



James Park News

April 2018

Together We Can ... Learn, Belong, Take Care of each other and this place

Please help us as we strive to do our best at school

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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The end of Spring Break marks the beginning of the final stretch of the school year. Speaking from experience these last 11 weeks go by in a hurry and are very busy months. I recommend you keep a close eye on our school's calendar published in our newsletters and on our school's website (<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/jamespark/Pages/default.aspx>) to keep in touch with important events and dates.

For example, I hope you will be able to attend our student-led conferences on Thursday, April 26. Students will be dismissed early at 1:53 p.m. on that day.

Updates

New Staff: We welcome several new staff members to our James Park Community. Ms Kolbe has returned from her maternity leave and is back in charge of Division 13. Ms Matterson began her maternity leave and was replaced by Ms Nogas right after Spring Break. We are also happy to have Ms Pizzolato and Ms Liem at the school. Ms Pizzolato is Mr. Demetlika's student teacher for the remainder of the school year and Ms Liem is working as a youth worker practicum student at the school.

New iPads: Wow! What a generous contribution our Parent Advisory Committee – PAC – has recently made to the school! The purchase of 30 iPads is not only much appreciated, but these 30 units will also be extremely useful to staff and students' learning. On that note, please consider getting involved on our PAC. If you have one hour per month or 10 hours or more, any help will be beneficial and is appreciated! You can find out more information about our PAC via our school's website (see address above), the PAC's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/JamesParkElementary/>) or by contacting our PAC chair Ms Lyndsay Krause directly at lkrause013@gmail.com. Our next PAC meeting is right after the Welcome to Kindergarten meeting (for our new K parents and students) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7.

New Breakfast Program: Under the leadership of Ms McCoy and Ms Ponsart, we (finally) started with our breakfast program. Typically, breakfast consists of a serving of grains, dairy, protein and two choices of fruit. Koudos also to our amazing parent volunteers who have stepped up to the plate in terms of coming early to the school since April 10 to provide (free) breakfast to those who want one. On our second day, we had over 100 participants! We consider this to be a wonderful opportunity for students and parents/guardians to start their day. Breakfast will be served every school day and I encourage you to check it out regularly or once in a while.

New Location for Portables: Construction for relocating six portables on our school's property began right after Spring Break. Two out of the six portables will be moved closer to the school; four will be moved to new locations. The work is expected to be completed by July. Will the portables be used in the next school year? There is a possibility, but it is too early to say. It all depends on our student enrolment numbers in September.

A New Way to Pay for Field Trips: School Cash Online! - <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> Half of you have signed up! Our goal is that almost all of you will have created an account. If you haven't signed up, you will not receive field trip forms electronically. To name a few advantages, having an account and paying online is faster, more reliable and saves our teachers and administrative assistant so much time (counting money, keeping checklists of who has paid and who hasn't, etc.). If you have misplaced the sign-up brochure for School Cash Online, please do not hesitate to contact the office!

No New Appeal – Another IMPORTANT Reminder: PLEASE slow down! It is very upsetting for me personally as well as for the vast majority of our community members to see and to receive reports of dangerous drivers around our school. You may be in a rush when dropping off or picking up your child; however, this does not justify speeding, double parking to drop of students or dangerous maneuvers such as u-turns. Thank you for your cooperation!

Again, stay up to date with school-wide events by visiting our school's website and reading our newsletters.

Regards,
Marco Jankowiak, Principal

PAC NEWS

Next PAC Meeting Monday, May 7th at 7PM.

PAC

PAC President – Lyndsay Krause lkrause013@gmail.com

Vice President & Munch-a-Lunch – Carol Huyhn carolhuynh81@gmail.com

Treasurer – currently vacant

Secretary & DPAC Rep – Judi Zaklan jamz@telus.net

Fundraising Coordinator – Lana Cummings lane@wisdonwithinwellness.com

Fundraising Coordinator – Tiffany Stroud jamieandtiffany@hotmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator – Danet Kroeker danetk@shaw.ca

Hot Lunch – Leesa Landry leesaland@gmail.com

Montessori Rep – Colleen Smith – coljchan@gmail.com

Popcorn – Caroline Macrury macrury1901@shaw.ca

Member at Large – Sean Johnston seangjohnston@telus.net

Fruits & Vegetables – Eric Chan echan68@shaw.ca

Lost & Found – Alycia Reynolds aly_reynolds@hotmail.com

WESTCOAST FAMILY CENTRES

Join us on April 23, 2018 at 4:00PM as we reflect on the 3-year journey of United Way Avenues of Change - Coquitlam River.

