

# KWAYHQUITLUM NEWS

#1—September 16, 2016

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

Time has passed quickly and we have found a middle school rhythm in record time. I would like to thank all the parents for their patience and understanding with our start up this year and also commend the staff and students who handled the organized chaos with a positive attitude. I am pleased to be the principal at Kwayhquitlum Middle and I feel it is a gift to work with such an amazing community.

A variety of initiatives have already started at Kway so I would encourage you to access our on line calendar. All events, fieldtrips and holidays will be recorded in this central location.

Have a great weekend.

Respectfully,

Laurie Ebenal  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

Wed., Sept. 21	Picture Day Open House 7 pm
Thurs., Sept. 22	Band Rental Night
Fri., Sept. 23	District Pro D
Tues., Sept 27	Cops for Cancer Terry Fox Run
Wed. Sept 28-30	Gr. 8 camp
Fri., Oct., 21	Pro D



## **KEV – ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM**

KEV is up and running and will soon be the preferred method of payment for school fees, field trips, etc. We encourage you to register your account online now! If you haven't already opened your account follow these steps:

Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>

Click on "Get Started Today"

Create your account

Enter first and last name (must be your child's legal name); click continue

Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue

Choose a password and security question

Make sure to OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

**Please note: if you have paid fees by cash or cheque to your child's teacher and receive an automatic email from KEV saying the fees are not paid, you can disregard this email.**

## **BC SCHOOL FRUIT & VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM**

Kwayhqitlum Middle is excited to be involved again with the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program. Students will receive a fruit or vegetable snack in the classroom, during class time, once every two to three weeks. It is not meant to replace the foods they would normally eat but help them enjoy a fruit or vegetable with their classmates.



These fruits and vegetables are BC grown and by serving them in our schools, it helps students learn about produce available locally. It also supports the local market. Some examples of fruits and vegetables that may be included in the program are: different apple varieties, tomatoes, snap peas and mini cucumbers.

Please see the Kwayhqitlum Middle School website for further information. If you are not interested in participating in this program, please complete the Reverse Consent Form that can be found on our website, hard copies are available in the office.

## **FORMS, FORMS AND MORE FORMS**

Start-up packages and forms were sent home earlier this month. Please ensure that the following forms are completed re-turned to your child's teacher as soon as possible: Data Verification, Policies & Permissions, Consent for Storage & Access of Information Outside Canada & the Emergency Release Forms. Activity and Athletic fees are due at this time as well. If your child has a medical concern and requires a medical alert, please visit our school website, under Quick Links <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/kwayhqitlum/Parents/Forms>.

*Medical Alert Forms*—We require that the physician complete a section of the *Request for Administration of Medication* form and sign it before medication can be given to a student at school by school staff. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that all medications are kept up-to-date. Any medications that you wish the school to administer to your child now require consent from your family physician. This includes Tylenol or Advil. Due to this procedure Kwayhqitlum Middle will not be administering any medication without the written consent of a physician.

## **OFFICE MATTERS**

If your child is going to be late or absent from school for any reason (e.g. arriving late from a doctor/dentist appointment) or will need an early dismissal on a particular day, please inform the **school office** in advance by telephone, email or through a written note. A very convenient option is to submit your child's absence on our school website:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/Kwayhqitlum>. Follow the link and click on the Absence Report on the main page under Quick Links.

This information is entered into our computer system and dispersed to all staff. If no notification is received, we will be calling you at home or work for information regarding the absence. Unless you advise us that your son or daughter will be gone for more than one day due to illness, vacation, etc., the school will call each morning your child is missing from class. Thanks in advance for your cooperation as this assists our office staff greatly.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL**

As both children and parents are getting back into the school routine, we would like to recommend students and parents/guardians adhere to the following safety and driving guidelines. Please encourage your son/daughter to walk to and from school as much as possible. There are many cars accessing the front entrance, therefore drop-off in front of the school is very busy. This could become potentially dangerous when kids are running across streets or parking lots. If possible, park a block or two away, so your child can safely access the sidewalks.



Also, please make sure you drive slowly to keep our children and neighbourhood safe. The driving speed in a school zone is 30km/hour. Thank you.

