

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Volume # 29 April 7th, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	April 7 th	Gr. 8 Student Assembly: B.C. Lions Presentation 9:00 – 10:00 in the gym Student Parliament Mtg.: @ 2:00 in Band Rm. Athletics: Badminton , Rugby and Track & Field Team practices are still being organized
Tuesday,	April 8 th	Photos: School Groups and Panorama Photo Shoot in the AM Athletics: Badminton Practice @ 3:15 Rugby Team Practice @ 3:15
Wednesday,	April 9 th	Clubs: Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 Rock Band Presentations Term 3: @ 1:15 in the gym 4 teams present their songs Athletics:
Thursday,	April 10 th	Team Skye: Camp Read Activity Explorations Term 3 Ends Camp Fundraiser: Team Skye Ice Cream Sales @ lunch Homework Club: ABEd Program @ 3:05 in Drama Rm. Athletics:
Friday,	April 11 th	District Based Professional Development Day School is closed
Monday,	April 14 th	Explorations Term 4 Begins School Planning Council Mtg.: 2 9:15 in Seminar Rm. Fundraising: B.C. Heart and Stroke Foundation – Jump Rope Mania @ lunch in the gym
Next Week: Tues. April 15 th Gr. 6 Public Health Immunizations @ 9:15 in the Mat Rm.; Wed. April 16 th April PAC Mtg. @ 7:00 in the Library; Thurs. April 17 th @ 1:30 Code Red Lockdown Practice with R.C.M.P.; Fri. April 18 th -Good Friday Holiday		
Two Weeks: Mon. April 21 st – Easter Monday Holiday; Wed. April 23 rd @ 4:30 – 6:30 Me to We Dance in gym; Thurs. April 24 th Scholastic Book Fair in the Library Set Up Day		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew: The Art and Science of Character Education

We as a school community for this year have spent much time on pursuing further questions about how we as adults can support and teach character education. We know that through our professional development workshops with leaders in the areas of character education that as a school we teach academics but we also teach character and that these two domains are interwoven. We have solidified our four year journey in our pursuit of becoming a certified Rights Respecting School under the guidance of UNICEF, we have dedicated time to learning about restorative justice and practices to implement to bring resolve to conflict, we have delved into community circles and the power of shared communication all mixed with our goal of enhancing the key social competencies of social emotional learning.

These items mix together and create a powerful foundation for us as a school community to educate our students on their individual understandings of their strengths and challenges. Along with providing opportunities for us to explore the social think of being self and socially aware in the many diverse situations for which we all find ourselves in our daily living. We continue to have discussions with all community partners around the virtues of wisdom, courage, humanity, justice and many other important gifts of character that are different for all.

Our focus has been on teaching the students in our school that they must have a growth mindset that provides them with the understanding that they can change their academic performances along with their character performances. The idea is to impress upon them that their intelligence and their behaviours are flexible and malleable and through work they can change to make themselves better people. Many kids feel that they are who they are, that their level of academic skill performance is fixed and that their way of behaving is who they are and these cannot be changed. On the contrary, both of these key descriptors of who we are and how we think and act are completely changeable and we strive to teach them about their sense of self awareness, their ability to self-manage, their levels of social awareness of others, their ability to establish and maintain healthy relationships and their ability to make constructive and responsible decisions based on ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms and a sense of self-respect and wellbeing for themselves and others.

This is what we have coined as our Social – Emotional Learning Goal and to help you see how the many pieces work and fit together we invite you to view the attached video on how we work to teach the art and science of character education.

Enjoy! <http://www.letitriple.org/character>

Culture Beat: Events and Activities.

Battle of the Books – Some of you might remember a quiz show called Reach for the Top. Battle of the Books is Coquitlam's own literary version, with each of our 13 middle schools eligible to enter a team of 3 students. 6 books are chosen each year and unveiled in December. Teams start practicing in January. At Monty we have had a team of dedicated students, Melissa Watts, Felicia Yin, Tamerlan Nuhiyev and Cally Yeung (as our alternate) who have given up their lunch hours to practice for the competition. The team members select 2 books that they are responsible for knowing inside and out in order to prepare for the Book Battle. It was a tense and nail biting final Battle last week, with 12 of the 13 middle schools entering teams. In the first round and our team represented Monty proudly, tying for 5th place.

