



## James Park News March 2016

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

### After School Kamp – ASK – Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are very excited to announce that starting Monday April 11 we will be offering the ASK program at James Park. We are very pleased to have hired Ms Sunshine Hannan to facilitate the program. Ms Hannan is a parent from our community and is very well suited for the position. Students can expect to participate in center type activities, such as lego or blocks, painting and drawing activities, board games and a number of other craft activities. As mentioned in a previous survey, After School Kamp will run from Mondays to Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Parents can sign up their children for any or every day of the week and for any time (either 3:00 to 4:00, 4:00 to 5:00 or 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.). The cost will be \$5 per hour per child. Please be advised that this is **not** on a drop in basis. Parents must sign up their children *and* pay in advance. **Please keep your eyes open for sign up instructions which we will pass on to you via our students and as a posting on our website.** ASK is expected to be a popular afterschool choice for students and parents alike so be aware of first come first serve and potential caps on enrollment should interest exceed program capacity. The ASK program will be an opportunity for your children to spend some quality time at school after 3:00 p.m. and we hope that you will find it beneficial and affordable as well.

### Report Cards

The second formal reports will be sent home on Friday, March 11 which is also the last day before our two-week spring vacation. Please keep in mind that a report card is a snapshot of how children are doing. Please do not hesitate to book appointments with teachers if you have questions related to your child's progress at any time during the school year.

### Grade 4 FSA Tests

The FSA tests were distributed to grade 4 students last week. If you are a parent of a grade 4 student who participated in writing the FSA test this year, you should have received your child's scored FSA booklet by now. Each booklet was returned with a general letter about the FSA from the district superintendent which may prove of interest to you as well.

### James Park Carnival

The staff and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our hard working parents who spent long hours and a lot of energy in planning our upcoming carnival celebration. I am highly impressed by the effort that has gone into this event! Thank you also to so many of you who donated to our themed gift baskets. Your generosity is much appreciated as well! Keep in mind our carnival is fast approaching: March 4 starting at 5pm.

### Lunch Time Activities at James Park

A quick but sincere thank you also goes to Mr. Dalmann, Mr. Demetlika as well as Mr. Dowler for giving up some of their lunch breaks throughout the past week to run the hockey intramurals. Not only did students have a lot of fun, but also got a great work out in the process. Likewise, we also appreciate Ms Ponsart and Ms Neilson for giving our students an opportunity to participate in Maypole dancing twice throughout the week. Being a new administrator in the Port Coquitlam area, I am very curious to see our students perform at the Maypole festival at the end of April.

Sincerely,

Marco Jankowiak  
Principal



## School Calendar

Please establish an easy link to our website at

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/jamespark/Pages/default.aspx>

Fri, March 4	5:30 – 9:00 pm	Carnival
Mon, March 7	6:30 – 8:00	Seleema Noon Presentation for Parents Only
Tues, March 8	7:00 pm	PAC Meeting
Thur, March 10	1:05 – 1:45	Seleema Noon Student session for grades 3 – 4
Thur, March 10	1:50 – 2:50	Seleema Noon Student session for grade 5
Thur, March 10	3:00 pm	Seleema Noon K-2 session . Parent /Guardian <b><u>must</u></b> accompany children
Fri, March 11		Last day before Spring Break
March 14 - 24		Spring Vacation Period
Fri, March 25		Good Friday
Mon, March 28		Easter Monday
Tues, March 29		School Re-Opens
Fri, April 15		Non-Instructional Day



## Community News

Tired of the same old sports for your kids?  
Want to try something totally different and purely about  
kids having fun?

UNITED RUGBY is proud to offer  
**FREE** half-hour introduction sessions for  
boys and girls

AGES: Pre-K Grade 4  
Kindergarten/Grade 1 Grade 5/6  
Grade 2/3

LOCATION: Maple Creek Middle School all-season field  
TIMES: Wednesday evenings 6:30 – please register in advance  
Every experience and ability level is welcome!

For additional details and registration, please contact:  
Julie Beyea [minirugby@unitedrugby.ca](mailto:minirugby@unitedrugby.ca) or 778-773-0647  
Visit our website at [www.unitedrugby.ca](http://www.unitedrugby.ca)







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 Elementary School.

One course starts **Tuesday April 19, 2016, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This class will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays and ends on May 31, 2016. A second course starts **Wednesday April 20, 2016, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This class will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays and ends on June 1, 2016.

Both courses will be held at **Porter Street Elementary School**, 728 Porter St., Coquitlam., Please register with the school office, between Monday April 4, 2016 and Friday April 15, 2016, at telephone # 604-936-4296. 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. Parenting Wisely courses will be offered again in September of 2016 for parents that are unable to attend the first session of these 2 courses.

