

## Birchland Elementary

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**"We belong. We care. We matter."**

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February	16	Family Day Holiday
	17,24	Stay and Play - 9:30am-11:00am in the gym for children under five years of age and their parents
	23	PAC sponsored Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza
	25	Pink Shirt Day
	25	PAC Meeting - 7:00pm - 8:30pm online
	26	Student Led Conferences - early dismissal (1:38pm)
	27	Professional Development Day (District)
March	3	Stay and Play - 9:30am-11:00am in the gym for children under five years of age and their parents
	4	Ready, Set, Learn - "Come on a Storybook Adventure." For families with children aged 3-5. Presentation will be at Birchland from 10:00am-11:15am. See attachment for all dates and locations for this event
	6-11	TENTATIVE - Book Fair

### Valentines Day - A Student perspective

This is one of my favourite times of the year 😊. Each year, I make sure to get into our classes with our youngest students so that they can better help me learn about Valentines Day. This means that they offer me their perspective on love, dating, romance, and marriage. What follows is a smattering of responses from division 6 and 7 students. I hope you enjoy these responses as much as I do asking for them 😊

#### Question #1 - What does it mean to fall in love?

Div. 6 (Lueck) - you like someone; you want to marry someone; you kiss them on the lips; you hug them, you lick them; you kiss them on the head

Div. 7 (Odberg) - you like someone; you dance with someone; you get married; you like someone

**Question #2 - How do you know if someone loves you?**

**Div. 6 (Lueck) -** they get close to you; you go on a date; you go out for dinner; they hug you; they buy you flowers; you go on a trip; you go camping AND they buy you flowers; your cheeks get red; you (Mr. Shannon) look handsome

**Div. 7 (Odberg) -** If you hear someone say it; they might hug you; they might kiss you; they might walk with you; they might help you; they do something for you that makes your heart glow

**Question #3 - What does it mean to fall in love?**

**Div. 6 (Lueck) -** you get married; that someone helps you when you have a baby; romantic; you might be embarrassed

**Div. 7 (Odberg) -** you go to Jungle Jacks; you go to a nice, fancy restaurant; you go to IKEA; you play at your house; you go on grass hills and a one tree picnic; you go on a romantic boat ride; you go on a Disney Cruise; you have a magical date

**Question #4 - How much should someone spend on an engagement ring?**

**Div. 6 (Lueck) -** A LOT; \$20; \$225; \$600; \$1,894,800; \$69; \$1000; a million trillion billion; \$50; 2 million; \$3; \$99; \$4600

**Div. 7 (Odberg) -** \$150; \$110; \$220; a hundred seventy hundred and 10; \$170; \$8000 and infinity; 1 grand; \$1000 and a \$1000 and a million

**Question #5 - If someone could not afford an engagement ring, what could they get instead?**

**Div. 6 (Lueck) -** roses; a necklace; a necklace that looks like a ring; a necklace with diamonds; a necklace with pearls; a bracelet; a smoochy, smoochy kiss; a cat; diamonds with flowers

**Div. 7 (Odberg) -** a necklace or special bracelet; a big teddy bear; like an engagement ring, but not...; maybe a circle that looks like an engagement ring; a toy ring; a seashell; flowers; a new dress

### Question #6 - What do people do on a first date?

Div. 6 (Lueck) - go to the mall; go eat; go see their favourite singer; go on a honeymoon dinner; have a fancy, schmancy dinner; talk; kiss; watch a movie; give a ring; go to a pizza shop; go to the salon; go for sushi; go for a turkey dinner

Div. 7 (Odberg) - go to their house and play; go to a restaurant; maybe they're going to kiss; go to IKEA

### Question #7 - Where is the best place to go for dinner on a romantic date?

Div. 6 (Lueck) - sushi; pizza; a restaurant with steak; PoCo sushi; a pretty fancy place; Burger King; Mexico; Cactus Club; a hot dog place

Div. 7 (Odberg) - a place that has delicious food, like a taco place; McDonalds; Boston Pizza; A&W; a buffet that has sushi; DQ; Wendys; Hot Cross Buns

### Question #8 - What's the best thing about being married?

Div. 6 (Lueck) - having a ring; giving a ring; being a flower girl; going out for dinner; having a baby and a house; chicken nuggets; getting a kiss

Div. 7 (Odberg) - flowers; gifts; getting a ring with a diamond; getting a dress; kissing; dancing; getting a bracelet; they have someone for the rest of their life

