



Cape Horn News

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Learning the Voyage of Discovery

Our Mission Statement:

To provide a safe, caring and challenging environment so that students will be prepared for their lifelong "Voyage of Discovery"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



With the delayed start to the school year, it seems that the fall has just flown by! Along with the excitement of Halloween and our costume parade, we have had many learning opportunities occur throughout the first 2 months of school. Classes have participated in the Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill, visited the pumpkin patch, reflected about Remembrance Day and what it means to us, and have been entertained by a cultural performance group. It has been a busy and full start to the year and there is much more yet to come.

Parent/Teacher conference day is scheduled for this Tuesday and Thursday.

Report cards for all students will be part of the parent/teacher conferences or will be sent home on Friday, December 5th. We encourage parents to stay in close contact with teachers throughout the year to stay on top of student progress and performance. Open lines of communication between home and school are important for student success.

Continued thanks to our parent community for your help and support with classroom activities, driving to and from field trips, participating in fundraising opportunities and for volunteering to run some of our school programs. Your help and support are greatly appreciated!

I hope Santa is good to you this year! ☺

Bill McGovern
Principal



Christmas Concert

Students are working hard to prepare for our Christmas Concert! There will be two performances on Wednesday, December 17th, an afternoon concert at 1:00 p.m. and an evening concert at 6:30 p.m. Food hamper donations will be gratefully accepted at both concerts. Mr. McGovern will be holding a raffle for front row seats, as well as his parking spot for each of the performances.



A notice will come home with each student with the details of the concert and a tear off portion if you wish to try your luck on the Front Row Seat Raffle.



CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 22nd
(last day Dec. 19th
to January 2nd
(back to school on Jan. 5th)



This is an important document. Please arrange to have it translated

此為重要文件,請翻譯成中文。

이것은 매우 중요한 서류입니다, 정확한 번역을 부탁드립니다.

این مدارک از اهمیت ویژه ای برخوردار است لطفاً ترجمه شده آن را در خواست بنمایید.

ESTE ES UN DOCUMENTO MUY IMPORTANTE. POR FAVOR, TRATE DE QUE SE LO TRANSLADEN AL ESPAÑOL LO MAS PRONTO POSIBLE.

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

CALENDAR



DECEMBER

- 2 Early dismissal @ 2:00 pm for parent/teacher interviews
- 4 • Early dismissal @ 2:00 pm for parent/teacher interviews
• Delivery date for Purdy's chocolates
- 8 Div's 3,4,5 field trip to Planetarium
- 9 • Hot Dog Day (no notice home)
• Delivery date for pies/cookies
- 11 • Div's 6 & 7 field trip to Grouse Mtn.
• Last afterschool sports/games gr's K-2
- 12 PAC Ice Cream Day
- 17 Christmas Concerts 1:00 & 6:30 p.m.
- 18 PAC Treat Day (hot chocolate/cookies)
- 19 PJ/Pancake Day-Last day before Christmas break

JANUARY

- 5 Back to school
- 16 PAC Ice Cream Day
- 26 Pro-D—no school for students
- 30 PAC Treat Day

FEBRUARY

- 3-5 2015/2016 Kindergarten Registration
- 9 BC Family Day—schools closed
- 20 Pro-D—no school for students
- 27 PAC Poker Night Fundraiser

Food Drive



Starting Monday, December 1st through Friday, December 19th, our school will be collecting non-perishable food items for needy families in our community.

Students will receive one draw ticket for each donation and every morning three tickets will be drawn for prizes. Thank you for your generous support.

There will be boxes available at both Christmas concerts on December 17th to accept food donations.

Winter Recess/Lunch

At this time of year, rainproof jackets and boots are a good idea as indoor playtimes are called only in severe conditions. Unless it is raining extremely hard, or very cold, children benefit from the fresh air and exercise they get outdoors even in the rain. To keep our school clean and safe, it is important for all students in the school to have an extra pair of indoor shoes to change into when they return to the classroom. If obtaining a second pair of shoes for your child is difficult, please give Mr. McGovern a call.

