

# École Citadel Middle School

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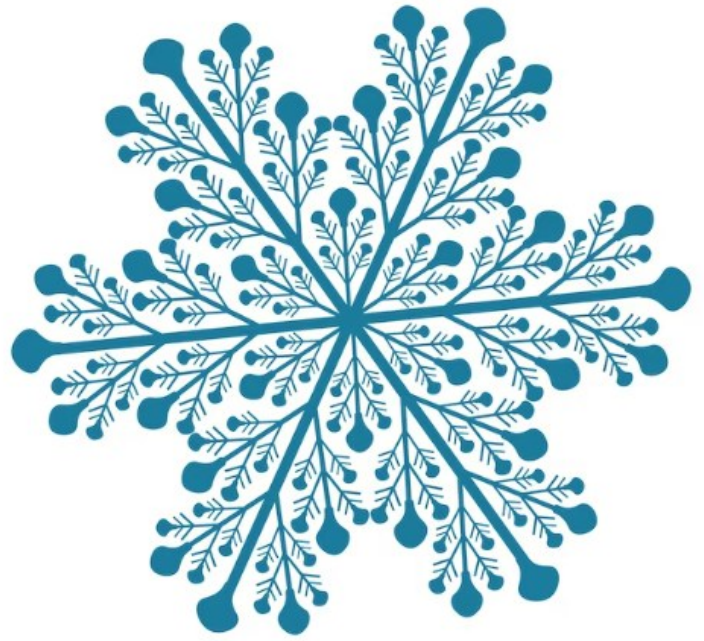




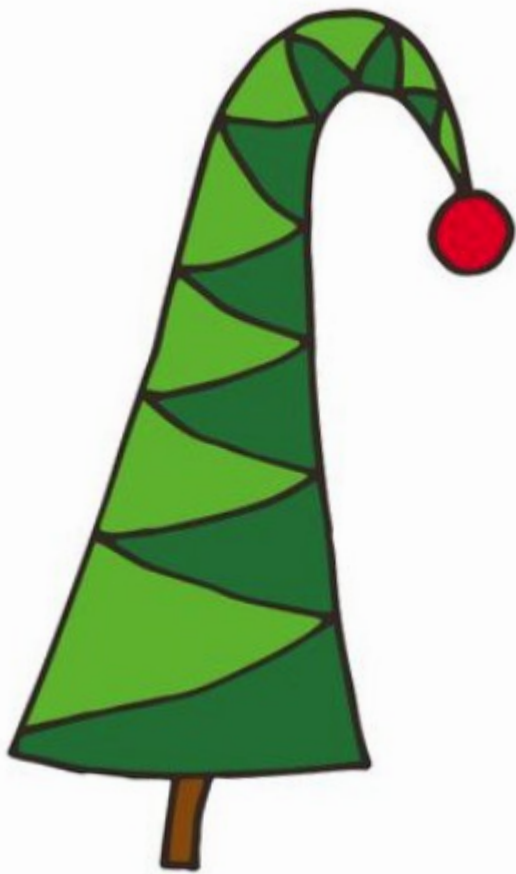
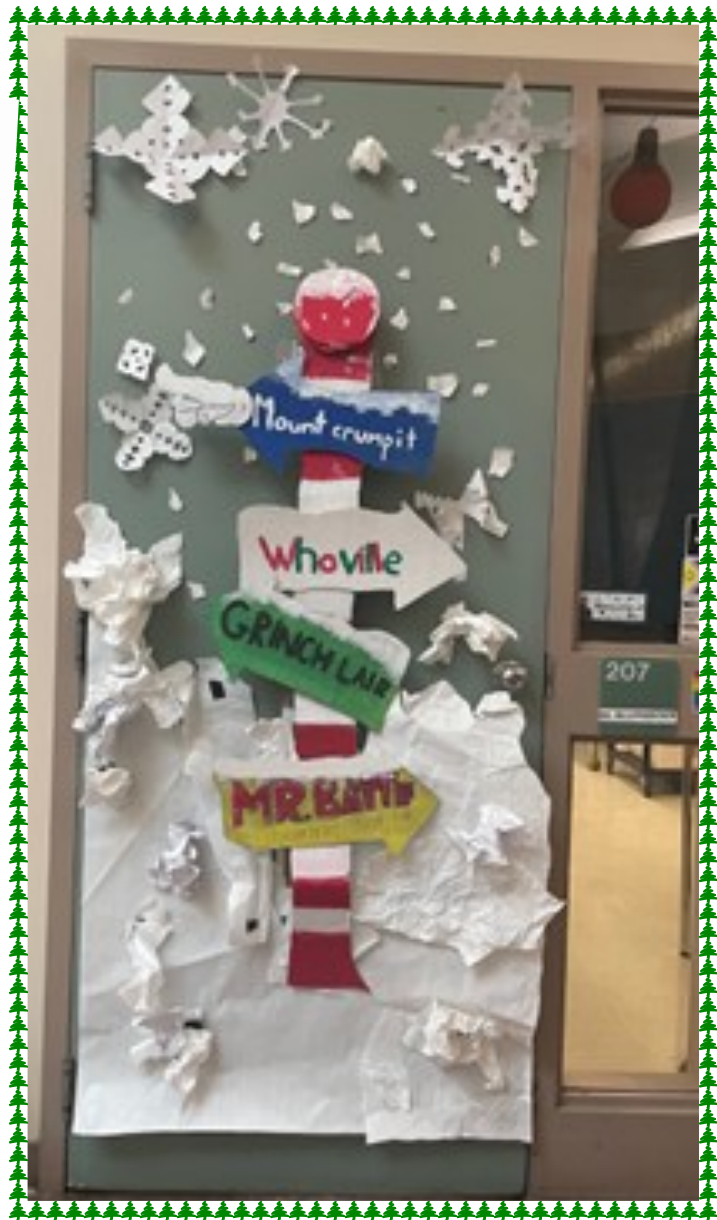












