



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday April 11, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

****Please note: **All new items or any item with changes will be in Red******

GENERAL

LISTEN UP! MIRACLE MOVEMENT PRESENTS

Coming up in May... Miracle Movement will be hosting its annual big year-end event in support of BC Children's Hospital. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting occasion!

MR. BRUXELLE'S FRENCH 10 KIVA FUNDRAISER

Mr. Bruxelle's Gr 10 French class is hosting a frozen treat sale for KIVA in the front foyer tomorrow, **Friday April 12th** during Blocks 1-5. This sale will include freezies, popsicles and other assorted frozen treats. Be sure to slide on by, cost is \$1 per freezie.

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE STARTING SOON

Attention all students the first meeting of the gay-straight alliance club will be on **Wednesday, April 17**. If you are interested in being a member, or if you have any questions about the club, you can talk to Mr. Mogensen in the Learning Center during blocks 4/5; or, see Ms. Leslie in room 305 for further details.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Ranch Park Elementary is looking for volunteers to help with their fun fair on **Thursday, April 25th**. Please see Ms. Tsang if interested.

YEARBOOKS GOING FAST-GET YOURS TODAY!

Notice to all students there are only 79 yearbooks left for the whole school! Don't miss out, purchase yours on-line today!

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check your library book to see if it is due to be renewed or returned.

APRIL IS DAFFODIL MONTH

April is Daffodil Month join the fight to conquer Cancer and support those living with Cancer. Come to the office to donate and pick up your Daffodil Pin show everyone you care!



NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM AT BEST

Please be prepared to use the new bins that have been placed around the school and do your part to keep the school clean by putting your garbage in the CORRECT recycle bin!
We thank you for your co-operations!!

SPORTS

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Friday April 12th we are in the Argyle Secondary Jr Girls tournament ALL day, so make sure YOU speak with your teachers about being away and get any work you will miss. If you need a ride, let one of the coaches know ASAP.

Karelo system is now available online for paying team fess. Please make sure you fill out the necessary medical forms and pay the team fees ASAP.

GRADE 12

GRADE 12 ASSEMBLY-MANDATORY

Friday April 12 Block 2. Grads **must be there** to vote! Grads will vote on the Valedictorian and Grad Song. Please bring a pen to fill out ballot.

The 2019 Grad Photo will be taken on the field after the assembly.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Any Gr 12 who applied to post secondary schools, please submit your transcripts using the student transcripts website as soon as possible: studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING GRADE 12 GRAD TRANSITIONS AS WE APPROACH THE DEADLINE

Please remember that once your GT documents are uploaded to OneNote, it is essential that you e-mail a confirmation of completion to Mr. MacDonald or Ms. Weeks. Do not forget this important final step or your complete Grad Transition may not get marked. Your GT is NOT complete until you have received confirmation of completion from either Mr. MacDonald or Ms. Weeks.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. Coquitlam Ladies Auxiliary and Coquitlam optimist's scholarship application forms are also available at the career centre. They are due on **April 24**.

2. Emily Carr's "Headstart in Art" course will be available to current grade 11 or 12 students or recent graduates. Please see career centre website under opportunities for more information and for an application form. Applications are due on Friday, **May 17** by 3pm. There are **only up to 20 seats available for the district** and it is on a "**first submitted, first considered**" basis.

PORT MOODY SOCRATIC WEEKEND

The Rotary Club of Port Moody has been awarded a District Grant to hold a Socratic Weekend. Selected students from the Tri-cities will participate June 1 and 2nd in a Port Moody based event. *Students applying need to write an essay in Word, for a maximum of 500 words, and submitted electronically.* Essays should be submitted **no later than April 26th**. Please see Ms. Tsang for essay topic and details.

CALLING ALL 2019 GRADS – BLACK & LEE FORMAL WEAR

Come into Black and Lee's Coquitlam Showroom before **April 30th, 2019** and book your look with us. You will receive \$20.00 off of a **Premium Rental Package** and we will kick back \$20.00 towards your 2019 Grad Fundraising!

GRADE 12's

Reminder to make sure your school fees are paid, textbooks/library books returned, and grad transitions are complete in order to purchase grad tickets in early May.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******SCENT FREE SCHOOL*******

All schools and buildings within *SD43* are "scent free" places of work and learning. Numerous students and staff have serious medical complications with various natural and chemical scents/ fragrances. As such, please make every effort to avoid using or wearing scented products within this space in order to establish an environment that is as "scent safe" as possible.

******ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS***NO LOITERING IN BUS SHELTER******

Students are reminded that the bus shelters are for people who are actually waiting to get on a bus. Please do not use them as a social gathering place.

STUDENT DROP OFFS

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION IN THE DRIVEWAY/DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

Students are reminded to slow down and use the designated crosswalk area when crossing through the school driveway area. Be very vigilant as drivers are often distracted as they are moving in and out of waiting spots. Also, our student drivers are reminded that the expectation is "dead slow" in our school driveways and parking lots.

****VAPORIZERS – AN ADDITION TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT****

VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We have noted an increase in the use of these devices by our student population at Charles Best. While there are documented health concerns associated with vaping, these devices have also become a safety issue. We are using this opportunity to inform students and parents **that vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances**. There have been recent incidents in our school/district that have resulted in these devices unintentionally exploding which can result in serious injury for the user and those around them. For the safety of all of our students and staff, it is important that these devices are not on school property. Students are not permitted to have these devices in their lockers, backpacks, or on their person at any time while on school property. If a student is found in possession of a vaporizer or e-cigarette, it will be confiscated. Parents will be contacted and required to meet with the administration and their son/daughter. Reoccurring incidents will result in disciplinary action.