Thanks to all the parents who are sending their children appropriately dressed for the weather. The fact that some of the older students may *forget or choose* not to wear their coats, or to pull up the hoods attached to their jackets is an issue of children being responsible for themselves. This is an example of how we need to work together with you to foster the skills we wish students to develop. Thank you for your support at home!



Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

Please label your child's coats, boots, etc. as it's easier to match up lost and found items with their owners if things do get misplaced. Also don't forget to check our lost and found box located in the main entrance for any of your children's wet weather clothing that has gone astray.

Report Cards and the secret language of teachers...



Students will be coming home with their first term report cards this week. Please take the time to review the report card with your child and discuss their accomplishments. There is a lot of information in these report cards that can be thought about and discussed with your child or your child's teacher beyond the mark they achieved. To better understand some of this information, it is important to be able to interpret the language you find there. Below are some explanations that might prove helpful.

"Expectations" - what a child is expected to know at a certain grade level and time of year.

"Approaching expectations" - means a child is below where most children would be.

"Exceeding expectations" means that child is doing better than most students in their grade. If your child is not getting the mark you expect, be sure to read Student Behaviour, "attitude, work habits, and effort" portion of the report card.

"Ways to Support Learning" are meaningful goals the classroom teacher has set for your child to work towards in the next reporting period. Please remember that report card covers need to be signed and returned in the envelopes provided to your child's teacher. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please phone or send a note to the teacher.

Winter Weather



Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other weather conditions. All schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

Some of our schools are in very different climate zones from one another and there may be the need for select closings within the district. If there is a partial closure of schools within the district, these individual schools will be identified.

On occasion, full district or partial district closure is required.

Any district-wide or partial closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. at the latest and will be announced via School District 43: website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes.

Parents seeking information on transit bus schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

Hot Dog Day

Hotdog sale at lunchtime on Wednesday, December 10th. Hotdogs will be sold for \$2.00, chips and juice boxes for \$1.00 each.



Ice Cream Day

Ice Cream Day will be on Friday, December 12th. Please send a loonie with your child if you would like them to buy an ice cream.

Lost and Found

The next time you are in the school, please take the opportunity to check out the lost and found. It is amazing how many items we have collected in our bin: jackets, hoodies, shoes, water bottles, etc. Please consider labeling your child's clothing, especially running shoes, coats, backpacks and lunch kits. The items that are left here over the Christmas break will be donated to Big Brothers with our clothing drive items.



Ready, Set, Learn



School District 43 is pleased to offer a free **Ready, Set, Learn** event for families and their three-year olds in the East Coquitlam neighborhood of schools. Children will be able to participate in a variety of play based learning activities, listen to stories and have a healthy snack. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with local community agencies and school principals. Each child will receive a free age appropriate book. Parents are encouraged to take the time to read it with their child, talk about the illustrations and have fun spending time together.

Parents will receive ideas for fun learning activities that promote the healthy development of young children, additional information regarding community services and neighbourhood schools. There will also be a fact sheet from the Ministry of Education website which includes a link to a parent booklet, **Ready, Set, Learn: Helping Your Preschooler Get Ready for School**, which offers parents helpful tips for supporting their preschooler's learning and development. Translations of the booklet are also available in 12 languages. The **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative, sponsored by the B.C. Ministry of Education provides families with an opportunity to make positive connections with the school system and local community agencies.

Cape Horn Elementary's Ready, Set, Learn event will take place at: **Meadowbrook Elementary School**
Friday, February 6th, 2015
1:30 to 3:30 pm

PJ'S AND PANCAKES



The last day of school is always a special time for our students. This year, Friday, December 19th students are welcome to wear their pyjamas and for a loonie, enjoy pancakes in the gym.

