



## HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

It was great to see so many parents in our bleachers for our Halloween Parade! There were some fantastic costumes from our students, showing some very creative thinking and planning. They had a great day with a variety of Halloween themed learning activities.

Our school had raised almost \$ 4,600 for the Terry Fox Foundation, a great effort by our school community! The staff and students take a lot of pride in the fact that we are in Terry Fox's hometown and the results speak for themselves.

With our winter weather approaching please have your son or daughter properly prepared. More information is below. As always, our school and district website contain important information regarding school closures.

Sincerely,

Dave Phelan

Principal

Hazel Trembath Elementary

### Important Dates

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| November 5 <sup>th</sup>                       | Motivational Magic Presentation               |
| November 8 <sup>th</sup>                       | Remembrance Day Activity                      |
| November 11 <sup>th</sup>                      | Remembrance Day- Students Do Not Attend       |
| November 19 <sup>th</sup>                      | PAC Meeting at Citadel Middle School (7:00PM) |
| November 26 <sup>th</sup>                      | Vancouver Warriors Lacrosse                   |
| December 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Shows                                  |

## **Playground Update**

The excavator arrived on site November 7<sup>th</sup> to begin ground preparation. Playground structures will be delivered next week for installation.

## **Remembrance Day**

Our school will be walking to the Cenotaph at Blue Mountain Park for our Remembrance Day Ceremony this Friday. Please have your child wear appropriate rain gear (no umbrellas for this event) as there is rain in the forecast.

## **Motivational Magic Presentation**

Steve Harmer, former Teacher and Principal and now Magician/Presenter, visited our school on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He presented his workshop, Motivational Magic: Celebrate Character - Build Your Life upon 6 Pillars of Character. Very entertaining with some good lessons for students and of course some magic tricks!

## **Fine and Performing Arts Curriculum**

In addition to the usual instruction in Fine and Performing Arts provided by our teachers, we have reached out to numerous outside organizations to provide enhancement activities. This includes painting workshops presented by Lauren Albrice and music instruction provided by Place Des Arts in Maillardville. We are also organizing Bhangra dancing for the Spring. Costs for these programs will be covered by the District Education Fund.

## **Winter Show**

Our Winter Show will take place on 2 dates this year. The shows will be the same, just offered at 2 different dates and times.

- December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30
- December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:15-2:15

Our students have already begun rehearsing and we look forward to having parents in our building for the performance! Place Des Arts has been collaborating with our staff and providing additional music instruction.

## **Coquitlam Library Links Program**

The Coquitlam Library has offered to bring their Library Links program to Hazel Trembath. They will be here with their library bus on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This program will offer books on loan to students. The books will be on loan for 2 weeks, to be returned to Hazel Trembath.

In order for your child to participate and borrow a book, they will need a Coquitlam Library card. Please use this link to get a library card:

<https://coqlibrary.limequery.com/656548?lang=en>

The library cards will be kept at the school so they can be used when the Library Links program comes. If you already have a Coquitlam Library card, that can be used, but a FVRL card will not work unless it has been attached to the Coquitlam Library, which you would need to do in person at a Coquitlam Library branch. It will take some time for the Coquitlam Library to process all the card requests, so they will need the request for a library card filled out before Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for your child to take out a book on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Winter Weather Ahead!

Please have your child dressed appropriately for wet and wintery weather. We are usually outside every day for recess and lunch, and conditions are getting quite cold and wet.

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure, affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

**Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website:

<http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: **[www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)**

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

## Programs of Choice and Kindergarten Registration

**Programs of Choice (Early and Late French Immersion, Montessori and Late Montessori and Mandarin Bilingual) Application Dates:**

On-Line Applications open Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 9am.

On-Line Applications close Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 4pm.

**Kindergarten Registration Dates**

Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

**Cross-Catchment Applications**

Information regarding Cross-Catchment can be found at the following link

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/CrossCatchment.aspx#/=>

## PAC and DPAC News

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The meeting will take place in the Citadel Middle School Library.



# Katie Jameson

Katie Jameson is a community advocate, outspoken storyteller and writer who weaves joy and grief into everyday moments. She is the mother of five children: her twins Wally and Kenzie, her son Woodsy, her newest baby girl Millie, and Lochlan, her first son, who passed away when he was 22 days old.

With the birth of her daughter Kenzie, Katie and her family also welcomed a beautiful shift into the world of Down Syndrome, and more recently, Kenzie received a dual diagnosis of Autism revealing her full vibrant self. For Katie and her family, advocacy is a love language. Katie is a founder and board member of Down Syndrome BC, is the co-creator of an adaptive soccer program in Vancouver, and has a loyal following on social media, who have fallen in love with a little girl and her family.

Parent Perspectives

Disability Advocate

Meaningful Inclusion

Grief & Joy Entwined

## Keynotes & Single Sessions

(45-90 min options)

### Side-by-Side: What is inclusion?

*Recommended Audience: All*

This session chronicles the story of Kenzie & Wally. Twins navigating the same school system, but Kenzie, who has Autism and Down Syndrome, is navigating a very different journey. Witnessing these two has defined and redefined what inclusion means for them as a family and how different that sometimes looks in the school system. Join Katie as she shares her family's story of the impact of mindset and how they are (still) navigating the barriers in today's educational system. We will reflect on how Kenzie's experience can empower inclusive decision making and advocacy efforts and have time for Q & A at the end.

## Castle Park Sip and Shop

Please direct any questions to [info.cppac@gmail.com](mailto:info.cppac@gmail.com)

The poster is framed by a dark blue border. It features decorative illustrations of holly leaves and red berries in the top right and bottom left corners. The background is white with faint, stylized leaf patterns. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

**CASTLE PARK**  
*Sip and Shop*  
**HOLIDAY MARKET**  
**Friday, November 29th 2024**

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**5-9pm**  
19+ Event from 6-9pm  
**Minors will be welcome for the first hour.**

**1144 Confederation Drive**  
**Port Coquitlam**

Join us to shop from over 40+  
craft sellers!

**Entry is by Donation!!**

DRINKS AND LIGHT SNACKS  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE