

Hampton Park Elementary School

Hampton Park... We believe in Safety, Pride Achievement Respect and Kindness

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Principal's Message

What I Learned

On the October 23 Provincial Pro-D Day, I attended the Encompass Conference on Social Responsibility. Michele Borba, the keynote speaker, talked to us about steps to creating a socially responsible human being. This is what she said about what good schools do to be intentional in teaching social responsibility:

T - Target (know what you stand for)

E - Exemplify (be a role model, provide examples)

A - Atmosphere (create a climate of care)

C- Compassion (mobilize kids' hearts)

H - Habits (teach habits)

Real social responsibility is not just having kids tell us what respect means but having kids ask "what do I do" and then do it. This newsletter issue shares acts of caring by our school community.

I also attended a cyberbullying workshop which shared research on social responsibility on the internet. The findings show that cyberbullying/online aggression is more likely to happen if the computer is in the child's bedroom. Parents can talk with children about how safe and responsible internet use is part of being information and media literate as well as keep the computer in a public area of the house. Computer Using Educators of BC organized a provincial Internet Safety Week during Nov 15-22nd. For more suggestions, please visit <https://internetsafetyweek.wikispaces.com/>. Three powerpoint slideshows have been created with SD#36 and Surrey RCMP to address the topic of Bullying and Cyber Bullying.

Moments of Goodness

Unicef Asia -Pacific Disasters Fundraiser

Thank you very much to our students and parent community for a most successful fundraiser. Together, we have raised \$521.03! Our appreciation also goes to Mrs. Matuschewski, Mrs. Shantz, Mrs. Bayly, Mrs. De Wolfe, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Chang and Mrs. O'Neil for their efforts. Way to go, everyone!

Halloween for Hunger

Many thanks to our school community for donating non-perishable food items to the SHARE hamper drive. Your generosity benefits tri-cities families who are in need. Thank you to Carrie Coulter for this wonderful idea.

Hamper Drive

The greatest gift of all is the gift of giving. We are supporting the Jimmy Christmas Hamper Society drive again. Please deposit any donations of non-perishable food items in the boxes in the foyer. Many thanks to Mrs. Shantz for her work in motivating your children to reach or exceed their goal for giving this Christmas Season.

Bikes, Books, Boots and Coats Drive

Once again we are collecting BIKES, BOOKS, BOOTS and COATS for families in need in the Tri-Cities. If you have any of these gently used items, please bring them to the multi-purpose room at Hampton Park starting December 1 - 11. We are also in need of volunteer drivers to help us to transport these items from Hampton Park to a designated centre in the Tri-Cities beginning Wednesday, December 9 to Wednesday December 16. If you wish to be a volunteer driver please see Ms. Chang. Thank you for making a difference in our community!

Bouquets to PAC and our Parents

As always, our school is busy with parents who give of themselves - here's a selection of the amazing things you do: craft fair, Unwrapped: A Night of Shopping, cookie dough sale, gourmet brownies and pies, Canterbury Coffees, magazine fundraiser, Purdy's chocolates, organizing treat months and hot lunches, volunteering on committees, in our library, classrooms, traffic and on fieldtrips.

Thank you to the PAC and our families for giving your time, energy and talents - you exemplify true social responsibility!

Walking Wednesdays

Thank you to Julie O'Brien for organizing November's Walking Wednesdays. Not only is walking good for your health but it also allows you to get to know your community and it's good for the environment. Students who walk on Wednesdays this month will be awarded a shoelace tag – way to go, everyone!

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on December 7. This is an opportune time to acknowledge accomplishments and to set goals. As always, you are welcome to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher.

Action Plan for Learning

Our school goal: *To improve student achievement in speaking in oral language*

On our November 10 Pro-D afternoon, we discussed our October assessment data on style and voice. We also reviewed the Ministry of Education's Integrated Resources Package (IRP) for Language Arts with specific attention to oral language. After looking at the data and IRP, we decided to incorporate grade appropriate performance standards into our assessment practices and to expand on our objective of looking at the data and improving style and voice by helping students exchange ideas and information.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to Divisions 3, 5 and 6 for their touching presentations and to all students for the wreath laying ceremony at our Remembrance Day assembly. We also thank Nicole S, pianist, Marlon S, and Carole A for leading us in the singing of our national anthem, Cassie C. and Hana T. for facilitating the service, and Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Carlson for coordinating the morning.