# Counsellor's Corner

Season's Greetings to The Citadel Community:

I wish to send warm wishes your way, whatever or however you celebrate the season or break from the usual routine. This time of the year can bring up feelings of joy, fulfillment and gratitude. It can also bring up feelings of overwhelm, loneliness, and sadness. All of these feelings are valid, and I hope you can find points, however small, of connection, joy, rest, or peace over the break. For families that have great accomplishments or celebrations to reflect on from 2024, congrats to you, and for those that have struggled or are grieving, we are all thinking of you.

It's been such a fun and rewarding first term with the Citadel students, I'm looking forward to what 2025 will bring,

Warmly

Cathy Pitman

École Citadel Middle School Counsellor

## Citadel Food Drive

Thanks so much to our École Citadel community for their contributions to the virtual food drive. We raised almost \$1500 in support of the SHARE food bank, which serves people in our community. A snowflake for each contribution has been placed in the window decoration in the front foyer. Your support did not go unnoticed.



# Forest Community

Division 1 and 2 had a great time learning about Different Winter Celebrations around the world. Students created power point presentations and presented them to the class. One of the highlights was learning all about the different traditions and cuisines during festive times. They have also learned about various constellations and listened to First Nations legends that go along with some of our constellations. The winter door decorating is underway, and the students are very serious about it. What creative ideas they all have!



Division 3 and 4 have been learning about the 5 Themes of Geography in Social Studies. We applied this concept to the original 1939 movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, and then made our own OZ maps to show our understanding of Place, Movement, Region, Human and Environmental Interaction and Location. These maps were creative and visual! To celebrate our learning and the end of the term, we then went on a Field Trip to the Movies and Bowling with the other grade 7/8 classes in the school. The movie we saw was the new film adaptation of *Wicked* which tied in with the world of Oz and our ex-

# River Community

Dear River Community Families,

As we approach the holiday break, we're excited to share all the wonderful activities that have taken place in divisions 16, 17, and 18 this month. It's been a busy, creative, and festive time of learning and celebration!

To celebrate the end of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), we hosted a Thank Goodness It's Over (TGIO) party with the entire River Community. It was a fantastic time to enjoy some well-deserved snacks and celebrate our hard work. All three classes have also started discussions on safety in Outdoor Education. We've been teaching students the essential skills for exploring nature, emphasizing the importance of being prepared and staying safe in the great outdoors.