We are looking for about 10 parent volunteers to help with cooking and serving pancakes. If you are available to help between 8:00am and 11:00am, please let the office know. Many hands make light work!



I love books!

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read."

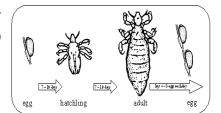
Marilyn Jager Adams

Head Lice

We would like your cooperation in stopping head lice in our school. So as soon as you see your child scratch, check his/her head right away. For more information please check on the internet: www.fraserhealth.ca click on "your health" tab, then "school health" and then on the "head lice" link. There is valuable information for checking and treating head lice.

Here are a few tips to help you get rid of or prevent you from getting those pesky critters.

1. Wash your hair with half Listerine & half shampoo.
2. Use hairspray, oils, & gels. Head lice (ukus) don't like it.
3. Dawn dishwashing liquid is an excellent head lice treatment. You can wash not only your head but also your clothes, bedding, and pets too.
4. Parents, please check your children's heads weekly.



Clothing Drive



Right after Christmas our Student Leadership will once again host the clothing drive fund raiser. We will receive \$2.50 per bag or box based on FULL garbage bags that weigh no less than 15.5 lbs. Please feel free to drop your bags off at the school now if that is more convenient for you and we will store them until January. Please see below for a list of acceptable items:

Acceptable Items Include:

- Clothing for men, women and children
- Accessories (belts, hats, scarves, mitts)
- Purses and wallets
- Shoes, boots and slippers
- Towels and tablecloths
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets, bedding and pillows
- Backpacks and bags
- Curtains and linens



Basic Rules

- Items cannot be soiled or torn
- Items cannot be unsafe
- Items must be suitable for resale
- Items must be in working order



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Check out the website for news and
announcements!
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Season's Greetings and
a Happy New Year!
May your holiday
be jolly!



Super G's

Grade 4's

Reona
Laylia
Dylan D.
Tyler
Makenna
Boris
Mariechen
Emily
Kiera
Sofia
Ethan
Justin
Tiensa
Sandra
Avril

Grade 5's

Andreea
Lucas U
Astrid
Matteo
Brendan
Peter
Sophie
Arta
Gabriella

The above students in Grades 4 and 5 have
received all G's in the work habits this first
term - Way to go!

PAC News

There will be NO PAC meeting in December as it is a very short month! The next meeting will be in the new year, Wednesday, January 28th at 7:15 p.m.

Fundraising News:

Treasure Trays:

Our popular *Treasure Trays* are featured again this year. Each class is responsible for putting together a theme basket that will be wrapped by PAC volunteers and on display prior to the Christmas concert on December 17th. We are asking if each child could bring a \$5.00 item pertaining to the theme chosen for its division or a \$5.00-\$7.00 cash donation. All cash donations are used to purchase items pertaining to the theme baskets. Please send in your items as soon as possible. Order forms for ticket purchases for the *Treasure Trays* will be sent home soon and ticket orders will be fulfilled and sent

home with your children. Remember to write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket. Tickets will also be sold before and after the 1:00 p.m. Christmas concert.

All draws will be held in the gym right after the 6:30 p.m. Christmas concert.

Poker Night:

Watch for information coming home about this popular PAC fundraiser! Tickets are available now and make great stocking stuffers. Tickets are \$30, contact Michelle at mgstebi@shaw.ca for more info.

Delivery Date Reminders:

Purdy's Chocolates pick up:



Thursday, December 4th right after school in the front foyer.

Cookies/pies pick up:



Wednesday December 10th right after school in the front foyer. If you can't make it to pick up your order, please arrange for someone else to pick up for you. There is no freezer space available at the school.



Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. All Cape Horn students benefit from the profits we earn. Different fundraisers are offered, giving you the freedom to select the ones that interest you. For information on how the profits are allocated, come out to one of our PAC meetings and learn about our yearly budget. All parents are members of the CHPAC and have a voice and a vote at our meetings. Come out and let us hear your ideas!!!