

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday,	March 31 st	Term 2 Report Cards – signed report card jacket returned to Advisory teacher School Assembly: Term 3 & Heart Stroke Foundation Provincial Fundraiser Celebration @ 1:30 – 2:00 in gym Athletics: None
Tuesday,	April 1 st	Athletics: Badminton , Rugby and Track & Field Team meetings for group organization to be held this week
Wednesday,	April 2 nd	Leadership Development: Advisory Action School Reps will meet with instructors to learn workshop activities @ 1:15 – 2:45 in the gym Clubs: Me to We Leadership Team Mtg. @ 12:30 District Battle of the Books: Our Literacy Team participates @ Inlet Theatre from 3:00 – 6:00 challenging their book knowledge Athletics: None
Thursday,	April 3 rd	Team Skye Fundraiser: Last Day for collection of clothing materials and housewares for donation. Bring your donated goods to the Fitness Rm. Homework Club: ABEd Program @ 3:05 in Drama Rm. Athletics: None
Friday,	April 4 th	Project Based Learning Presentation: Team Hokkaido in the gym from 9:00 11:30 Community Circle Groups meet in Blk. 4 Athletics: None
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.
Next Week: Tues. April 8 th Team and School Group Photos; Wed. April 9 th @ 1:15 Term 3 Rock Band Presentations; Thurs. April 10 th Explorations Term 3 Ends/ Scholastic Book Fair – Day # 1; Fri. April 11 th District Professional Development Day		
Two Weeks: Mon. April 14 th Scholastic Book Fair continues until Thurs./ Term 4 Explorations Begins/ School Planning Council Mtg. @ 9:15 – 10:30 Heart & Stroke Foundation Final Event Day @ Lunch in the Gym; 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		

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McFaul's Chat and Chew:

Welcome back to the final term of this school year as we embark upon another three month focus for our social emotional learning goal. Over the past year we have initiated our Community Circle sessions with students every Friday morning. We have put forth opportunities for every class to engage upon class meetings, we have worked at building a restorative practice focus for discipline issues and we have established a Student Parliament that has provided students a place to use their voice in a democratic government style to create change and implement new activities throughout the school year. We have had a parent evening session; whereby, we hosted you as invited guests to come and hear from the students themselves as to what changes have been underway with our year focus on social emotional learning.

Typically, in term three many of our Health and Career Education (H.A.C.E.) classes have focused on the domain of personal safety and healthy living. We started this journey just before our spring break with our hosting of presentations to all of our students from the Ministry approved, Taking Care of Ourselves & Taking Care of Others, TCO2, which was well received by our students. The presenting groups focus was on opening the dialogue on topics like personal safety strategies to avoid exploitive situations on the internet, emotional health, healthy relationships, sexuality and drug and alcohol prevention strategies. These topics will now be furthered explored in our daily H.A.C.E. classes as part of the Ministry of Education course outline for middle school grades. These are sensitive topics and ones that we know many students are eager to discuss while at the same time hesitant to explore the deeper impact upon their emotional wellbeing and their daily relationships with their peers, their teachers and you as their parents. The family is a key factor and educator in the development of students' attitudes and values. The school plays a supportive role by focusing on the prescribed learning outcomes in the H.A.C.E. curriculum. We ask that you also become engaged in the teaching of this subject matter by enriching, supporting and extending the curriculum at home. Seek opportunities to have discussions in the news that require your child to hear your thoughts and values on key issues like human sexuality as for instance internet safety and child pornography, or human relationships like the experiences of the ever-changing lifestyle of Justin Bieber, or substance issues like the changing drug laws in Washington State. Wherever one looks we can find connections to experiences that demand from all of us further exploration and analysis of critical points of view on issues that kids know about and will need to have your further guidance along with the school's role of ensuring a positive classroom climate is set for responsible decision making where students feel comfortable learning about and discussing topics in the H.A.C.E. curriculum and their natural world of family life and peer relationships. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher for further discussion about any topic concerns in the Ministry's Health and Career Education learning objectives.

Culture Beat: Events and Activities.

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.

12th Annual PAC Raffle – We held our prize draw on the last day of school before spring break and announced to our students that through their hard work and your super family support that we were able to raise over \$4369.00. We had winning Advisory classes of
Our top sales amongst students were
We thank all of you for your steadfast support in performing a solid two weeks of raffle ticket sales. We also want to thank our PAC team lead by Mrs. Querengesser for their leadership.