## **ATHLETICS**

The fall athletics season is about to begin and Kwayhquitlum Cougar teams are getting ready. Middle school athletics is the perfect place to try out a new sport and make new friends. The swim team has started, but if students have questions about joining they should see Ms. Bauder or Ms.



Fisher. Students are encouraged to listen to the announcements and read the E-news in order to sign up for the other fall teams that will be starting soon. These include cross-country and volleyball. Kwayhquitlum is also eligible to enter a team in the middle school field hockey program, but we are still looking for a coach. If you know of a community member who may be able to support us, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Ian Robertson - [irobertson@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:irobertson@sd43.bc.ca)



## **TERRY FOX RUN AND FUNDRAISING**

Kwayhquitlum will be holding our annual Terry Fox Run on Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising began this week, and we are off to a great start. As a school in Terry's hometown we know how important it is to raise funds and raise awareness to fight against cancer. Students can contribute to our fundraising total by bringing in donations to the classroom teacher. Parents, friends and relatives are able to support us by sending money with students, or contributing online. Visit [www.terryfox.ca/KwayhquitlumMiddleSchool](http://www.terryfox.ca/KwayhquitlumMiddleSchool) to make a donation to Kwayhquitlum's fundraising total. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you for all your support!



## **CASUAL NOON HOUR ASSISTANTS**

School District 43 is looking for casual noon hour assistants. Applicants are to be available on an On-Call basis to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) at various schools within an assigned zone. Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset. We offer \$19.13 per hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits.

## **LUNCHTIME HELP NEEDED FOR THE COMPUTER LAB**



Lunchtime help needed! If you are available to help out at lunch, Kway students would benefit by having the computer lab open as often as possible from 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm. Once or twice a week would really help. This computer time would be for students needing to catch up on schoolwork only. Please email Ms. Bauder at [ebauder@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ebauder@sd43.bc.ca) if you are interested.

## **CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM**

The City of Port Coquitlam is consulting community members through the summer and early fall about housing options in Port Coquitlam single residential neighbourhoods. We are proposing measures like allowing for coach houses, allowing for more duplexes, and increasing opportunities for small lots. The details of the proposals, as well as an online survey, can be found at [www.portcoquitlam.ca/housing](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/housing).

# School Calendar 2016—2017

Picture Day  
 Open House  
 Band Rental Night  
 District Non-Instructional Day  
 Cops for Cancer & Terry Fox Run  
 Grade 8s to Camp Elphinstone  
 Grade 8s return from Camp Elphinstone  
 PAC meeting  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 Newsletter #4  
 Early Dismissal  
 Parent / Teacher Interviews  
 Early Dismissal  
 Parent / Teacher Interviews  
 Provincial Non-Instructional Day  
 Remembrance Day  
 Ministry Curriculum Implementation Day  
 (no classes)  
 Schools Close for Winter Vacation  
 Winter Vacation  
 Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation  
 School Based Non-Instructional Day  
 BC Family Day  
 District Non-Instructional Day  
 Schools close for Spring Vacation  
 Spring Vacation  
 Schools re-open after Spring Vacation  
 Good Friday  
 Easter Monday  
 District Non-Instructional Day  
 School Based Non-Instructional Day  
 Victoria Day  
 Last Day of School for all Students  
 Administrative Day

Wed., Sept. 21, 2016  
 Wed., Sept. 21, 2016, 7:00 pm  
 Thurs., Sept. 22, 6—8 pm MPX  
 Fri., Sept. 23, 2016  
 Tues., Sept. 27, 2016  
 Wed., Sept. 28, 2016, 7:00 am  
 Fri., Sept. 30, 2016, 3:00 pm  
 Mon., Oct. 3, 2016, 7:00 pm library  
 Monday, Oct. 10, 2016  
 Friday, Oct., 14, 2016  
 Wed., Oct 19, 2016, 1:34 pm  
 Wed., Oct. 19, 2016, 2—7 pm  
 Thurs., Oct. 20, 2016, 1:34 pm  
 Thurs., Oct 20, 2016, 2—5:00 pm  
 Fri., Oct. 21, 2016  
 Fri., Nov. 11, 2016  
  