## **Divisions 16 and 17:**

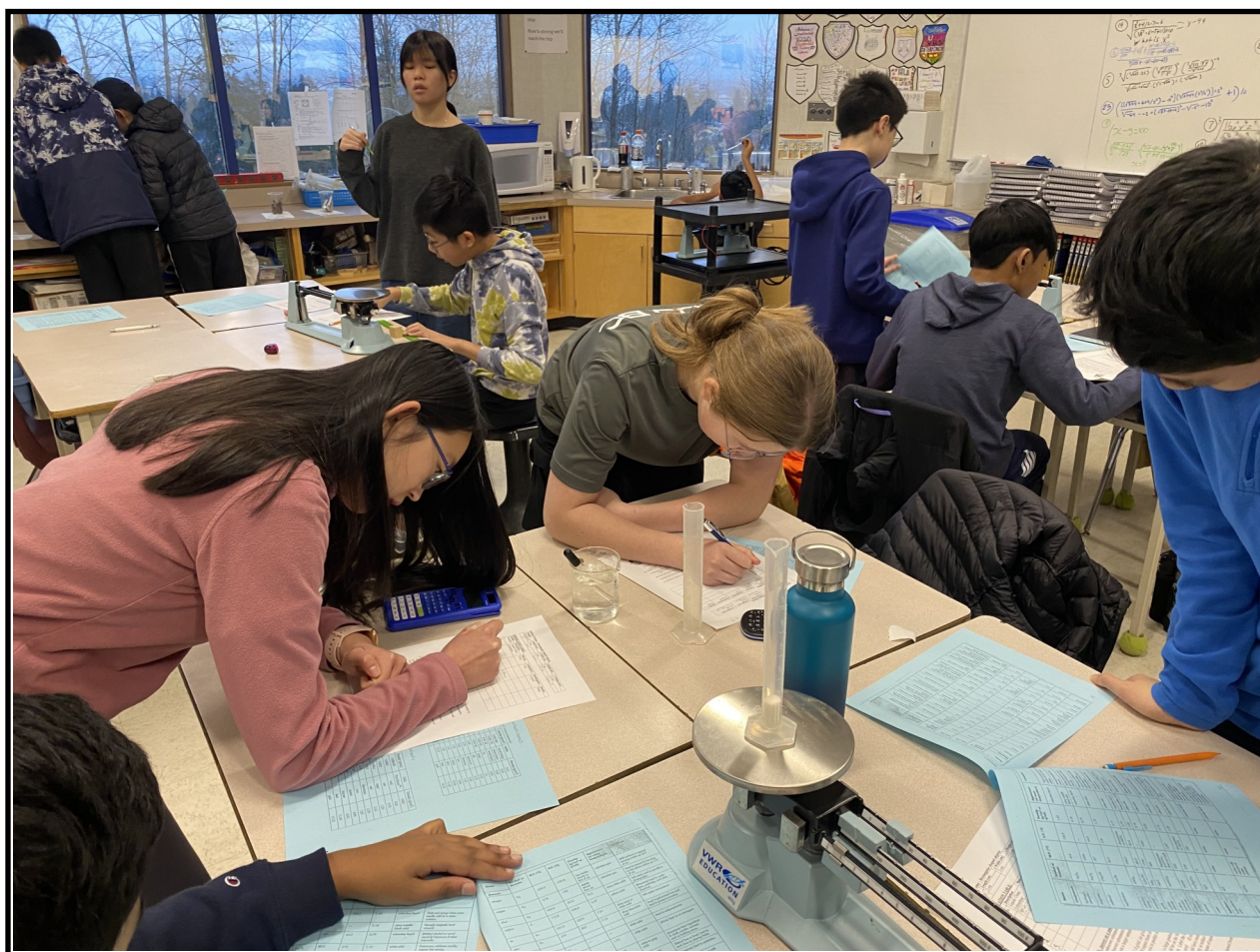
In Language Arts, we finished studying literary devices in Harry Potter, exploring themes like symbolism, foreshadowing, and metaphors. To show our artistic sides and holiday spirit, students wrapped up their study of Harry Potter by incorporating elements from the novel into a fun holiday door decorating activity. PERO brought color to the classroom with a line art project using the contrast of warm and cool colors.

In Science, we began an exciting new unit on the human body, studying systems like the excretory system, reproductive system, nervous system, and endocrine/hormonal system. This unit will continue in the new year and allow opportunities for individual research. Our Social Studies focus this month has been on climate and extreme environments. We've begun to explore how different climates impact the people who live there.

