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Hello Everyone!

WOW, that was fast!! 2015-16 gone already, just like that!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have made me feel welcome in my first year at Eagle Ridge. A new school is always a learning curve – every community is unique. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the staff, the students and their parents, though name memorization is “kids-first”, as you can imagine.

June is one of our busiest months, with the weather just right for field trips in the outdoors. Every class seems to be going somewhere. The grade 5s have already been on their activity day, which was a huge success. On Thursday, we bid our official farewell to the Grade 5 students. It will be an exciting day for them. Middle School beckons and they are very excited about their pending transition. They are ready to go and they will LOVE it!

A big thank you to the members of our hard-working **Parent Advisory Council!** Their commitment to the Eagle Ridge community is unconditional – I don't know what we'd do without them. They have raised money for technology, arts presentations, dance week, classroom enhancements, playgrounds and they have pitched in elsewhere as they can. In addition, PAC executive members have volunteered their time in classrooms, to distribute fruits and vegetables, to plan for special activities and to staff those activities as needed. They are true ambassadors for Eagle Ridge. Please consider coming out to the PAC meetings next year.

At this time, we are not sure what our student numbers will be in September – as ever, there is a fluctuating list of students coming and going. Our Kindergarten enrolment looks like it will be similar to September 2015 – around 66. As usual, staff will take the first week of September to create class lists. It is not until then that we can determine what our grade configurations will be. Once we know how many students of each grade will be in a class, the teachers very carefully consider the groups they put together in any particular grade. They consider many factors in their deliberations and it is for that reason that we reserve the decision-making for the school level.

Some staff members are leaving us at the end of June. Michael Cummings and Clark Perry-Bater are retiring, and we wish them well in their future endeavors! Ms Stephanie Wong is leaving us to take a Kindergarten position in another school – we wish her all the best! Ms Jill Denman, Ms Kelly Kroeker and Ms Minxi Wilson are also leaving for new opportunities in the district. We thank all of these good people for their contributions to our school community.

SEPTEMBER 2016

September 6, 2016 is the first day of school for students in grades 1 to 5. Students arrive at 9 a.m. as usual, and they report to their classroom from the previous year. **They stay for only 20 minutes**, just enough time for us to do an accurate count of attendance. It is very important that all children attend on that day, because the count is an official one. If your child will be absent on September 6, please email us at Irishmond@sd43.bc.ca no sooner than the day before, to let Mrs. Richmond know.

New Kindergarten students will not attend on September 6 – a separate memo will be sent to K parents explaining how the first two weeks will work for them.

REMINDERS

The last day of school for students is, Wednesday, June 29th. Students will be dismissed at 12:00pm. Report cards will be given out on this day. If your child is not in attendance his/her report card will be available for pick up at the office in September, we will not be mailing out unclaimed report cards. The office will be closing on July 6nd at 3:00pm and will reopen August 29th at 9:00am.

School reopens for students on Tuesday, September 6th from 9:00am – 9:20, Wednesday, September 7th, is a regular day and students attend from 8:55am – 2:55pm (grades 1 – 5).

Please contact the school if your child will NOT be in attendance on Tuesday, September 6th.

STUDENTS MOVING

Please let the office know if you will be moving over the summer and your child will not be returning to Eagle Ridge for September 2016.

PAC MEETING

The first PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting of the school year is Monday, September 26 at 6:45pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!!! We have lots of volunteer opportunities to start the year off.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ONLINE PAYMENTS

Starting in September all payments (including student planner/agenda, field trips, gingerbread houses etc) must be made online. The district is moving away from cash/cheque payments. When you have a moment, it's important you sign up for online payments with "School Cash Online." Go to www.sd43.bc.ca/eagleridge and click on the blue ONLINE PAYMENT button and set up your account today. When you are asked for the School District, the name is "School District 43 Coquitlam". Make sure to choose "Yes" for the following option: "I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities". Thanks for taking a few minutes and setting this up before the September rush!!!

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found in the hallway by the gym. There are **MANY** items that need to be claimed. **All unclaimed items will be given away June 29th at noon.**

Have a fun, safe, relaxing
summer vacation!!!