Come engage with your community! Let's interact, learn, and walk-through all the achievements we have made together.

We look forward to celebrating together and discussing our steps forward!

Please register at <https://UWAOCCoqRiv.eventbrite.ca>

Thank you and I hope all is well.



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Good News!!!!!! Hurry Hurry Hurry

Register now

Coast Meridian Montessori Preschool is opening in **September 2018** at **James Park Annex** from 12 pm to 2:30pm Monday to Friday. It is for 2 years 9 months to 5 years old children.

We will be using the Montessori Material to satisfy their inner needs leaving them better adapted and able to adjust to their kindergarten class. Our program will be comprised with four major areas: Practical Life, Sensorial, Language and Math.

For more information please contact **Baljit Dhatt**

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Making your summer plans yet?

Think ... *Summer Learning!*



Elementary: July 10-27 9am-12pm

K to 1 Transition, Fine Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Montessori, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Science - Outdoor Focus

Middle: July 10-27 8:45am-11:45am

Art, Band, Creative Writing, Drama, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated Studies, Language Arts, Mathematics, Montessori, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Science Grade 6/7 (Ecology/Outdoor Focus), Tech Ed

Secondary Skill Building & Remedial: July 10-27 8:30-11:30am & 12:00-3:00pm

English, English for School Success, Math, Music, Science, Fitness, Tech Ed

Advanced (High School) Credit: Face-to-face & Online blended (Fast Track):

July 4 - August 10 8:00-11:30am & 12:00-3:30pm

Gr 10, 11, and 12 courses in English, Mathematics & Sciences. Canadian Studies 10, Career Life Education (Planning), Fitness & Conditioning 11/12, PE 10/11, Social Studies 10/11, Composition 11 & Communications 12

See our website for full info: www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

- ⇒ Tuition is free for BC residents (International fees apply otherwise)
- ⇒ 13 school locations throughout the Tri Cities
- ⇒ Registration opens in late April, create/update your account today



School Calendar – Days to Remember! James Park

Fri, April 20th

Mon, April 23rd

Tues, April 24th

Thurs, April 26th

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Fri, April 27th

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Mon, May 7th

Mon, May 7th

Fri, May 11th

Friday, May 18th

Mon, May 21st

Tues, May 22nd

May 28th – June 1st

Mon, May 21st

Fri, June 1st

Fri, June 1st

Sat, June 2nd

Fri, June 22nd

Thurs, June 28th

Fri, June 29th

District Pro D Day (No School in Session)

TapCo Performing Arts 9:15-10:15am

Grade 5 Photo Order Deadline to Office

EARLY DISMISSAL 1:53PM (Student Led Conferences)

6PM Parent Info Session at KWAYHQUITLUM Middle BYOD

11am Moment of Silence (National Day of Mourning)

9:10am Mapole Dance Assembly

Grade 5 Photo Order Deadline

Pizza Hot Lunch (PAC, Volunteers needed)

6pm Gymnasium – Kindergarten Orientation

7pm PAC Meeting

Subway Hot Lunch (PAC, volunteers needed)

School Based Non-Instructional Day

Victoria Day (Stat – No School in Session)

Track & Field Meet (Coq. Town Centre)

Bike to Work Week

Victoria Day – School Not in Session

Taco Hot Lunch (PAC, volunteers needed)

Grade 5 Fieldtrip to TIMBERLINE RANCH

James Park CARNIVAL

1PM Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony

Last Day of School for all Students

Administrative Day

*****APPROVED DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDARS
FOR THE NEXT 2 SCHOOL YEARS BELOW*****

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

School Calendar 2018-2019

DESIGNATION	
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 4
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 21
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 19
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, Nov. 9
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, Nov. 12
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 21
Winter vacation period	Dec. 24 – Jan. 4
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 7
School Not in Session	Friday, Feb. 15
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 18
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 22
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 15
Spring vacation period	Mar. 18 – 29
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, Apr. 1
Good Friday	<u>Friday, Apr. 19</u>
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr. 22
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 26
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 27
Administrative Day	Friday, June 28

**** Please note: an additional 2 school-based non –instructional days will be selected by each school.**

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

School Calendar 2019-2020



DESIGNATION	
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 3
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 20
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 14
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 18
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, Nov. 11
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 20
Winter vacation period	Dec. 23 – Jan. 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 6
School Not in Session	Friday, Feb. 14
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 17
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 28
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 13
Spring vacation period	Mar. 16 – 27
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, Mar. 30
Good Friday	<u>Friday, Apr. 10</u>
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr. 13
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 17
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 25
Administrative Day	Friday, June 26



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