Code Red Lockdown Practice – We will be preparing for our first Code Red Lockdown Full Lockdown DRILL planned for Thursday April 17th which will be supported by our RCMP liaison team. This is a mandatory drill that all schools in District #43 will undertake at some point in time during the third term. This is a drill and is not meant to cause alarm; moreover, it is designed to help all school community members be best prepared in case of an emergency that requires us to secure the building from entry and exit for a duration of time until the drill is satisfactory completed and all school participants are aware of the expectations and areas needed for improvement in overall safety. A Code Red is the highest level of lockdown and it requires all entry and exit points to be secured with no movement of students in the hallways. All students will remain in their locked classroom with their teacher in a room position free from sight lines from doors and windows. During the drill there must be no use of cell phones, lap tops etc. and directions will come via the administration team by personal discussion or over the public address system. The removal of any use of internal electronic devices ensures the safety for all in the case of any type of bomb threat and electronic interferences. Students will be expected to remain quiet and will be reviewing the personal safety process of duck and cover for a short period of time during the lockdown. We will be reviewing with all school partners over the next few weeks about the importance of practicing this drill and in supporting each other in our quest for personal safety for all.

Team Skye Fundraising for May Camp:

Team Skye Fundraising!



THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for your support of our Clothing Drive - we collected 176 bags of donations and raised just over \$500.00!!!!



AND - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND;

*Ice Cream, Ice Cream - We All Scream
For Ice Cream... AGAIN!*



Frozen treats will be sold one last time, this coming Thursday, April 10th, during lunch break. **ALL TREATS ARE \$1.00**...so, don't forget your Loonie on Thursday!

Proceeds support Team Skye's Camp Zajac trip.

Gr. 7's and Parents Ministry Satisfaction Surveys - Each year, the Ministry of Education asks that all grade seven students complete a satisfaction survey. There is also an opportunity for parents to take the time necessary to complete the online satisfaction survey. While we have plenty of time to complete these surveys (the deadline is April 30th), we will be sending information home to parents by the end of this week (with individualized passwords – required in order to take part). Completion of this survey is voluntary for parents.

Satisfaction Survey 2013/2014

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2014** the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 7, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

The school will be open during the evening of Wed. April 16th from 3:30 – 7:00 for parents who would like to participate but do not have access to a computer. For parents who do not wish to use school computers, local public library computers may be another option. The e-survey site will be open until Wed. April 30th. **Gr. 7 parents received a letter last Thursday with your special logon code.**

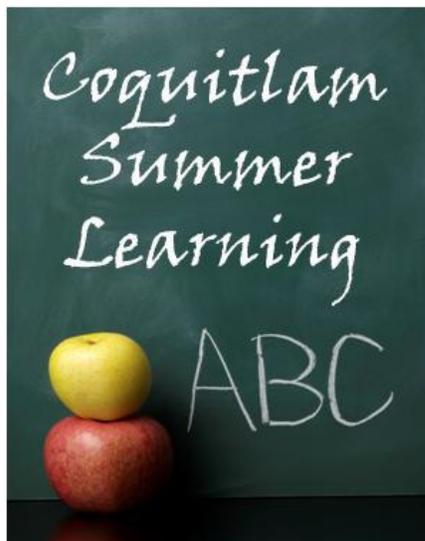
PAC News and Events: Our Next PAC Mtg. is on Wed. April 16th @ 7:00 .

Volunteers Needed – We are looking for parents who are interested in working during the lunch hours and after school hours to help support our upcoming Book Fair. We will need people to help manage book booths, cashier and overall organization. If you can afford to share your talents with us during the last week of April 24th – May 1st then please contact Ms. Holden at: dholden@sd43.bc.ca

Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraising - Montgomery PAC has received approval for this year's Smile Card Fund Raising. All pre-existing cards are ready to load for this school year. 5% of \$\$ loaded at any Thrifty Foods will be paid to Montgomery Middle PAC.

Cards can be obtained by e-mailing Elaine at equereng@hotmail.com. Ordered cards will be left at the office for pick-up.

Community News: Please see the following list of community events.



SUMMER LEARNING 2014 ONLINE Registration Dates (6:00 a.m. Opening)

Middle Skill Building (Hillcrest, Scott Creek, Centennial, Charles Best):
May 29th

Grade 9 & 10 Skill Building (Charles Best): May 27th

Students must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please visit our website and create/update your account **now**.

We are offering courses in Art, Band, Computers, Creative Writing, Drama, English (LA and for beginners), Math, PE/Leadership, Science and Tech Ed (*held at Charles Best and Centennial for students moving into Gr 7 or 8) and more to come!*

Program Dates: July 8 to July 25

Visit www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

Poirier Community Centre and Centennial Activity Centre.

Musical Theatre 8-12 yrs

This course will teach improv, scene study, choreography and singing skills to your budding performer. From auditioning to opening night, your child will learn what it takes to put on a show! Led by Professional Instructor: Jessica Kelly Nikolic.

Dates: Tuesdays, Apr 08- May 06

Times: 5:00-6:30

Barcode: 459522

Cost: \$49.75

Guitar Lessons 11 - 14 yrs.