### Question #9 - What is the hardest part of being married?

Div. 6 (Lueck) - having a baby and taking care of it; getting a dog; changing diapers; liking the girl but she doesn't like you; finding a secret room; presents; getting the baby to fall asleep; buying a house

Div. 7 (Odberg) - you have to go to college and university; getting a child; buying an expensive ring; being pregnant; kissing; buying a new car; seeing new people

There you are everyone! I hope you found this enlightening and learned a few things 😊

### Pink Shirt Day - February 25<sup>th</sup>

A reminder that Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is pink shirt day. We wanted to extend this to having students wear anything that they love/adore, because although the origins of this day were because a student was picked on for wearing a pink shirt, that pink shirt was an article of

clothing that that individual really liked, so while we would love to see pink on this day, if there is clothing that our students really like, this would be perfectly acceptable too 😊

## Student Led Conferences / Early Dismissal Day

On Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, it will be an early dismissal day for all students (1:38pm). This is also the day for our student-led conferences (SLC) in which students will be showing their parents some samples of the work they have done at school. Please note that this day is for your child to lead you through the learning they have done and are doing. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher about your child's work, this should be set up for another time. Classroom teachers will reach out to their students' parents to let them know about what the scheduling will look like for the SLC's. If you have more than one child, please ensure that you know what the plan is for each class so that scheduling the time works for everyone.

## PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Watch you email for the link that will allow you to attend this meeting.

## District / Community News

### Port Coquitlam Saints Minor Lacrosse

Please see the attached pamphlet for information about Port Coquitlam minor lacrosse.

## Kidsport



**KidSport** Saturday  
March 7  
10am-1pm

So ALL Kids Can Play!

**USED EQUIPMENT SALE** sponsored by: *Saputo*

**RIVERSIDE SECONDARY**  
2251 REEVE STREET Admission by donation  
PORT COQUITLAM or non-perishable item  
to the SHARE Food Bank

**SAVE on your family's sports equipment!**  
The KidSport Used Equipment Sale has everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment, wetsuits, and more!

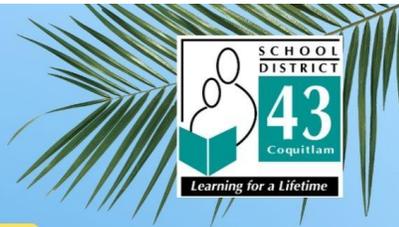
**Open to EVERYONE!**  
equipment for ALL kids and adults!  
Outfit a child for lacrosse or hockey, including helmet, stick, and/or skates for approximately \$100!

**GIVE back! Donate your gently used\* equipment**  
From February 21 – March 6, donate your used equipment at the following locations:

- Port Moody Recreation Complex (main lobby)
- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex (main lobby)
- Port Coquitlam Community Centre (lower arena lobby) [www.kidsporttricitie.ca](http://www.kidsporttricitie.ca)

\*gently used equipment is:  
• less than 6 years old  
• in good condition  
• wearable for league sports

# Summer School



## NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Summer Learning registration will be by lottery to ensure fair access for all students. Visit the [SD43SummerLearning.ca](http://SD43SummerLearning.ca) for more information about the lottery, registration, courses and locations.

## ELEMENTARY

July 7 – July 24, 9:00am - 12:00pm, 8 locations

K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!

Lottery Registration: April 2 – 8, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Thursday, April 16, 2026)

## MIDDLE

July 7 – July 24, 8:45am - 11:45am, 3 locations

Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec Culinary, Integrated Studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more!

Lottery Registration: April 2 – 8, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Thursday, April 16, 2026)

## SECONDARY SKILL BUILDING

July 7 – July 24, 8:30am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:00pm, 2 locations

Non-Credit Face-to-Face classes: English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal & Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content or preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 for Science & Math is only available by school referral.

Lottery Registration: April 28 – May 4, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Friday, May 8, 2026)

## SECONDARY FULL CREDIT

July 2 – August 6, 8:00am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:30pm, 2 locations

Face-to-Face or Online Blended Fast Track: Life Science 11, Anatomy & Physiology 12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11, 12; EAL 10, 11; English 10, 11, 12; English First Peoples 11, 12; Mathematics 10, 11, 12; Physics 11, 12; PHE 10; Socials 10, 11, Science 10.

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Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply. Courses and locations are subject to change.