



James Park News

February 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,

If you haven't heard, here are four news items from James Park Elementary:

- 1) We are gearing up for a funded breakfast program! This is a community event! Parents/guardians are welcome to join their children for breakfast with their children as well, and we hope that this will give you a chance to connect with other members of the James Park Community. This will be a daily breakfast starting at 8am with food service wrapped up by 8:35am firm. By now, you should have received one email plus a parent paper memo about this program sponsored by the Breakfast Club of Canada. **We are looking for parent volunteers who can assist staff with the preparation of food. Please review the parent email or memo for more detailed information, or contact the office.** We are hoping supplies and funds will have arrived by the end of February and are hoping to serve breakfast at the beginning of March.
- 2) Please consider joining us for our Family Reading Night. Our next session will be on Monday, March 5 starting at 6:00 pm and concluding by 6:45pm. The emphasis is on promoting reading and we believe this to be a wonderful opportunity to for you to read and to listen to children's books. You will be informed via email for Family Reading Night dates after Spring Break. However, more importantly – see you on March 5!
- 3) Preparations have begun for the relocation of the six portables on the north side of the school. District officials have informed me that four portables will be moved to other school sites and that we will retain two portables. These two portables will be moved closer to the school (on the grass area by the basketball courts). I am uncertain about the exact moving date, but we can expect to see some action during or shortly after Spring Break. Does this mean we will be getting two more divisions next year? Too early to tell at this point in time, but looking at current enrolment numbers, this does not seem likely.
- 4) For those of you parents who are about to join us for September 2018, please consider attending the Ready, Set, Learn session in our gym on Monday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. What is Ready, Set, Learn? Here is an excerpt from the flyer also included in the back of this newsletter:

Children will participate in a variety of play-based learning activities, listen to stories and receive a gift for attending. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with early childhood education experts and local community agencies. Adding even more fun to the festivities, enjoy an award-winning show by children's entertainer Will Street.

As usual, please visit our school website regularly for important info, announcements and school dates. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/jamespark/Pages/default.aspx>

Regards,

Marco Jankowiak

Principal, James Park Elementary

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Next general meeting will be on Monday March 5th at 7pm in classroom #103. All parents welcome to attend!

Parenting Wisely Course



Parenting Wisely is a free course about managing the behaviour of elementary school children. Topics include waiting patiently until conversations or phone calls are over, morning and bedtime routines, cooperating with friends and peers, behaving in public and schoolwork challenges. Two Parenting Wisely courses are being presented by Stan Simister and Porter Street Elementary School.

One course starts **Tuesday January 23, 2018, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays and ends on March 6, 2018. A second course starts **Wednesday January 24, 2018, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays and ends on March 7, 2018.

Both courses will be held at **Porter Street Elementary School, 728 Porter St., Coquitlam**. You need to attend the first class to take either course. **Please register with the school office, between Monday January 8, 2018 and Friday January 19, 2018, at telephone # 604-936-4296**. If you are unable to attend the first class you will not be able to take these courses, but you are welcome to register for the Parenting Wisely courses that will be offered again in April of 2018.

