

MINNEKHADA

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Principal's Message

We are well into June and the finish line for the year is in sight. It is a busy time at Minnekhada: teachers are busy completing units and preparing for report card writing while students are typically caught between finishing school work, dreaming about the summer and thinking about what the next school year will be like.

Communication over the coming weeks between school and home can be compromised due to early vacations and the thought that school is 'almost over'. **Please continue to let the office know if your child will be away - including (or especially) on field trip days.** Students will soon be asked to clean out their lockers which will mean lots of extra 'stuff' making its way home. Please do not expect notices to magically appear out of student backpacks - ask them what is happening and check our website for calendar and event updates.

This newsletter is intended to help you navigate what is happening at Minnekhada in the upcoming few weeks. Note the list below does not include individual team activities:

On the Calendar:

Week of June 13th:

Monday, June 13th: PAC Meeting 7pm Library
Wednesday, June 15th: \$1 Freezies Sale sponsored but the PAC

Week of June 20th:

Thursday, June 23rd: End of Explorations
Must Rock Student Shows: 10:45 am / 1:15 pm (Donations accepted)
Must Rock Night Show: 7 pm (\$5 adults / \$2 students)
Friday, June 24th: Year End School Assembly 9-10am
Early Dismissal: 2pm (to allow for 'T' work or meetings as necessary)

Week of June 27th:

Monday, June 27th: Grade 8's to PlayLand
Early Dismissal: 2pm (to allow for 'T' work or meetings as necessary)
Tuesday, June 28th: Grade 6/7's to Water Slides
Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony and BBQ (more info attached)
Last day for students!
Wednesday, June 29th: Report Card pick-up 9-10am
Thursday, June 30th: School Administrative Day

PAC Meeting

The final PAC meeting of the year is scheduled for tonight (Monday, June 13th) at 7pm in the Library. All current Minnehada parents / guardians are welcome, as well as all Grade 5 parents joining our community in September.

Please find attached our PAC Chair's Year End Report and the Agenda for Monday's meeting! We hope to see you there!

Fine Arts at Minnehada

Our amazing Fine Arts programs at Minnehada are in the process of wrapping up. **Our Minnehada Band and Choir program** performed for parents, students and staff last Tuesday afternoon. All three groups, under the guidance of Mrs. Olsen and Mr. King sounded amazing. Congratulations to the students that committed to so many morning rehearsals (and evening practices). You sounded wonderful!

Mr. Lore and Mr. Hughes' classes completed a week of performances of **MacBeth** last Friday. The entire class (and teachers) did an outstanding job entertaining students, staff and parents! It was amazing to see what students can do when working together!

Our final series of performances are coming up next Thursday, June 23rd! Our **Must Rock** shows are not to be missed as students that have been rehearsing throughout the year get a chance to put on their amazing show. **Student performances will take place at 10:45 and 1:15 while the evening show, which will include performances by some Minnehada alumni will be at 7pm.** Tickets \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, with proceeds going back to the Must Rock program.

The New Minnehada

If you saw the local paper on the weekend, you would have noticed a small write up about the new Minnehada Middle School that is 'in the works'. We are still waiting for Ministry approval but are excited about the designs and plans already underway. Stay tuned for more info!

School Start-up September 2016

We will be welcoming student back to school on Tuesday, September 6th. More info will be shared in our year end newsletter, posted on-line and pinned up in our school windows. Please note the 2016-2017 school calendar will also be posted along with school supplies and other information.

Although our teachers last day is June 30th, the school office will be closed for the summer on July 7th, re-opening on Monday August 29th at 10am.

Minnekhada Summer Camps!

The warm weather is a welcome change from our spring showers and winter chills. Your children must be smiling just a little bit more and there is excitement in the school as the year draws to an end.

If you haven't thought about what you are going to do with your children all summer, then this is the time to do so. The Coquitlam School District is running summer camps at Minnekhada Middle and Central Elementary from July 4th to Aug 12th.

You can have your children attend on a weekly basis (\$110.00 per week) or daily basis (\$30.00 per day) where they are supervised with high quality staff that have met all the district qualifications (University aged, previously worked with children, passed a police record check, first aid training and background check) to work with your child.

These camps are getting full and there is not much space left, so register now!

Camp Central: <http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=536&BT=10&Ev=16172>

Camp Minnekhada: <http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=549&BT=10&PrivEv=16179>

If you have any questions please contact:

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PLEASE HELP LOOK AFTER OUR SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Our school is an important place in our neighbourhood. We all want to do everything we can to eliminate vandalism on school grounds this summer. Schools are most at risk during:

- Summer evenings especially when the weather is hot
- The week before school opens on Tuesday September 6, 2016
- Friday and Saturday evenings during the month of September

What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds. 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.

