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**Port Coquitlam North Neighborhood Schools:**

 ***Birchland Elementary Blakeburn Elementary Cedar Drive Elementary***

 ***Irvine Elementary Leigh Elementary James Park Elementary***

 ***Coquitlam River***

**The *Port Coquitlam North Ready, Set, Learn* event will be located at:**

**Coquitlam River Elementary School**

**Tuesday, January 21st, 2014**

**9:00-11:30 am**

**Port Coquitlam North’s 3 - 4 Year-Olds, and their families, are invited to a free**

***Neighborhood Ready, Set, Learn Even*t!**

School District 43 is pleased to offer a free **Ready, Set, Learn** event for families and their three-year olds in the Port Coquitlam North 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.