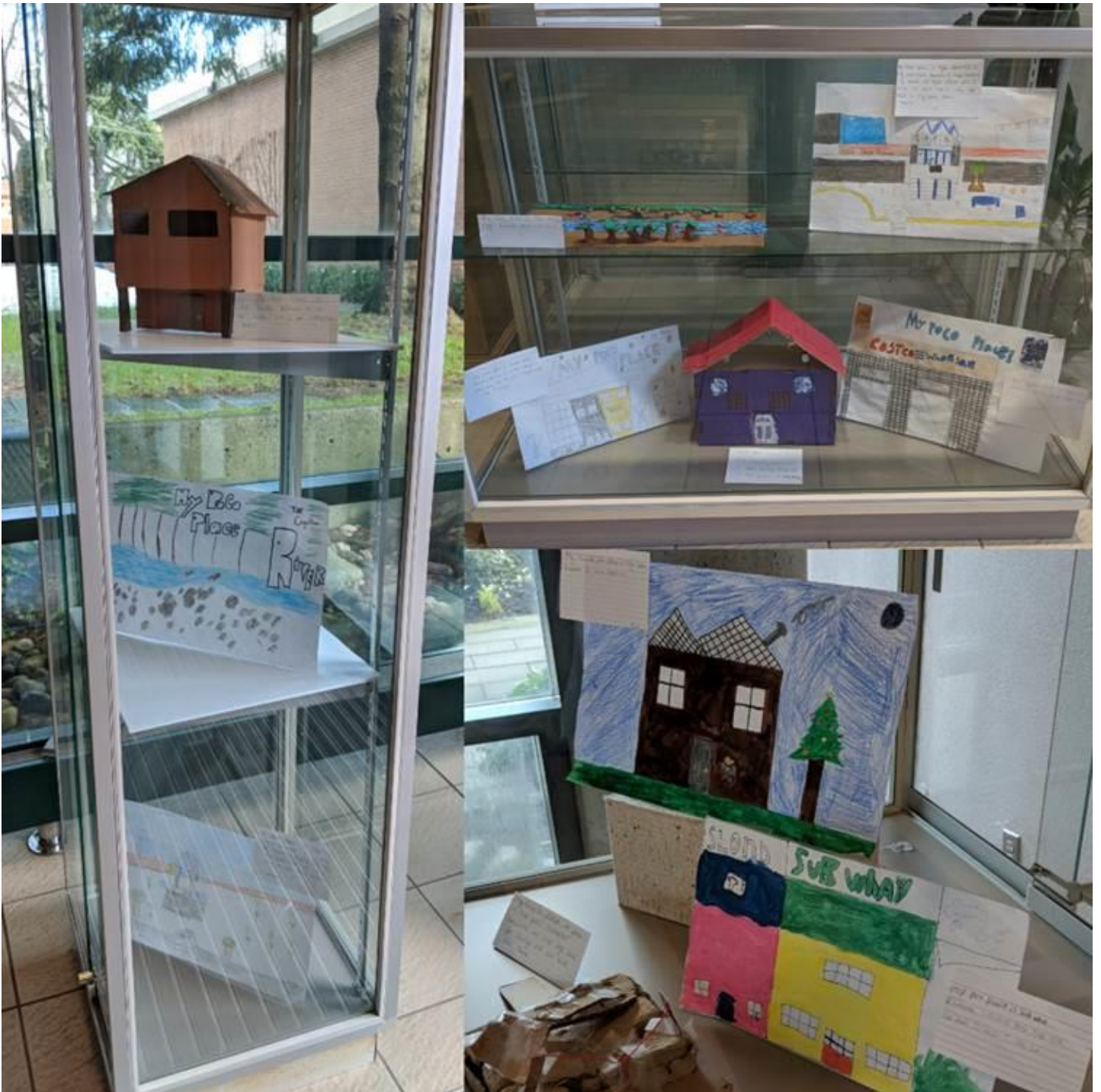
Please sign in with the school office prior to going to the multipurpose room to attend the course. Participants with children under age 5 will need to make their own child minding arrangements.

POCO PLACE EXIBIT at City Hall



Div 12 students' (Mr. D's) "My PoCo Place" exhibit is now up in City Hall!

The exhibit will be announced on our social media tomorrow, and our newsletter this Saturday. I also announced the exhibit to City Council yesterday when I was there giving a presentation for Heritage Week (next week). Council seemed very interested in seeing the new exhibit. Please let your class and their families know so they can all see their art on display!



School District 43

2018



Free Ready, Set, Learn Event for Families & their 3-5 Year Olds

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Drop into any one of the following events. It's all free!

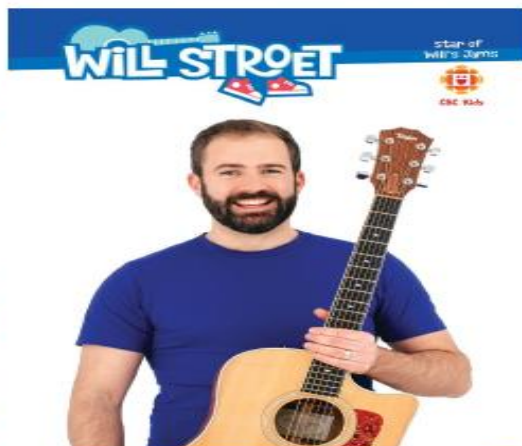
Morning Events:

Monday, March 5
9:00-11:00
James Park Elementary

Tuesday, March 6
9:00-11:00
Seaview Elementary

Monday, March 12
9:00-11:00
Leigh Elementary

Tuesday, March 13
9:00-11:00
Central Elementary



Afternoon Events:

Monday, March 5
12:30-2:30
Roy Stibbs Elementary

Tuesday, March 6
12:30-2:30
Walton Elementary

Tuesday, March 13
12:30-2:30
Rochester Elementary



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

**** School Team Basketball practices are every Wed. 3-4pm**

****Choir Practices are Wed at 8:15am – 8:45 and Thursday at Lunchtime**

Fri, Feb 23rd	Non Instructional Day (District Wide)
Mon, Feb 26 th	Carnival Meeting 6:30pm in Staff Room
Fri, March 2 nd	Classroom Photo Day
Mon, March 5 th	Family Reading Night 6 – 6:45pm
Fri, Mar 16 th	PJ Day
Fri, Mar 16 th	Last Day in Session before Spring Break
Mar 19 – March 29 th	Spring Vacation Period
Fri, March 30 th	Good Friday – School Not in Session
April 2 nd	Easter Monday – School Not in Session
April 3 rd	School re-opens today
Fri, Apr 20 th	Non Instructional Day (District Wide)
Friday, May 18th	School Based Non-Instructional Day
Mon, May 21 st	Victoria Day – School Not in Session
Sat, June 2 nd	James Park CARNIVAL
Thurs, June 28 th	Last Day of School for all Students
Fri, June 29 th	Administrative Day