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EAGLE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
School District #43 (Coquitlam)

Dear Eagle Mountain Middle families;

Welcome to Eagle Mountain Middle School as we begin our second year! Preparations are well underway for an exciting year of learning and we look forward to greeting all our students, new and experienced! Students are to arrive at 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 8th for registration and attendance, which will be completed by 12:00 noon. As our school enrolment is at capacity and we have a waitlist of students, it is very important that all children attend on Sept. 8. If your child will be attending Eagle Mountain Middle this year but cannot make it to school on the first day, please let us know by contacting the school office the week before school starts by phone, 604-469-1133, or e-mail eaglemountainsecretary@sd43.bc.ca

The first full day of school is Wednesday, September 9, with classes running from 8:25 – 2:50. Our full bell schedule is posted on the website: www.eaglemountainmiddle.ca. Students should plan on arriving between 8:00 – 8:20 for the first week to connect with friends and be organized for our 8:25 start. All registered students will be working in mixed groups on their assigned TEAMS for the first week of school. It is our goal to have classes formed by Friday, September 11th. However, September frequently brings surprises with changes in enrolment so it is possible that students will continue to meet in their TEAMS for the duration of the first week of classes. During this time, students and teachers will begin to develop school and TEAM spirit and get to know each other. They will learn about school and safety expectations for all areas of the school and learn what it means to be a THUNDERBIRD.

For the first three days of school (W/Th/F) we ask that all students bring a pencil box with a pen, pencil and colouring supplies from last year. We will let students know on Wednesday when to bring their new supplies. The complete supply list is attached and also posted on the school website. Supplies purchased from Creative Children through the school will be distributed from the school on Wednesday or Thursday and will be sent home for labelling.

The staff of Eagle Mountain Middle school know that contemporary student learning is enhanced by technology and our new school has an excellent wifi infrastructure that supports this. We are a Bring Your Own Device school, supported with three half labs of laptops. Please read the attached BYOD notice for more information.

Please note that the first PAC meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Hub. All parents are invited to attend and are encouraged to get involved! All parents are invited to attend and are encouraged to get involved! Attending PAC meetings is the best way to stay involved and informed about your child's school life.

The Eagle Mountain Orientation Evening for students and parents will be held on Monday, September 21st at 7:00 pm. We encourage all families to make this evening a priority as we discuss middle school life, priorities for this year, new curriculum and assessment changes from the ministry, and provide the opportunity to meet all of your child's teachers.

This year we are pleased to be able to offer a comprehensive band and choir program, with Beginner and Advanced Band before school, choir occurring right after lunch, and Rock School after school. Please see the attached notice about Beginner & Advanced Band and more information about sign up for choir and Rock School will be distributed soon.

Agenda Books: All students need a system in place to facilitate home/school communication – a place to record homework, important reminders and project plans. Some students are able to use their personal devices effectively for this, i.e. taking a photo of the homework board or texting/emailing reminders to parents and themselves. Many students and families find that an Agenda book/Planner that goes back and forth every day is a good routine. There is an expectation that students will communicate plans, homework, notices, etc. with an adult family member on a daily basis. In order to accommodate individual styles, student/families may agree to use technology for home/school communication, may purchase an agenda when shopping for school supplies or may purchase one (in a choice of two sizes) from the school office for \$5.00.

Coming home in print form next week will be the school calendar for this year, a notice about district approved middle school Activity fees, and a notice about completing a number of policy and permission forms online as e-forms. These will all be distributed once we have established homeroom placements for all students.

Walking/driving safety message: We are so fortunate that the majority of our students are able to walk to/from school on a daily basis. With children heading back to school, the BC government, ICBC and police are asking drivers to watch for children, especially in or around school zones. Parents are encouraged to review the rules of the road with their children and go over their daily route to and from school. Attached is a graphic from ICBC with good practical pedestrian guidelines to go over with your children.

We trust that you have had a wonderful restful summer and are looking forward to the next school year. We look forward to meeting you in September!

Yours truly,



Nancy Bennett
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