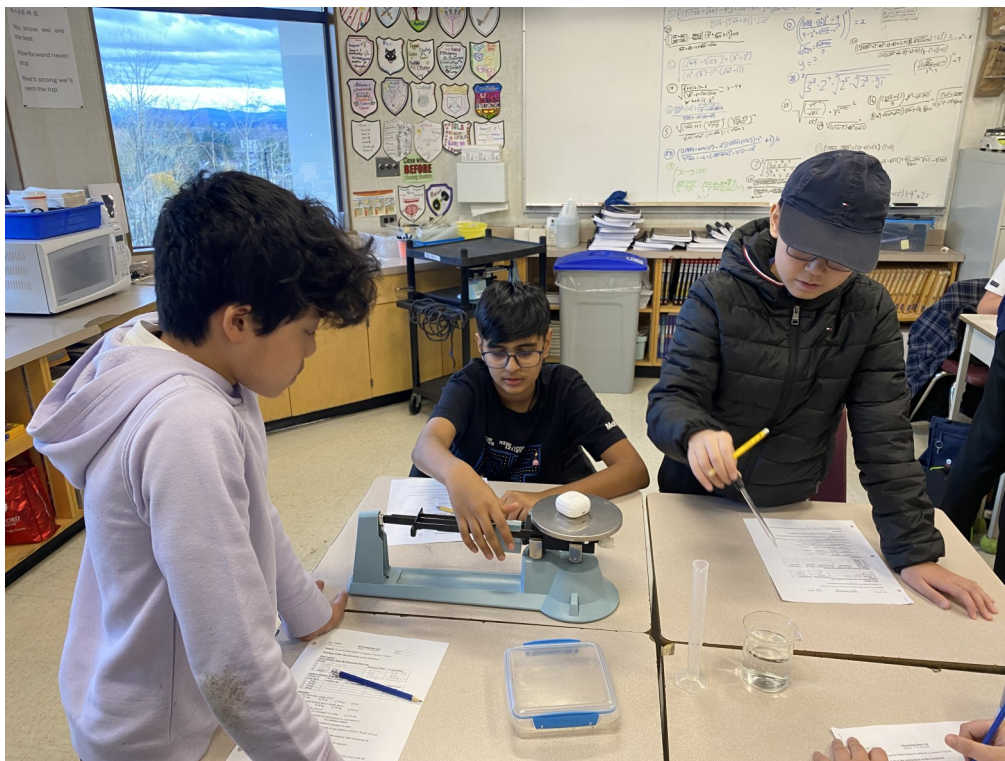


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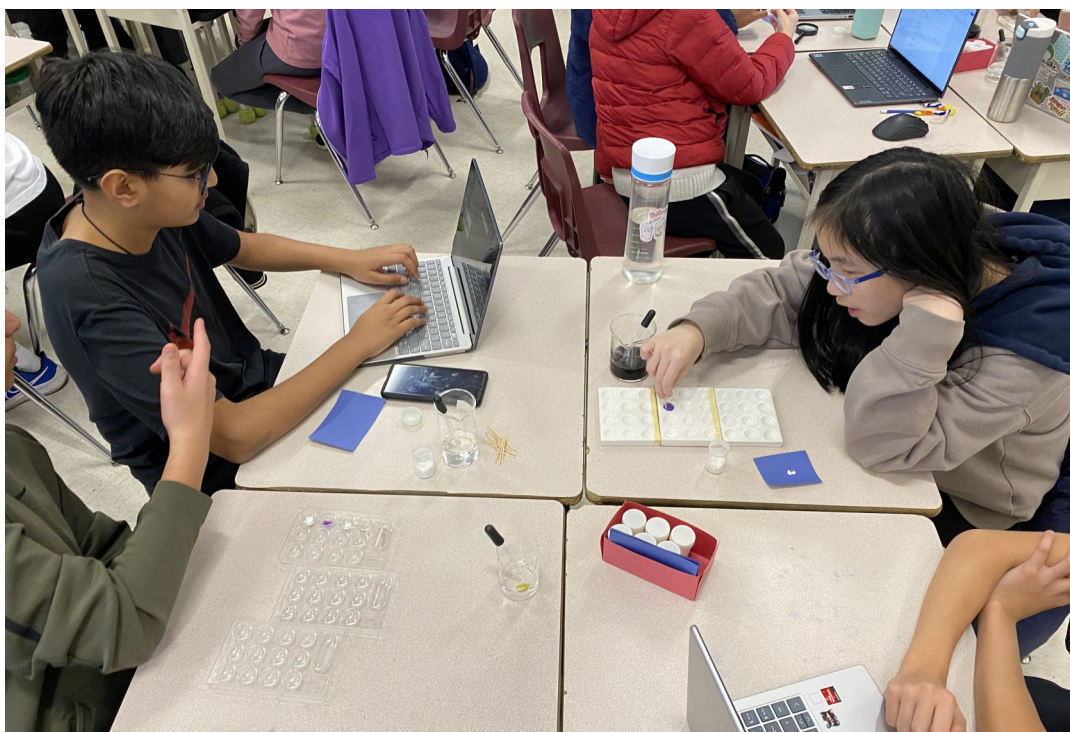
In Science, we've dived into the fascinating world of chemistry. Students have explored solutions by creating crystallized Christmas ornaments and rock candy. They've investigated chemical and physical changes through hands-on experiments, studied mass and volume relationships, and solved a density mystery lab, identifying unknown items using density and qualitative properties. In another activity, students analyzed mystery powders, identifying substances through their physical and chemical reactions—engaging curiosity and scientific inquiry.