Christmas Concert

All parents are asked to join us for a celebration of the Christmas season. Your children have been practicing and preparing for this special event. We will have 2 show times on Thursday, December 17th from which you may choose to attend: Our dress rehearsal is at 1:00pm and our evening concert begins at 7:00pm. Doors will be open at 6:30pm. Those of you who wish to have younger siblings at this event are encouraged to attend the afternoon concert. We have 240 children with moms and dads attending. For this reason we are expecting that seating will be at a premium! Please note there will be limited parking. You are encouraged to walk or carpool to the concert. We look forward to what promises to be a very enjoyable and festive evening. Admission to this event will be by a donation to the Jimmy Christmas Hamper.

Hog Wild for Reading

Thank you very much to the 'Hog Wild Ride for Reading' motorcycle ride for literacy for their generous donation of books and \$125 Chapters gift card to our library. Over the past ten years, the ride has raised about \$140,000 for the district's school libraries.

City of Port Moody Street Banner Contest

Congratulations to Madison Coulter and Mrs. Cook for winning the contest to design nautically inspired street banners to celebrate Port Moody's maritime history and the 2010 Canadian Naval Centennial! We'll be looking for Madison's beautiful octopus and Mrs. Cook's graceful kayak banners in the streets. Bravo!



Healthy Treat Day!

Yummy! On Friday, November 13th, Ms. Tam's class sponsored our Healthy Treats Day. Thank you so much for the yummy treats. The next Health Treat Day is December 11th, sponsored by Mrs. Carlson's class. Healthy treats will be 50 cents.



Book Fair!

It's here again! Sponsored by the PAC, the Scholastic Book Fair will be held November 20th to 25th. If you wish to help, please sign up at the office or simply drop by on November 19th while the Book Fair is being set up. This much anticipated event will bring many new books to the school and to classrooms.

PJ and Stuffie Day

December 18th is PJ and STUFFED TOY day at Hampton. Children are invited to wear jammies and to bring stuffies (no monster stuffies please). Everyone will be wearing PJ's and carrying stuffed toys as we trundle off to the gym to enjoy a pancake breakfast sponsored by the PAC. I know many of you have already volunteered, but if you haven't and still wish to, simply let someone on the PAC know. Of course YOU can wear 'jammies' too!



PAC Meeting

Come join the growing numbers of parents at the next PAC Meeting on Monday, November 30th at 7:00 pm in our library. These meetings are always interesting and informative as parents work together bettering opportunities for Hampton Park children.

Inclement Weather....

Wet, cold weather is upon us and is certainly a way of life in the lower mainland. We are well into rainy weather and cooling temperatures. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing. Unless weather conditions are severe, students will be outside for Recess and Lunch breaks. They perform much better in class when they have had that healthy 'dose of vitamin D', some fresh air and exercise. Boots, a coat with a hood and mitts are a good idea. As the snowy season looms, be reminded that school closures due to inclement weather are announced on radio stations as follows: CKNW (980AM), CKWX (1130AM) and CBC (690AM) by 8:00a.m.

In addition, on inclement weather days, school closure information will be posted on the school district website at www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/hamptonpark. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal.



COMMUNITY NEWS

BC YOUTH PHIL ORCH CONCERT

Christmas concert at Terry Fox Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 12th from 7:30-9:00

Ticket price is \$10.00 (free for children 6 & under). Tickets available at the door. For more information, please visit www.BCyPO.org.

29th Annual Coquitlam Christmas Craft Sale

Friday, December 4 5 - 9pm Saturday, December 5 10am - 4pm Sunday, December 6 11am - 4pm
Poirier Community Centre, 624 Poirier St., Coquitlam Admission for Adults is \$2 for Seniors and Children it's \$1
Featuring unique handmade items from 120 local crafters.

Community News at Place des Arts

Light up the Square Saturday, December 5 4PM – 7PM 1120 Brunette Ave., Coquitlam

Light up the Square at Carré Heritage Square is back and better than ever! Come and see our brand new lighting display, create festive arts & crafts, taste yummy seasonal fare and visit with Père Noël. Make a lantern and join the procession led by Les Échos du Pacifique, take part in a puppet show at Mackin House and come watch *Sharing Christmas*, a short play with songs by G2. *Light up the Square* is festive fun for all ages! Visit www.placedesarts.ca for more information. Admission is **FREE!**

Register now for winter!

Registration is now open for Place des Arts' classes and workshops in music, dance, drama, visual art and creative writing beginning in January. Register early to ensure your class runs. Visit www.placedesarts.ca and view our 2009/10 Annual Guide for full class listings. **Check out our dance and drama satellite classes at the Evergreen Cultural Centre.**

Piano Students!

Place des Arts is offering two **FREE** workshops to help with your piano and theory exam preparation. The theory workshop takes place on November 22 from 1:30 – 3:30. The piano workshop is on November 29 from 1:30 – 3:30. Call 604.664.1636 to book your spot.

