



Our newest school member
(his attendance has been good!)

Birchland Elementary

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"We belong. We care. We matter."

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March	6-11	Book Fair
	8	Daylight Savings Time - clocks moved one hour ahead (2:00am)
	9	Hot Lunch - Subway (sponsored by our PAC)
	12	Learning Updates sent home to parents (electronically)
	13	Last day of school before spring break; early dismissal (1:38pm)
	16-27	Spring Break
	30	School Reopens
April	1	Wild/Silly Hair Day
	3	Good Friday
	6	Easter Monday
	9	Grade 4/5 basketball jamboree 3:00pm-5:00pm (either at Minnekhada Middle or Kwayhquitlum Middle - TBD)
	10	Terry Fox Run
	14	Class Photos
	16	Como Lake Relays - 3:00pm - 5:00pm
	24	Professional Development Day
	29	PAC Meeting 7:00pm-8:30pm online

Daylight Savings happens this weekend

Clocks go ahead one hour at 2:00am Sunday morning (for what we are told will be the last time...).

Book Fair!

The book fair opened on Friday and will run until next Wednesday, May 11th at the following times:

Mornings from March 6-11:	8:30am-8:45am
After School March 6, 9, 11	2:40pm-3:15pm
Family Night - Tuesday, March 10	6:00pm-8:00pm

We hope to see you here!! A big thank you to Andrea Egilsson for her work putting this together for us!

Kelty Foundation - Kind Minds

The Kelty Foundation supplied our school with teaching kits for each classroom in January and February. These kits were to teach and engage students (and parent/guardians) in conversations about mental well-being, reducing stigma, building resilience and awareness of resources available to families before students enter secondary school.

To celebrate the work that was done with Kind Minds, we had a school dance which highlighted all the positive things that happen in school, about being kind and caring for others, and how we belong here. It also was to highlight the special relationship between students and their teachers. Overall, it was a fabulous way to highlight what was learned and to stress the importance of working together, getting along, and being there for one another. As you can see in the pictures below, the students (and staff) had a wonderful time!!





Sports Day

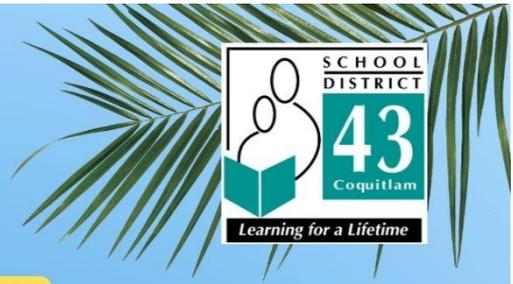
Our sports day was originally planned for April 15th. We have moved this date to Thursday, May 28th as we are hopeful that the weather will be warmer and more cooperative.

PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00pm. Watch you email for the link that will allow you to attend this meeting.

District / Community News

Summer Learning



NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Summer Learning registration will be by lottery to ensure fair access for all students. Visit the [SD43SummerLearning.ca](https://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!

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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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