



James Park News October 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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

James Park Elementary Survey

Thank you to all of you who have already completed the online parent survey. An electronic invitation was sent out last week to all of the email address we currently have in our system. In addition, we also sent out a paper notice with all students to inform you about the survey. Please fill out the form if you did not receive a survey invitation and return it to the office. In case you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the office so that we can arrange for you to complete the survey at school. It takes approximately 15 minutes to complete the survey.

Why complete the survey? Because your thoughts and opinions matter! By filling out the survey, you can share your thoughts, views and perspective with us, helping us to see how we are doing and what areas are great and/or what areas need attention and improvement. It is one step in our walk towards establishing a school culture where everyone feels safe and welcome at James Park, making it a great place to learn and have fun in the process.

Halloween Costumes

I recently uploaded a letter from our Superintendent in regards to Halloween costumes on our school's website. Please take a moment to read it. Here is an excerpt I would like you to pay attention to in particular.

- Student's costumes should be easily recognizable and/or identify themselves to any staff members when queried.
- By law and School District expectations, the use and possession of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited. This pertains to students before, during or after school, on or offsite.
- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate, as are costumes which are hypersexualized, or costumes which depict elements of sexual exploitation.
- Students "in character" are to conduct themselves appropriately. Behaviours which intimidate, harass or humiliate members of the community, or other behaviours which are inappropriate at the expense of others, do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment.

Parent Volunteers

Have you considered volunteering at James Park? If the answer is "Yes", we would love to hear from you. Throughout the year, we - teachers and our Parent Advisory Group (PAC) - usually are looking for parent drivers for field trips, coaches, assistance with special class or school-wide events. If you "only" have one hour on a particular day, why not volunteer and listen to a child read a book to you? Please speak to your child's teacher if you are interested. All volunteers must complete a volunteer form and submit a (free) criminal record check. If you are interested in driving, you must also submit a driver's abstract.

Traffic

For the benefit of our children's safety, I am asking you again to obey school zone traffic regulations. To name a few, please slow down, avoid U-turns and follow parking zone regulations. Also a reminder that the staff parking lot is for staff members only. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Absence Reporting

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.



School Calendar

Please establish an easy link to our website at
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/jamespark/Pages/default.aspx>

Fri, Oct 28		Hot Lunch (PAC) & Cupcake Sale
Mon, Oct 31	pm	Halloween Parade
Tues, Nov 1		Pro-D Day (Children do not attend)
Wed, Nov 2		Popcorn Day
Fri, Nov 4		P.J. Day
Mon, Nov 7	7:00 pm	PAC Meeting
Tues, Nov 8	9:00 am	PAC Coffee
Wed, Nov 9	9:00 am	Photo Retake
Thurs, Nov 10	10:30 am	Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri, Nov 11		Remembrance Day – No School
Mon, Nov 14		Ministry Curriculum Day – No School
Tues, Nov 15	9:00 am	PAC Coffee
Wed, Nov 16		Popcorn Day
Fri, Nov 18		Hot Lunch (PAC)
Tues, Nov 29	9:00 am	PAC Coffee
Wed, Nov 30	11:00 am	Performance – A Christmas Carol



Community News

The Great Biannual

CLOTHING

Giveaway!

DATE: *Wednesday November 16th, 2016*

LOCATION: *The GYM at
WINSLOW CENTRE, 1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam*

TIME: *9 AM - 10 AM (SD43 STAFF AND STUDENTS ONLY)
10 AM - 12 PM (GENERAL PUBLIC)*

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Learn about
youth culture

Strengthen your
connection to your
teen

Y.O.L.O

(Youth Offering Listening
Opportunities)

As a parent have you wondered

- How can I talk with my youth about substance use?
- How come youth use substances?
- How can I improve communication with my youth?
- What new strategies can I use in parenting my youth?