No Shirt? No Shoes? - No Problem!

The students and staff at GOAL are presenting a Free Clothing Give Away on November 17th, 2009 at the Winslow Centre Gym at 1100 Winslow. We have had over forty District 43 schools donate their lost and found items at the end of June and the items have been washed and sorted. The quality of the clothing is generally very good. The Free Clothing Give Away is open to all families; however, we have reserved the time from 9:30am to 10:30am for schools to bring especially needy kids or send school staff or SWIS workers to have first choice of needed clothing items for at risk students.

"Free Clothing Give Away"

November 17th 10:30am to 2:00pm 1100 Winslow Avenue Winslow Centre Gym

We have quality, lightly used clothing for students from 5 years of age to 18 years. Winter jackets and gloves of all sizes, many pairs of boots and shoes in great shape, lunch boxes, gym shorts, gym bags, pack sacks, t-shirts, hoodies, hats and more!. Everything has been washed and it's all FREE!

Steps to Effective Parenting

Alderson Elementary: Wed. Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 2nd, 9th. Time: 9:30 – 11:00

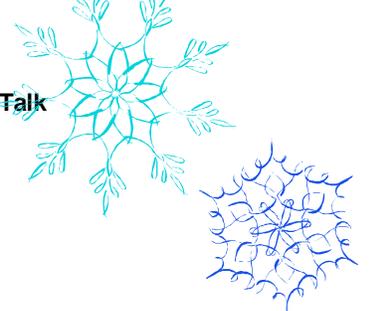
Book cost: \$25.00 (payable first class) How to Talk so Kids Will Listen...How to Listen so Kids Will Talk

Rochester Elementary: Tues. Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24. Time: 7pm. – 9pm.

Book Cost \$20.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

To Register: Email: momichinski@sd43.bc.ca





2010 SPRING JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY PROGRAM

FIELD HOCKEY

The TRI-CITY EAGLES FIELD HOCKEY CLUB has offered a field hockey program to younger players since 1991. The Spring program runs for approximately 10 weeks from April through until the end of June. There is a mini program for those with 2000 to 2003 birth dates, and a junior program for those with 1992 to 1999 birth dates.

U-11 to U-18 teams compete in the Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey League and the program cost is \$115. The Club's Mini program is designed to introduce younger players to the sport and the rules and field size are modified. Season fee is \$100 per participant for the Mini program and space is limited.

Registration deadline is February 5, 2010 (and February 26, 2010 for Mini's). Late registrants add \$10 late fee, if space is still available. More information on the Spring program is available through the Club's web site at www.tcfieldhockey.com or by contacting Brian Lewis at 604-619-4034.

Players must first register with Field Hockey BC to gain insurance coverage and a player membership number. Under 11 and 12 players pay \$15 while U-13 to U-18 pay \$43. Without the player membership number, registration with our Club cannot be finalized.

Traditionally our spring program has only included girls. The Club is entertaining the idea of putting together a BOYS TEAM, depending on sufficient enrollment. Call 604-619-4034 to register your interest.

We hope to see your daughter/son on the field hockey pitch this Spring!

Family Support, Education, Networking, Making Connections



Holiday Potluck Celebration



Thursday December 3rd 2009

The Family Support & Networking Group and the Transitions to & Through Adulthood Group are joining up to kick off the Holiday Season with our annual social. This year we are pleased to host a holiday potluck celebration. (see location below). Bring the whole family & if you are able, a simple dish or appetizer to share. **(We are providing lasagna & beverages).** We hope you can join us for an evening of music, games, merry-making & a chance to connect with old and new friends.

Date: Thursday, December 3rd, 2009

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Simon Fraser Society for Community Living
1551 Salisbury, Port Coquitlam

(Corner of Salisbury and Coast Meridian, 1 block north of Prairie Ave and ½ block west of Coast Meridian)

Please RSVP To Rachel or Helen by November 27th at 604- 525- 9494 or email rlenobel@sfscsl.org or hstovell@sfscsl.org

ELSA

English Language Services for Adults Free basic and intermediate level English training and settlement for newcomers and permanent residents. For more information go to www.elsanet.org or <http://www.elsnet.org>.

To apply, phone or go to: Surrey Test Centre #202-7337 137 Street, Surrey, BC V3W 1A4 604-507-4150
Continuing Education, SD #43, ISS and SUCCESS provide ELSA classes in the Tri-Cities. Continuing Education has space in evening Level 4 and 5 classes at Gleneagle High School. Call 604-936-4261.