In Math, we've been working with fractions and developing complex challenge board questions to deepen understanding and problem-solving skills. In Social Studies, we've begun our exploration of Law and Governance with the valuable guidance of an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, enriching our understanding of governance systems through diverse perspectives.





Finally, our students are busily preparing their applications to programs of choice, honing their academic writing skills to craft compelling essays and submissions.

Looking ahead, we are excited for more hands-on learning and creative projects as we head into the new year. Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday season!

Warm regards,

Christina Cameron, Tracey Fenton, Pam Hughes, and Mackenzie Wallace

Grade 6/7/8 River Community (MACC) Teachers



# Parent Advisory Committee

## **Upcoming Hot Lunches**

Wednesday February 12, 2024-Subway

Wednesday April 9, 2024-Subway

## **The “Citadel PAC” Facebook page**

is up and running.

Please LIKE us, so you can be kept informed.

Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/Citadel-PAC-1153379771500483/>

## **New PAC email address**

**citdelmiddlePAC@gmail.com**







## On the Calendar

Schools Close for Winter Break	Friday Dec 20th to Friday January 3rd
Schools re-open after Winter Break	Monday January 6th
Programs of Choice applications	On-Line Applications open Thursday, January 9th at 9am On-Line Applications close Wednesday, January 15th at 4pm
Grade 8 tours of Secondary Schools	Friday January 24th
Cross Catchment applications	February 7th (9am) to February 12th (4pm)
BC Family Day	Monday February 17th
Non-Instructional Day-District Pro-D	Friday February 28th
Spring Vacation	Monday March 17 to Friday March 28th
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Monday March 31st
Good Friday	Friday April 18th
Easter Monday	Monday April 21st

# YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS

## NEW WEST & COQUITLAM

### YOUTH BASKETBALL Ages 10-14

Take your kid's basketball game to the next level so they can train for the upcoming season. They will improve their passing, dribbling, shooting, rebounding, defense, one-on-one moves, and have fun while doing it!

**New Westminster - Gym N1100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 11:30am - 1:30pm  
\$149 | CRN 11479

**Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3**

Saturdays Feb 8 - March 8, 10:45am-12:15pm  
\$69 | CRN 11489

### JUNIOR ROYALS BASKETBALL Ages 6-9

This program is for younger athletes looking to learn and improve their skills in dribbling, shooting, passing, defence and teamwork. It's a great opportunity for them to be active, have fun and make friends. It's a slam dunk!

**New Westminster - Gym N1100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 2 - 4pm  
\$149 | CRN 11481

**Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3**

Saturdays Feb 8-March 8, 10:45am-12:15pm  
\$69 | CRN 11490

### YOUTH BADMINTON Ages 10-14

Your child will learn the fundamentals and strategies of the game, while developing their shots, and improving their fitness through drills and friendly competition.

**New Westminster - Gym N1100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 9am - 11am  
\$149 | CRN 11474

**Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3**

Saturdays Jan 11 & 18, 9am - 12:30pm  
\$69 | CRN 11488 (Note: 2 sessions only)

### YOUTH COMPUTERS Ages 9-14

#### • DIGIART

Budding graphic artists will love this fun and creative program. Using various online programs, the kids will learn photo and art manipulation, logo and branding development, and much more.

**New Westminster - Room N5100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 11:30am -1:30pm  
\$149 | CRN 11480

#### • CODING & COMPUTER DESIGN

Your child will learn skills to build simple websites and games, and, by refining their designs will develop their logic and problem-solving skills.

**New Westminster - Room N5100**

Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 2-4pm  
\$149 | CRN 11477

#### • JAVASCRIPT & PLAYFUL PROGRAMMING

Your kids will learn computer programming languages like HTML and jQuery in a DOM framework allowing them to develop interactive webpages & games.

**Coquitlam - Room A2110**

Saturdays Jan 11 - March 8, 8:30-10:30am  
\$169 | CRN 11483

#### • VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Using creativity, collaboration and critical thinking, your kids will learn to make their own video game from scratch using various platforms including Makecodearcade and Roblox.

**Coquitlam - Room A2110**

Saturdays Jan 11 - March 8, 10:45am-12:45pm  
\$169 | CRN 11482

## GET IN TOUCH

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