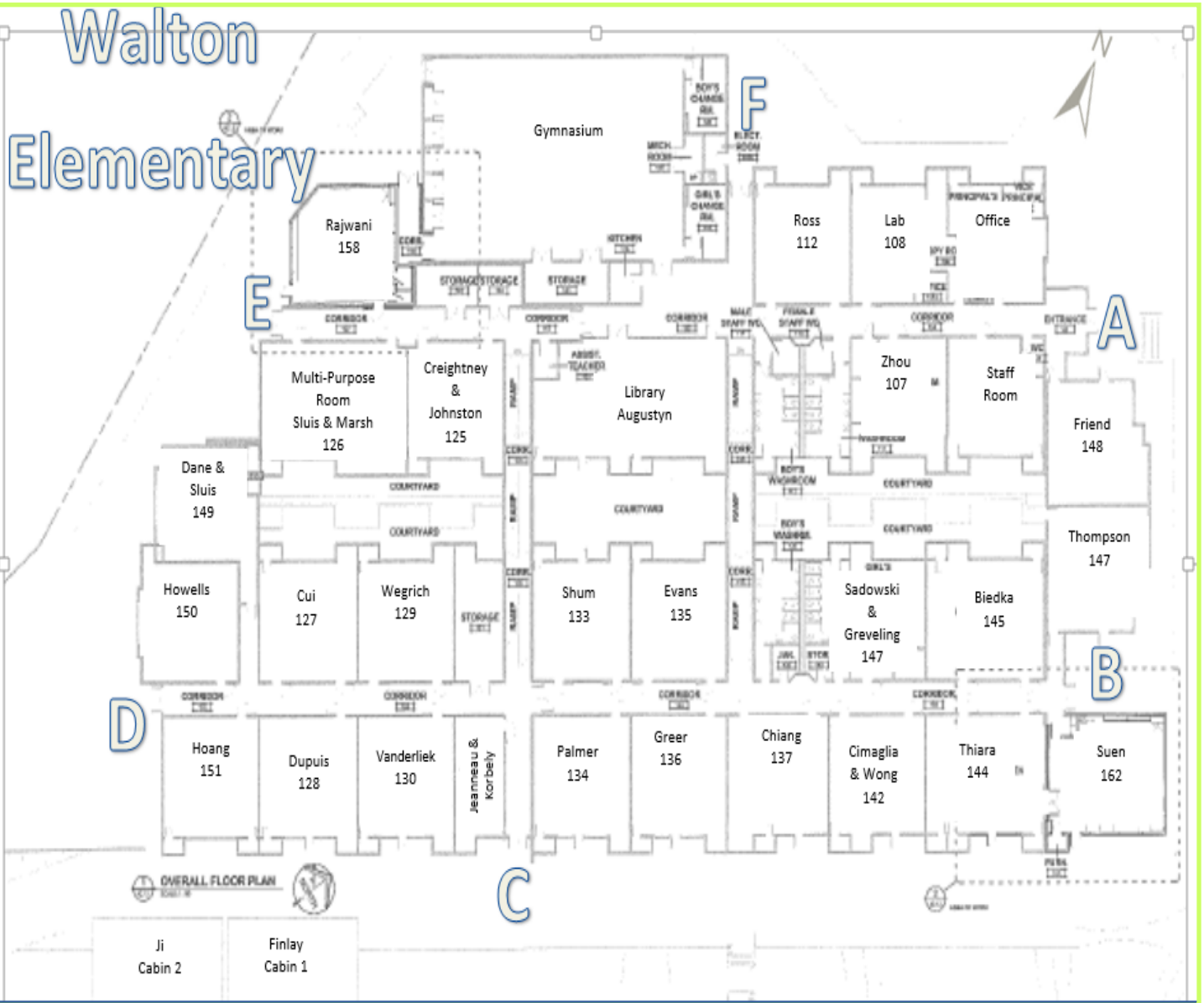
# Classroom Teachers

Div	Teacher	Grade	Room
1	Mrs. Rajwani & Ms. Charles	5	158
2	Mr. Finlay	5 Mandarin Bilingual	Cabin 1
3	Mrs. Friend	4/5	148
4	Ms. Ji	5 Mandarin Bilingual	Cabin 2
5	Mrs. Creightney & Ms. Martz	4/5	125
6	Mr. Ross	4 Mandarin Bilingual	112
7	Mrs. Greer	3/4	136
8	Ms. Zhou	4 Mandarin Bilingual	107
9	Ms. Wegrich & Ms. Hussein	3	129
10	Mrs. Palmer	3 Mandarin Bilingual	134
11	Mrs. Thompson	3	148
12	Mrs. Shum (On Leave)	3 Mandarin Bilingual	133
13	Mrs. Dane & Mrs. Sluis	2	149
14	Ms. Evans	2 Mandarin Bilingual	135
15	Ms. Howells	2	150
16	Mr. Chiang	2 Mandarin Bilingual	137
17	Mrs. Hoang & Ms. Charles	1	151
18	Mrs. Dupuis	1 Mandarin Bilingual	128
19	Mrs. Vanderliek	1	130
20	Ms. Cui	1 Mandarin Bilingual	127
21	Ms. Biedka	Kindergarten	145
22	Ms. Thiara	Kindergarten Mandarin	144
23	Mrs. Cimaglia & Mrs. Wong	Kindergarten	142
24	Ms. Zhang (Ms. Suen on leave)	Kindergarten Mandarin	162

