



James Park News

June 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,



Staff and Parent BBQ

Thank you to all of you who came to our ‘Welcome Back BBQ’ last week. It was a wonderful time for us to meet and greet each other right at the beginning of the year, and I also hope that you were able to get to know other parents and families of your child’s peers. I especially want to thank our staff for attending this evening and for preparing hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers.



Upcoming Turkey Trot

I hope you have received and read the parent notice (hardcopy and e-mail) about the upcoming turkey trot. Safeway and No Frills in Port Coquitlam have generously donated turkeys for our school which will be raffled off on Wednesday, October 3 after our turkey trot or school wide run. Please consider donating one (or more) food item or anything that fits with a traditional turkey dinner. Potatoes, yams, a can of corn, cranberry sauce and napkins are only a few examples that could be donated. The more donations we receive, the more prizes can be won by students.

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The Childhood Experiences Questionnaire

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CHEQ Surveys for Kindergarten Parents

If you haven’t had time to complete the survey, please take a moment to do so. The survey provides the school district and our community with important information about early childhood experiences, services and experiences that could be organized in Port Coquitlam. Your participation in this 30-minute survey is much appreciated!

For more information on FSA, visit: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment>

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) for Grade 4s

Similar to last year, the FSA test for grade 4 students are at the beginning of the school year. Grade 4 teachers will administer the test during the month of October and the first week of November. The test will require students to complete literacy and numeracy tasks; most are paper -pencil tasks yet two parts are completed electronically online. Grade 4 parents can expect the results by the end of November. Please talk to your child's teacher or to me if you have any questions or concerns about the assessment.

Halloween

Halloween Costumes

Every year, our superintendent sends school administrators a letter in regard to Halloween costumes. I will upload this year's letter on our school's website once I receive it. However, with Halloween only 30 days away, I have copied an excerpt for you:

- Student's costumes should be easily recognizable and/or students should be able to clearly identify themselves to any staff members when queried.
- By law and School District expectations are that 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 and are not permitted.

Please be mindful about the costume your child will be wearing. Thank you in advance.



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) - are usually 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 for field trips, you must also submit a driver's abstract. Please contact our office to obtain the volunteer form or if you have any questions.





Traffic


For the benefit of our children's safety, I am asking you again to obey school zone traffic regulations. To be fully specific, please slow down, avoid U-turns and follow parking zone regulations. Please do not park in our two handicapped parking spots if you do not have a valid permit on display.


Quick Links

 Community Programs

 Absence Report

 School Cash Online

 MunchaLunch

 BC's Revised Curriculum

Absence Reporting

When your child is going to be absent from school or will be late you can go to our web page - <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/jamespark/Pages/default.aspx> - and use the **Absence Report** button and fill out the form (right hand side). 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 daughter's name, grade, division and expected duration of the absence.

School Calendar – Days to Remember!
James Park

Mon Oct 1 st	Staff Meeting
Mon Oct 1 st	Fruit & Veggie Program
Mon Oct 1 st	6:30PM PAC Meeting
Wed Oct 3 rd	Treat Day (Orders made through Munch A Lunch)
Wed Oct 3 rd	Approx. 1:30pm (TBA) Turkey Trot
Wed Oct 4 th	Poultry in Motion
Mon Oct 8 th	Thanksgiving Day, NO SCHOOL IN SESSION
Tues Oct 9 th	9:30am Fire Drill with POCO FIRE FIGHTERS
Wed Oct 10 th	Early Dismissal 1:53PM (PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE)
Fri Oct 12 th	HOT LUNCH
Mon Oct 15 th	9am West Coast Chamber Choir
Tue Oct 16 th	Pumpkin Patch (7 classes participating)
Fri Oct 19 th	Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL IN SESSION
Mon Oct 22 nd	Fruit & Veggie Program
Wed Oct 24 th	Take me Outside Day
Wed Oct 24 th	DPAC Meeting at Winslow Centre 7PM
Fri Oct 26 th	HOT LUNCH (Orders made through Munch A Lunch)
Wed Oct 31 st	Halloween Parade 1:20pm in Gymnasium
Tues Nov 6 th	Photo Retake Day 1PM
ThurS, Nov 8 th	Moment of Silence at 11am 1:30PM Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri, Nov 9 th	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL IN SESSION
Mon, Nov 12 th	STAT HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL IN SESSION

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	Friday, Apr. 19
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



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**** 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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