Learn the basics of the guitar from hand placement, to basic chords and may build to the instruction of simple songs. No prior experience needed. Please bring own guitar.

Dates: Tuesdays, Apr 08- Jun 17

Times: 5:40-6:40

Barcode: 458083

Cost: \$57.75

Art Journaling 101

Youth will learn the basics of Art Journaling. They will learn the different techniques such as; Ink play, colour combinations, collage, layering and others used in this art form to express themselves. Each session youth will create an entry that represents them.

Dates: Wednesday, Apr 09-May 07

Times: 4:45-6:00

Barcode: 460916

Cost: \$31.25

Cooking: Around the World

Learn to cook a variety of tasty meals from all corners of the globe! Recipes include mouth-watering Asian, Italian, and Mexican cuisines among many more.

Dates: Friday, Apr 11-May 09

Times: 4:30-5:30

Barcode: 459224

Cost: \$35.00

To Register call 604-927-4FUN (4386) or Online at www.coquitlam.ca.

Summer Fun! Art Intensives for Middle School Youth

Registration opening: April 6, 9am.

Registration for Place des Arts' popular *Summer Fun!* Art Camps begins on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 9am. *Summer Fun!* runs for 6 weeks from July 7 to August 15 and features a variety of half-day art intensives programmed specifically for middle-school-aged youth.

This summer's intensives include: Pottery; Sock Puppet Theatre; Guitar Workshop; Fibre Arts Sampler; Art of the Graphic Novel & Manga; Publish your E-Magazine; Creative Painters; Acrobatic Dance; Musical Theatre; Digital Photography; Art Journaling.

Registration may be done online at www.placedesarts.ca or in person at Place des Arts.

The Coquitlam School District presents the 2013-14 Social Media Education Series

The District invites all employees who work with students to attend this invaluable series of education events.

Snapping Vines, the third event of the series, with a focus on apps. The feedback we have received from previous session participants is that this session should be geared more towards specific use in a classroom. This session will be both in-person and online and we will be using Blackboard Collaborate, a web-conference format which participants can log in to remotely. It will be a 1.5 hour session and will be split into two sections. The first section will focus on using various apps as classroom resources and will feature two school district staff presenters. The second section of the session will focus on the “legal framework” around social media in regards to policing. Cst. Michelle Luca, our Youth Liaison supervisor with the Coquitlam RCMP will be providing some information on questions around status of the Criminal Code changes that make sharing images without the consent of the subject a criminal offense, as well as a brief overview of the challenges police face in conducting investigations that have a social media component (i.e., access to evidence) and a reinforcement of why prevention & outreach with kids is vital to making sure issues are prevented or mitigated before there is a need for police investigations.

DATE: Thursday April 17, 2014

TIME: 3:30 – 5:00pm

LOCATION: In-person in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre, 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

Online, login instructions will be provided to those who RSVP

TO ATTEND: Please RSVP to Heather Escaravage

The goal of the series is to meet new professional development goals, respective of Learning Without Boundaries. Series content is derived from the feedback received at the Social Media Summit in the spring of 2013, as well as ongoing inquiries from staff and students.

On April 11 2014, Safe + Sound First Aid Training Ltd. will be running a Red Cross Babysitting course for 11-15 year olds in Coquitlam. Safe + Sound First Aid Training Ltd. is a Red Cross Training Partner and member of the BBB with an A+ rating. Based in Coquitlam, we have been running the Red Cross Babysitting program since 1999 and have trained hundreds of children from SD43 schools. On our Red Cross Babysitting courses children learn how to be great babysitters and how to be safer when home alone. Please visit www.learnfirstaid.ca or contact us for more information.

Cost: \$65.00+GST

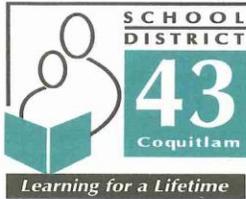
Location: 1160 Lansdowne Drive, Coquitlam

Time: 9.00AM-5.00PM

Course Registration:

[Register online for April 11 2014 Babysitting course](#)

[See all upcoming Babysitting course dates](#)



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The Coquitlam Board of Education is enhancing the budget process for the 2014-2015 year. The new process will include providing multiple opportunities for public input, starting in April 2014 once Ministry funding has been announced.

We invite you to get involved in this dialogue. Help deepen our collective understanding, identify the challenges and opportunities and share your ideas on how we can make the best use of the funds available for our children, employees, and communities. Your advice will help guide the board's decisions and actions. Free child-minding will be available at the Townhall Meeting and the Open House.

Community consultation events take place from April 1 to April 29, 2014.

Townhall Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Gymnasium - Winslow Centre **

Join us at the Townhall Meeting to learn more about the process.

