



# Mandarin Bilingual Program

For the 2017 – 2018 School Year

## WHAT IS THE MANDARIN BILINGUAL PROGRAM?

- Mandarin Bilingual is a program of choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten through Grade 5 level for the 2017/2018 school year and is located at Walton Elementary School.
- This program will include Grade 6 and 7 at Scott Creek Middle for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Regardless of their first language, the program offers all students the possibility of completing 50 per cent of the prescribed B.C. curriculum in Mandarin (Mandarin Language Arts, Math, Health and Career, and P.E.) and 50 per cent of the prescribed B.C. curriculum in English (English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies and Fine Arts). Students develop strong communication skills in both English and Mandarin.
- Students develop their knowledge of other cultures and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Children must be entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 in September 2017.
- Application forms will be available at the January 10, 2017 information meeting (see below) at Walton Elementary School, and on the district website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/mandarin](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/mandarin) on January 11, 2017 at 9 a.m.
- Completed application forms must be delivered to the district office (550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7) by no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 (Walton Elementary, Grade K-5 program)** and no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017 (Scott Creek Middle, Grade 6-8 program)**. **Emailed copies are accepted.**

Please note that applications for Kindergarten/Grade 1 is done by a random draw and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Siblings of students already enrolled in the Mandarin Bilingual Program at Walton will be given first priority. Please clearly identify sibling status on the application form. **Late application forms will not be part of the draw.**

**Parent Information Meeting:**  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6 p.m.  
Walton Elementary School  
2960 Walton Avenue, Coquitlam

*As this is an information meetings for parents/guardians, kindly make arrangements to leave your children at home.*

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