



James Park News March 2019

Together We Can ... Learn, Belong, Take Care of each other and this place

Please help us as we strive to do our best at school

Dear Parents/Guardians

Barb Watmough...

Is retiring! After a loooong time working at James Park, one of our noon hour supervisors Ms. Watmough (aka Ninja Grandma - was she known as Ninja Mum 20 years ago???) has decided to retire. We are sad and happy at the same time that she has made this decision. Even though I have not been at James nearly as long as Ms. Watmough has been, I know she has impacted the kids on a daily basis while supervising them on the playground and inside the school. Not having her here every day will be a big loss and she will surely be missed. I will remember Ms. Watmough as appearing tough as nails on the outside, but as having that heart of gold for all. Her supervisor vest full of treats, nick knacks and her huge smile will surely be missed at James Park. All the best to your retirement, Barb! Come and visit from time to time....you don't have to stay for the full hour 😊.

RAKs

Thank you to all of you who have supported our Random Acts of Kindness initiative. Not only did we encourage students to demonstrate kindness, but we also raised over \$3,500 for the breakfast program! Thank you for the amazing support! Ms. Kolbe and students, as well as Ms. Ponsart, THANK YOU for organizing this event for the benefit of our community!

Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program continues to be extremely popular. An average of 130 individuals participate every morning - thanks to our incredible staff and volunteers who spend hours every week preparing healthy, delicious breakfasts. From an administrator's perspective, I can tell you for a fact that our breakfast program has earned a reputation in the district (and probably beyond). In fact, a number of my colleagues have visited our school to experience the program, looking at ways to start one in their schools. If you would like to contribute or know someone who would like to donate food, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Report Cards

The second formal reports were sent home last Friday, March 8. Please keep in mind that a report card is a snapshot of your child's progress in school. In many cases, you already know how your child is doing since you have been staying in touch with his/her teacher throughout the term. Please do not hesitate to book appointments directly with teachers if you have questions related to your child's progress at any time during the school year.

Traffic

On another serious note, by-law traffic enforcement officers have shown up in front of our school due to the many concerns expressed by parents and students. They will issue tickets to those who speed, do U-turns and violate parking restrictions. Please ensure that you stick to the rules and, more importantly, that you do not risk the safety of our children. Please stick to the 30 km/h speed limit as your max and do NOT use the staff parking lot after 8:40 a.m. Do not use the handicapped parking stalls unless you have a handicapped parking pass. Your cooperation - with and without by-law enforcement - is appreciated.

Toy-Weapons at School

I would like to begin this portion by quoting from a parent email I received recently.

I was hoping that you could maybe address this at school and hopefully send out an email to parents that any sort of weapons, even if they are supposed to be "toys" are absolutely unacceptable on school grounds. In my opinion, it shouldn't really matter whether it's during or after school.

Fact #1: Any use or possession of real weapons on school property is considered an illegal act.

Fact #2: Weapon like toys are not real weapons and possessing them is not an illegal act.

Fact #3: More often than not, kids using even toy weapons tend to display behavior unfitting for children; play tends to quickly morph to the undesirable: the re-enactment of actual aggression, harm, suffering and even war.

Conclusion: Children bringing even toy weapons to school is discouraged. As such, parents, I am asking for your support: zero toy weapons on school property is the goal. James Park Elementary is committed to being not only a safe place, but a friendly, winsome and positive place to be.

Join us for a special screening of

SCREENAGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: Como Lake Middle School
WHEN: Wed., April 17 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm
WHERE: Como Lake Middle in Music Room
TICKETS: Free – Sponsored by Como Lake PAC
Please RSVP to dstewart@sd43.bc.ca

screenagersmovie.com



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GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

EDUCATOR DISCUSSION GUIDE

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This *Screenagers* Educator Discussion Guide is intended to support you in your classroom as you review the film and discuss its impact with your students. The guide contains a synopsis of many of the film's **main stories**, references to **research studies** featured in the film, and sample **discussion questions**.

ABOUT THE FILM

Runtime: 68 minutes. **Directed by:** Delaney Ruston, M.D.