Come on out and listen to youth share their life experiences in order to help parents/caregivers understand their own teens better

**Join us on Wednesday November 9, 2016 from
6:30-8:45 pm**

WHERE: SHARE Family and Community Services
2615 Clarke Street, Port Moody

Please RSVP by Tuesday November 1, 2016

For further information and to register please call SHARE's intake worker at
604-936-3900

or email: Karen O'Brien at kobrien@sd43.bc.ca



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HALLOWEEN TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY NIGHT! PLEASE LOOK AFTER JAMES PARK SCHOOL

Halloween Monday will likely be very active in our neighbourhood. We invite you to make sure that our school remains free from vandalism.

What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds, especially after-hours. Signs of trouble include late night trespassers and the gathering of unorganized groups of people.

Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

*Call immediately when something raises your suspicions,
Do not wait for the damage to be done.*

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.

KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.



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PAC News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe that we are now 2 months in to the school year?! I would like to take a moment to thank all of those parents who have helped out so far this year, and those who have filled out volunteer forms but haven't been assigned a job yet. If you are interested in volunteering, please get a form from the PAC bulletin board across the hall from the main office (next to the kitchen), or ask a current PAC member for some more information.

We have a special opportunity available. A local business is donating 1,000 pounds of flour to our school - this is a high grade 00 flour, however it is past it's expiry date (expired August 2016). If you are interested, we are asking that you bring your own containers and a donation to the food bank. We will fill your container in exchange for the food bank donation. Pick up will be in the afternoons on Thursday November 3, and Friday November 4. Please watch for our flyer coming soon with more information.

We would like to thank Jordan from Gym Sense for her hard work these past few weeks with teaching the kids gymnastics. We hope your child enjoyed it. This is one of the PAC sponsored programs that comes into the school, providing an opportunity that many students may not normally be exposed to. It's also one of my favourites because it's also helping our kids with balance and agility, something that helps with regular day to day activity.

A reminder to use our Munchalunch online ordering system for hot lunch and popcorn days, and the cut off is one week before the event occurs. We appreciated your patience as we adopted the new system this year as there were a few glitches. As the year goes on, more events will be added as they come up. If you have any questions or need help signing up, please let us know.

Please take a moment to check out Lost & Found, across from the office. There are a good number of coats waiting to go back home.

Important Dates:

The next PAC meeting will be Monday November 7, 7pm, in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend, and a babysitter will be onsite. This is a great way to find out what's happening at the school.

Monday November 21, 7pm in the Staff Room will be the first meeting for the Carnival! If you are interested in helping out, or finding out more about it, please come to the meeting! More information will be coming out soon. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we will need many people helping!

On Wednesday November 30, Dufflebag Theatre will be coming to perform, and parents are more than welcome to attend.

Friday December 2, 5:30-8:30, will be our Christmas Market in the gym. We will have a variety of vendors, with gift ideas, for yourself or someone else, and some surprises are in the works too. I have even heard that we may have a visitor from the North Pole if Rudolph can get him here. We will also need volunteers for set up, take down, decorating, and more!

Finally, please think about joining our facebook page at www.facebook.com/JamesParkPAC. It's a great way to find out what's happening, ask questions, and get reminders about upcoming events. When you join, think about turning on 'all' notifications too. We don't want you to miss a thing!

Have a great November!

Sunshine Hanan – PAC President

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**Monday November 21st at 7:00pm
In the Staff Room**

Planning Session and Committee Organization

Please join us for the first official Carnival meeting of the school year! We will be selecting our committee members, finalizing the date (April 2017) and starting the planning process. The Carnival is the James Park PAC's biggest fundraiser and it takes many helping hands to put together. We welcome anyone who wants to help out in of the following areas:

Decorating	Donations	Class Baskets
Tickets/Forms	Games	Prizes
Cake Walk	Staff Liaison	Concession
Volunteers	Advertising	Facebook Event Admin.

If you prefer to work behind the scenes, cannot come to the meeting, or would like job descriptions please contact me. We will also need many volunteers on the big day so watch for volunteer forms in the spring.

Looking forward to another great Carnival!

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Carnival Coordinator
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