Stan Simister, M.A., R.Psych. #1584, Social Development Centre, Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Tri-Cities West Neighbourhood Centre, MCFD, 5-2601 Lougheed Hwy., Coquitlam, B.C. V3C 4J2 Tel. (604) 927-4429 Fax (604) 927-2675 [Stan.Simister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stan.Simister@gov.bc.ca)


**2016 ONLINE Registration for . . .  
Elementary Skill Building opens 6AM,  
Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

- ▲ Students must have an account with our online system BEFORE registering for courses.
- ▲ Please visit our website and create/update your account now.
- ▲ To create an account you will need your child's PEN number, which is available at your home school.

We are offering courses in Fine Arts, French Immersion, Montessori, Reading & Writing, Math, Science, Kindergarten-to-Grade 1 Transition and more.

**Dates:** Tuesday July 12 to Friday July 29  
**Times:** 9 AM to 12 PM Monday to Friday  
**Locations:** 7 elementary locations - see website.

*See website for full details!*  
[www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)





## SPRING BREAK DAY CAMPS

# THE "SCHOOL OF WONDERSTANDING" 2016

The Professional Development Program at Simon Fraser University is excited to offer

four days of hands-on, action-packed activities this **Spring Break** from **Monday, March**

**21st through Thursday, March 24th, 2016** for students from grades K-5. The four days of activities will run from **9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.** each day.

This unique opportunity is part of a wonderful community partnership between Simon Fraser University and School District 43. During the four days of our "School of Wonderstanding" students will participate in a number of different activities such as cooking, crafts, indoor/outdoor games, dance, sports, science experiments, drama and of course, **FUN**. All sessions are fully supervised by Student Teachers in the Professional Development Program, as part of their teacher training. And they will be working under the supervision of certified teachers. Each session is designed to excite and delight participants with hands-on, creative learning opportunities to strengthen the connection of "wonder" and "understanding" of the world around us. The Maillard School of Wonderstanding camp will be facilitated by the Aboriginal stream of Simon Fraser University student teachers. This camp will incorporate traditional aboriginal cultural teachings as part of the program curriculum of this camp.

The cost for all 4 days of activities is **\$60 per student**, which includes supplies and materials. Participants will need to bring snacks, a bag lunch, a water bottle (with their name on it), dress comfortably and come ready to have **FUN**.

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### HOW TO REGISTER

#### Registration is **ONLINE**:

To register for **Aboriginal School of Wonderstanding** Camp location please visit the Aboriginal Community Program page website and follow the link on the website to register.

#### Paper Registration:

To register by paper registration please download and print the registration form from the online registration site event (Karelo). If unable to print the forms please visit the office hosting the Camp you have chosen for paper copies. Please return the registration form to the Maillard school's office with cash or cheque made payable to: **SD43 Aboriginal Education**

There are a limited number of spaces. Priority will be given to those first registered and paid. You will be contacted only if the program is full or cancelled.

**\*If you must cancel, please contact us as soon as possible. Refunds may not be available after the Camp begins.**

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**Aboriginal Community School Coordinator:** Malcolm Key: [mkey@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mkey@sd43.bc.ca) (604) 600-9350



## Please support KidSport at our Amazing Used Equipment Sale

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their highly anticipated **Used Sporting Goods Sale**:

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10am until 1pm**

Riverside Secondary School,  
2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam

**Admission is by donation or item for the SHARE Food Bank**



**save you  
incredible**

**Open to everyone!** If you or your family is in to sports, **we will money!** A huge variety of **High Quality** used sporting goods at **prices.** Everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment and wetsuits and everything in between. You can outfit a child for hockey (including skates and a helmet) for \$100. Lacrosse (including a stick and helmet) for \$90. Plus, there's no tax. All proceeds go to subsidize registration fees for kids from lower income families. **More than 1,400 people attended last year...YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS SALE!**

To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! **Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from Feb 24 – March 4 at the following locations:**

**Port Coquitlam Rec Centre**

**Port Moody Rec Centre**

**Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex**

**Riverside Secondary**

**Thriftopolis - D-2579 Lougheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam**

**Jim Pattison Hyundai, 2385 Ottawa St, Port Coquitlam**

If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals!

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Chris Wilson, KidSport Tri-Cities

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[www.kidsporttricitie.ca](http://www.kidsporttricitie.ca)

## Reminders

- Carnival Night is this Friday, March 4 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm. The PAC has two goals: put on an amazing night of fun and games AND raise much needed money for student activities, performances, field trips, sports equipment, and new computers!
- When your child is going to be absent from school, or will be late you can go to our web page and use the Absence Report button and fill out the form. If you don't have access to a computer please call the school (604-942-6658). If no one answers please leave a voice mail with your son or daughters name, why they are absent and their home room teacher and/or division. Thank you!