Screenagers is about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance. After seeing the film, people tell us that they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What scenes or moments in the film stand out in your mind as significant? Why?
- What did you learn from this film?
- If you could ask anyone in the film a question, whom would you choose and what would you ask him or her?

Making your summer plans yet?

Summer Learning is coming to Smiling Creek!

Elementary: July 9-26 9am-12pm

K to 1 Transition, Fine Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Montessori, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Science - Outdoor Focus:

Aspenwood, Bramblewood, Coquitlam River, Glen, Kilmer, Miller

*Park, Pinetree Way, Porter, **Smiling Creek (New!)**. Registration starts April 26/19*



Middle: July 9-26 8:45am-11:45am

Art, Band, Creative Writing, Drama, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated Studies, Language Arts, Mathematics, Montessori, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Science Grade 6/7 (Ecology/Outdoor Focus), Tech Ed: *Hillcrest, Kway, Scott Creek. Registration starts April 30/19*

Secondary Skill Building: July 9-26 8:30-11:30am & 12:00-3:00pm

English, English for School Success, Math, Band, Science, Fitness, Tech Ed, PE/Leadership: *Centennial, Gleneagle. Registration starts April 30/19*

Secondary Remedial: July 9-26 8:30-11:30am & 12:00-3:00pm

Grade 9/10 Math, English, Social Studies, Science. *Centennial. (Registration is by referral only, see your school counsellor for details).*

Advanced (High School) Credit: Face-to-face & Online blended (Fast Track):

July 3 - August 9 8:00-11:30am & 12:00-3:30pm

Gr 10, 11, and 12 courses in English, Mathematics & Sciences. EAL 10 & 11 courses, Career Life Education (Planning), Fitness & Conditioning 11/12, PE 10/11, Social Studies 10/11

Centennial, Gleneagle. Registration starts May 3/19

See our website for full info: www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

- ⇒ This summer all courses will align with the new BC revised curriculum
- ⇒ All courses taught by BC Certified teachers
- ⇒ Tuition is free for BC residents (International fees apply otherwise)
- ⇒ 14 school locations throughout the Tri Cities.
- ⇒ Opportunities for high school students to volunteer



School Calendar – Days to Remember!

James Park

March 15th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dog Day – deadline March 8th (Munch-a-lunch)
March 15th	Full Day, Last Day before Spring Break
March 16th – March 31st SPRING BREAK	
April 1st	School Back in Session
April 2nd	After School Program Registration closes today
April 3rd	Kernals Popcorn – deadline March 17th (Munch-a-lunch)
April 12th	School Wide Pow Pow
April 12th	Hot Lunch – Pizza Day - Deadline April 7th (Munch-a-lunch)
April 19th	Good Friday – School not in session
April 22nd	Easter Monday – School not in session
April 25th	Hot Lunch- Sushi Day – deadline April 21st (Munch-a-lunch)
April 25th	Early Dismissal Day 1:53PM
April 26th	District Pro- D Day
May 1st	Frozen Yogart Day – deadline April 24th (Munch-a-lunch)
May 10th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dog Day – deadline May 6th (Munch-a-lunch)
May 20th	Victoria Day – School not in session
May 24th	Hot Lunch – Chinese Food – deadline May 17th (Munch-a-lunch)
May 31st	Pro D Day – School Based
June 5th	Ice Cream Sandwich Day – Deadline June 2nd (Munch-a-lunch)
June 21st	HOT LUNCH – Pizza Day – Deadline June 16th (Munch-a-lunch)
June 27th	Early Dismissal on Last day of school 1:53pm

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

School Calendar 2018-2019

DESIGNATION	
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 4
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 21
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 19
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, Nov. 9
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, Nov. 12
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 21
Winter vacation period	Dec. 24 – Jan. 4
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 7
School Not in Session	Friday, Feb. 15
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 18
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 22
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 15
Spring vacation period	Mar. 18 – 29
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, Apr. 1
Good Friday	Friday, Apr. 19
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr. 22
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 26
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 27
Administrative Day	Friday, June 28

**** Please note: an additional 2 school-based non –instructional days will be selected by each school.**

***** Jan 25th 2019 School Based Pro-D James Park**

***** May 31st 2019 School Based Pro-D James Park**