 Mon., Nov. 14, 2016  
 Fri., Dec. 16, 2016  
 Dec. 19, 2016—Jan. 2, 2016  
 Tues., Jan. 3, 2017  
 Mon., Jan. 30, 2017  
 Mon., Feb. 13, 2017  
 Fri., Feb. 24, 2017  
 Fri., Mar. 10, 2017  
 Mar. 13—Mar. 24, 2017  
 Mon., Mar. 27, 2016  
 Fri., Apr. 14, 2017  
 Mon., Apr. 17, 2017  
 Fri., Apr. 21, 2017  
 Fri., May 19, 2017  
 Mon., May 22, 2017  
 Thurs., June 29, 2017  
 Fri., June 30, 2017

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### **Burke Mountain Charter School Bus**

#### 2015-2016 School Year

Leigh Elementary, Minnekhada Middle, Kwayhquitlum Middle & Terry Fox. Sponsored by Wesbild, \$55/month. Email Susan Patel, [susie.patel@me.com](mailto:susie.patel@me.com) for more information.

### **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills. Kwayquitlam, April 21, 2017, 8:30-3:30, Grade 6+ , **\$60 + GST online registration** <http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

Community  
 related activity  
 notices are  
 posted on our  
 school website.  
 Check for the  
 latest  
 information on  
 programs  
 happening in our  
 community.

# Welcome to School Cash Online

## What is School Cash Online?

*School Cash Online* is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows parents to add students, make payments, check current balance/account history and print or view receipts.



## Is it safe to use?

Our top priority is to keep your personal information safe. *School Cash Online* is PCI compliant, CSAE 3416 certified, HTTP Secure and adheres to the highest industry standards of security.

*School Cash Online* does not share your personal information with any third party. *School Cash Online* will never contact you to divulge confidential information via phone, email or mail.



## What Payment Methods are Available?



### myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on *School Cash Online*. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date, as you would with a gift card. It can take up to 7 days from the date the funds are loaded for funds to become available.



### eCheque

An electronic version of a paper cheque used to make payments online. Anyone with a chequing/savings account can pay by eCheque through *School Cash Online*. To pay with an eCheque, simply enter your account number on the payment screen and click submit.

## How do I use myWallet?

myWallet offers you a secure alternative to traditional payment methods without the need for you to enter the payment information multiple times.

1

Go to your district's School Cash Online portal URL (example - <https://schooldistrict.schoolcashonline.com/>)

2

Click the "Sign Into Your Account" button and enter your email and password to access your account.

3

Select the myWallet tab, click "Add Funds to myWallet" and use eCheque to load funds into your myWallet account (it may take up to 7 days for funds to become available to pay fees).

4

Once your funds have been made available, add all your items to the shopping cart, select the checkout option and select the myWallet payment method to make purchases.

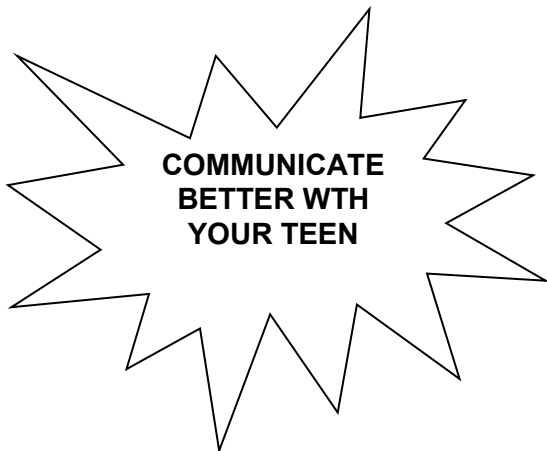
For more information contact Parent Helpdesk at  
[parenthelpdesk@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelpdesk@schoolcashonline.com) or 1.866.961.1803



# Fine Tune Your Parenting Skills With

## *STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING*

For Parents of teens... ages 11 - 17



STEP offers a down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers today. It's a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behaviour in home, school and community; and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

**Place:** Eagle Mountain Middle School

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Dates:** Thurs. Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1, 2016

**[this is an eight week program]**

**Facilitated by:** Marilyn Abram, Certified Parent Facilitator

**To register:** E-mail: [mabram@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mabram@sd43.bc.ca) [preferred]

Phone: 604-469-1133

**Register by October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**Class is limited to 20 participants.**

**The only cost is \$25.00 for the parent workbook!**