Public Open House

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Gymnasium - Winslow Centre **

Join us at the Open House to share your ideas and concerns.

Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 8:30 p.m.
Gallery Room - Winslow Centre **

An opportunity for public input to the 2014-2015 budget. To learn more about registering a delegation, call 604-939-9201.

Special Public Board Meeting - Budget

Thursday, April 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Room - Winslow Centre **

An opportunity for public input to the 2014-2015 budget. To learn more about registering a delegation, call 604-939-9201.

Twitter Chat

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
@TheTriCitiesNow and @sd43bc using #sd43budget

Special Public Board Meeting – Budget 2014/15 Budget Recommendations

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Room, Winslow Centre **

Special Public Board Meeting - Budget 2014/15 Preliminary Budget

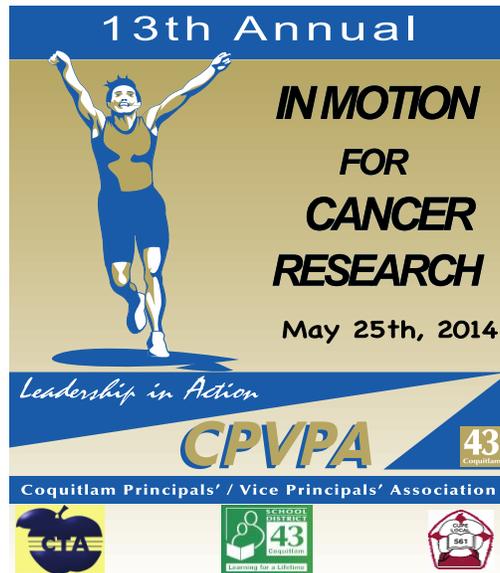
Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Room - Winslow Centre **

An opportunity for the public to ask questions in regards to the 2014-2015 budget recommendations.

Regular Public Board Meeting 2014/15 Final Budget

Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Gallery Room - Winslow Centre **

** Winslow Centre
1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C.



Coquitlam Principal's and Vice-Principal's Association 13th Annual *In Motion* Event for Cancer Research Dedicated to Tom Davies

The Coquitlam Principals and Vice Principals Association 13th Annual *In Motion* for Cancer Research event will be held Sunday, May 25th at 9:00 am at Terry Fox Secondary School. There are three routes for participants: 2km, 5km, and 10 km

Come run, walk, ride or roll with us!

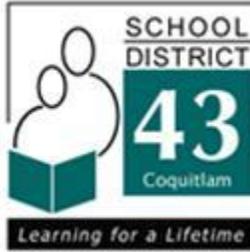
This 13th anniversary year's event will be the best yet, with individuals and teams participating on behalf of members of the School District 43 family who have been affected by cancer. We have always enjoyed good staff and student participation and are hoping for another large turnout this year. In 12 years we have contributed over \$100,000 to the **Canadian Cancer Society**.

Individual registration forms will be available soon at any school site/website or at the board office. Donations received at the door or online (site address announced soon) will be matched by Scotiabank up to \$5000

Feel free to join a school team or for more information about forming your own team contact Darlene Proulx by e-mail at dproulx@sd43.bc.ca or by phone at 604-941-3408



For 75 years, the Canadian Cancer Society has been with Canadians in the fight for life. We have been relentless in our commitment to prevent cancer, fund research and support Canadians touched by cancer. From this foundation, we will work with Canadians to change cancer forever so fewer Canadians are diagnosed with the disease and more survive.



SD43 District Mountain Biking Team

The SD43 Mountain Biking team for students in grades 8-12 from any of our middle and secondary schools or alternative schooling platforms is being run again this year. Last year's events went very well and I'm looking forward to an opportunity to coach athletes who wish to pursue Mountain Biking as a sport again this year.

We will run with five opportunities to come together. These will be rides that are pre-planned and monitored by the coaching staff. They will happen in April and May during the week after school at 4 pm – 5:30 pm on the following dates:

1. Wednesday April 30 at Burnaby Mountain
2. Wednesday May 7 at Bert Flinn Park
3. Wednesday May 14 at Bert Flinn Park
4. Wednesday May 21 at Burke Mtn
5. Wednesday May 28 at Burke Mtn

Students are expected to meet at the location listed for the week. Each week an email will be sent to team members and coaches to let them know details of how the week's event will shape up. An informational meeting for parents, riders and school sponsors/coaches interested in the program will be held on

Wednesday April 23 at a location TBA at 4 pm.

If any students at your school are interested, pls. email jstromgren@sd43.bc.ca by April 14th. There is no need for school sponsors, but any adult who is interested is welcome to come along.

Jeff Stromgren – School District 43
Community Connections
Healthy Living Coordinator
