

## Miller Park Community School

School District #43 (Coquitlam)

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Welcome to December!

Here are some important dates to mark in your calendars – please also see your child’s teacher for dates/details for their classrooms. There are many classroom activities planned this time of year as well!

<b>December 1</b>	Hold and Secure practice @ 10:00am
<b>December 4</b>	Christmas Tree Lighting with Hot Chocolate
<b>December 4</b>	Staff Meeting at 3:00pm
<b>December 4</b>	Library Bus here from Coquitlam Public Library
<b>December 8</b>	Learning Updates (aka Report Cards) posted to the Parent Portal
<b>December 12</b>	Christmas Shirt/Sweater day
<b>December 13</b>	Dress rehearsal for concert
<b>December 14</b>	Concert 1:00pm and 6:00pm
<b>December 19</b>	Christmas hat/headband day
<b>December 22</b>	Brunch with Santa – student bring plates and cutlery to school in bag. Wear Pajamas!

Thank you to the PAC for all their hard work with the BookFair and Hot Lunch! Thank you families for supporting the PAC’s initiatives.

### Learning Updates:

Teachers have been busy writing Learning Updates (the new name for Report Cards) the past couple of weeks. I am reading them right now and they will be posted to the Parent Portal on Friday December 8, 2023.

### Embracing Diversity and Inclusion at Miller Park

We continue to encourage families to teach us about your celebrations and traditions! Please let Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Puye know if you would like to add something about your Winter Celebrations during the month of December to the front entrance cabinet!

### PAC Information

By popular demand, we have solidified our December event schedule well ahead of time for those of you Interested in volunteering!

## Christmas Concert - Dec 14

There will be a 50/20-20-10 draw, this will require a short 30min volunteer slot, you can find the link below. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA5AF23A5F4C07-46329506-50202010>

**December 22 is our annual Pajama and Pancake Breakfast** with special guest Santa!

If you are able to support please follow the link below.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C094CA5AF23A5F4C07-46319232-pancake>

## Amazon Wish List

We know it can be hard to volunteer so this year, by request from those who would like to support the PAC in a different way, we have put together a PAC wishlist for items that will support both the school and PAC events.

[https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/gYAdelF?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_hh31uOwm0TfA1](https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/gYAdelF?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_hh31uOwm0TfA1)

Attached you will find our December calendar which can also be found on our Facebook and Instagram page.

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550844065320&ref=xav\\_ig\\_profile\\_web](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550844065320&ref=xav_ig_profile_web)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/miller.park.community.pac/>

Thank you in advance to all of you who are able to support with volunteering!

Your PAC

## **Programs of Choice and Kindergarten Registration and Cross Catchment:**

Grade 5 families, please watch your email for information regarding Late French Immersion registration. I did send some information out through email earlier today.

### **PROGRAMS OF CHOICE (January 11 – 17, 2024)**

Registration must be done through the Programs of Choice online application process located on the SD43 website. **All Programs of Choice online video presentations are located on the District website.**

### **Early French Immersion, Early Montessori and Mandarin Bilingual programs.**

Kindergarten children with **siblings** in a Program of Choice must still apply online and fill in sibling information. **Failure to do so will result in the incoming sibling not getting into the program.**

### **Late French Immersion, Late Montessori programs.**

Children with **siblings** in a Program of Choice must still apply online and fill in sibling information. **Failure to do so will result in the incoming sibling not getting into the program.**

### **Reggio Influenced Program**

Meadowbrook area children entering Kindergarten **should register during online Kindergarten registration directly at the school between February 6-8, 2024.** Non-catchment area children entering Kindergarten (including children with siblings in the program)

should apply through the Programs of Choice online application process between **January 11 at 9:00 am – January 17 at 4:00 pm.**

### **Registration Process for Children with Special Needs**

In the interest of providing a well-defined entry procedure for this very important group of new students, the following is recommended:

1. Parents of children with special needs **should register utilizing the online registration form as do all families.**
2. Parents should contact the school to inform them of the child's needs.
3. Learning Services will develop a list of children potentially in need of special services, based on information from preschools and daycares, parents and community agencies.
4. The appropriate school program and support will be determined through discussion with the school, district personnel and the parents.

General Information:

#### **Parents should:**

- ensure that any changes to student data, especially address changes, are in the current school's student record system.
- ensure they have the correct information to be listed as their child's "catchment" school by utilizing the school district school locator with their current address which should be the address on file in the student records at the school.
- ensure they have their child's personal education number (PEN) which is required on both the Programs of Choice and the Cross Catchment applications. The PEN number can be located on their child's report card or by accessing their MyEd parent portal.

Please reach out to Ms. Phelan or myself if you have any questions about the above information.

Have a great weekend!

Tanya MacDonald