The prizes were and winners:

- 1st prize: iPad mini with retina display. Value \$448.00 – Winner – Co-worker of a Monty parent
- 2nd prize: Go Pro Hero 3 Silver Edition HD Video Camera. Value \$392.00 – Winner – Mrs. Pena – mother of a Monty student
- 3rd prize: \$100.00 – Winner – Aunt of a Monty Student

Spring Athletics – We have started some of our spring sports activities and we ask that you check with your child about their interest levels in playing in any of the following athletic activities. We have badminton, track and field and rugby for all grades and gender. Coaches will be establishing their practice schedules in the next few days and we will have these available to you in upcoming newsletters. Spring sports are a great way for students to express themselves in individual sports like badminton and track field events so please encourage them to listen to the announcements and check with their teachers about meetings and practices all happening in the next few days.

Team Skye Fundraising for May Camp:

Spring cleaning and send the kids to camp!

Time for Spring Cleaning - Clean your closet and bag up your clothes.
Bring your donations to Monty room: _____ before April 3rd pick up.
This is a fundraiser to help off-set fees for Team Skye kids going to camp.
Let all your friends, family and neighbours know to bring in their donations too.

Accepted items:

Clothes, shoes, accessories, and small household items in boxes: dishes, toys, books.
Bedding is accepted - except pillows.

Note: No large items: no furniture, electronics, baby cribs, car seats, or swing sets will be accepted.

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 5-10 minutes 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 will be receiving your special logon number by the end of this week Friday April 4th.

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

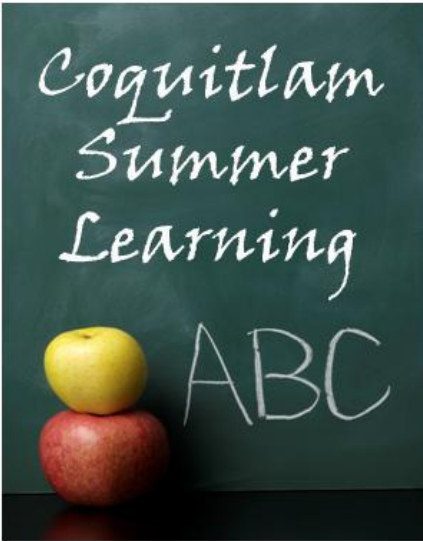
Thank You's – we all owe a huge sense of gratitude to our PAC Fundraiser Chair – Mrs. Elaine Querengesser who spent many hours counting, organizing and filing raffle ticket information all for the benefit of our school. Through her efforts and that of yourselves and your children the PAC was able to raise \$4369.00 to support the school wish list.

We also would like to thank Ms. Sky Ashmore for her gift of time in restocking our Emergency Bin container with all of the needed items that were stolen last year from our bin. We have full supplies and we have enhanced our security of our Emergency Bin thanks to the work of our dedicated PAC members.

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.

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 bears are awake!

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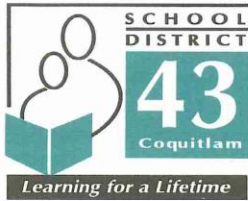
Coquitlam – A recent encounter with a bear has prompted the local Mounties to issue an advisory.

In the evening of March 19th, a bear visited a house in the 300 block of Hickey Drive causing an area resident to call the police. The three year-old bear roamed around the front of the house and ate from a bird feeder before wandering off into the darkness of the green belt at the back of the house.

Now that spring has sprung and the warmer weather is here to stay, we are reminding area residents to properly manage bear attractants – such as bird feeders, fruit trees and compost containers – near their homes, said Corporal Jamie Chung. These are some very basic steps we can all take to prevent bears from foraging in our neighbourhoods.

Do you know how to report a bear sighting? We have [information on our website for reporting a bear sighting in your neighbourhood](#).

Visit [External link, opens in a new window](#) Bear Aware for more information on reducing human-bear conflict.



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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

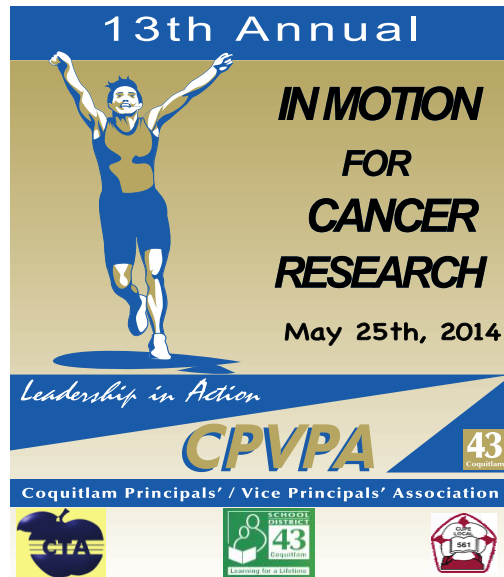
Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Gallery Room - Winslow Centre **

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.