# Non-Enrolling Teachers and Support Staff

Teacher	Assignment	Room
Mrs. Sadowski	Student Services	143
Mr. Greveling	Student Services	143
Mrs. Jeanneau	Student Services	132
Mrs. Korbely	Student Services	132
Ms. Charles	Student Services	132
Mrs. Metcalfe	Counsellor and Student Services	109
Ms. Augustyn	Librarian	Library
Mrs. Sluis	Challenge and Drama Program	126
Mr. Marsh	Music	126
Ms. Lina	Speech and Language	122
Support Staff	Assignment	
Mrs. Gradiner	Secretary	
Ms. Choachuy	Secretary	
Mrs. Prochazka	Educational Assistant	
Ms. St. Pierre	Educational Assistant	
Ms. Gavin	Educational Assistant	
Mrs. Johnston	Educational Assistant	
Mrs. White	Educational Assistant/Braille	
Mr. Belfare	Caretaker (Afternoon)	
Mrs. Peirovi	Caretaker (Afternoon)	
Mrs. Cordoni	Caretaker (Morning)	
Mrs. Eslami	Noon Hour Supervisor	
Mrs. Hosseinzadeh	Noon Hour Supervisor	
Mrs. Ip	Noon Hour Supervisor	
Mrs. Dobbs	Noon Hour Supervisor	
Administration	Assignment	
Mrs. Denton	Vice-Principal	
Mr. Mah	Principal	

# Walton School Map



# Our Social Emotional Learning Goal

## Our Goal:

To improve student learning through social emotional learning, self-regulation and problem solving skills.

## Community Engagement:

Parents were invited to complete the Social Emotional Learning Index in April 2016. The results were used to compare to the teacher completed results in May 2016. 276 responses were recorded, which is approximately half the school population.

Social Emotional Learning is often featured in school newsletters and PAC Meetings. In the May PAC Meetings, parents were provided with a brief in-service on the Mood Meter.

Parents were invited to our Learning Celebration on April 27 & 28 that highlighted the work the children did with their Class Charters.

Our goal was shared at a Learning Celebration on April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. The video was premiered on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Students were the stars of an 11 minute documentary video highlighting

## Welcome New Staff

Welcome Mrs. Greer to Walton. Mrs. Greer will be teaching our Grade 3/4 class this year. Mrs. Greer previously taught at Mountain View Elementary!

Welcome Mrs. Wong. Mrs. Wong joins us from Eagle Ridge Elementary. She will be teaching kindergarten along with Mrs. Cimaglia on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Welcome Ms. Charles. Ms. Charles has just returned from maternity leave!

our Class Charters

Our APL related activities were regularly featured in newsletters, Twitter and emails.

## Planned Actions for 2016-2017

- Implement a Daily SEL practice in all classrooms. Currently the staff have received training in the Mood Meter.
- Establish Class Charters by October 31, 2016
- Establish a School-Wide Charter that has common elements from all 24 Class Charters.
- Continue with professional development focused on Social Emotional Learning.
  - Continue with a Learning Celebration in April 2017.

## Monitoring

- Parent SEL Index Survey in March 2017
- Student SEL Index Self-Assessment Survey in April 2017

She has taken on the job of teaching Grade 1, Grade 5 and student services! Ms. Charles has already jumped in and led a Morning Fitness! Welcome!

We also welcome back Ms. Hussein and Mrs. Martz. Ms. Hussein returns as Mrs. Wegrich's job share partner. Mrs. Martz returns as Mrs. Creightney's partner, until Mrs. Johnston's return.

Welcome Mrs. Peirovi! Mrs. Peirovi is our evening caretaker. She replaces Mr. Olpretean who took a position at

- Teacher SEL Index Survey in May 2017



**Watch  
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Mrs. Choachuy is our new second secretary. She'll be working in our office alongside Mrs. Gradiner on alternating weeks.

## Register for eForms now!

Register for **eForms**! *You'll need to do this to be on our email list.* You can complete all school policy forms. Please read and provide consent by clicking on:

Go to [www.sd43.bc.ca/walton](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/walton) and click on

Parent  
eForms



### You can complete:

- School Policy
  - Code of Conduct
  - Digital Responsibility
  - Lost/Damaged Textbooks
  - Walking Field Trip Permission Forms
  - Student Photo/Video for Newsletter, Website
  - Release of Information under Special Circumstances
  - Social Media Release: Twitter & Youtube
- Medical Alert
- Volunteer Application
- Complete the School Volunteer on-line form
- Complete Driver's Volunteer on-line form
- Complete ICBC Driver's Abstract request (Call: 1-800-950-1498) and have information emailed to [walton@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:walton@sd43.bc.ca) or fax: 604-937-8040)

Online  
Payments

- Register for School Cash On-Line
  - You only need to do this if you are new to Coquitlam School District or didn't do this last year!

# September 2016

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# October 2016

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*Thanksgiving  
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*Halloween*





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*A Learning Community*

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## Follow us at @waltonsd43!

Did you know that Walton has a Twitter site! We have 527 followers! Consider following our school to get the latest updates and any late breaking news! Remember that we communicate any emergencies to you quickly with our Twitter site. We try to tweet daily! Our Twitter site is also embedded on our school webpage!



## We Have a Youtube Channel!

Walton Elementary has a Youtube channel! We have twelve videos on our channel right now. This is an opportunity for our school to share video files with the school community! You can see our Walton Wildcat's year end performance or watch

our Class Charter Learning Celebration video!

