

MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY

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November

It is hard to believe that September and October have come and gone. It has been a pleasure to see the students settle into their classes, make new connections (and solidify existing ones), work together and expand their learning. The ongoing commitment of staff, students and parents to participate as partners in education is truly inspiring!

Rob Wright
Principal

MUNDY ROAD APL (Action Plan for Learning)

Our school goal for this year:

Students will demonstrate an increased awareness of their emotions and strengthen their ability to manage their emotions and behaviour.

- We will begin by looking at the Social and Emotional Learning Core Competencies, specifically Self Awareness: *recognizing one's emotions and values as well as one's strengths and challenges* and Self Management: *managing emotions and behaviours to achieve one's goal*.

***Please see the school website for full details on our APL

***Please watch for upcoming information sessions/ workshops for parents about aspects of our school goal and aspects of the NEW BC Curriculum.

CALENDAR

Upcoming events that are posted on the Mundy Road school calendar (*make sure to click on the calendar event to get details*):

Remembrance Day- School is not in session	November 11
Hot Lunch (Sushi)	November 13
Popcorn Day	November 17
PAC Meeting	November 18
School is not in session	November 20
Scholastic Book Fair	Nov, 23-25
Hot Lunch	November 27
Clothing Drive	November 30
First Term Reports	December 3
Popcorn Day	December 8
Parent Teacher Conferences- Early Dismissal at 1:45	December 9 & 10
Christmas Market	December 11
Winter Concert	December 16

- (1:30 pm at Mundy Road and 6:30 pm at Montgomery Middle School.)

PAC Christmas Pancake Breakfast
Winter Vacation Begins
Schools Reopen After Winter Vacation

December 18
December 19
January 4

***Check our online school calendar for ALL upcoming events:www.mundyroad.ca

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



Thank you to all of the teachers, students and community members for their participation in today's assembly. It was wonderful to hear the students sing, play instruments and share their thoughts and ideas about Remembrance Day.

GRADE 5 VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Season is Here!

Our Coaches are Mr. Wright and Mindy McIlhargey (parent volunteer). The students have been practicing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch and Friday mornings. They are working hard and doing really well! We had our first game on Thursday, November 5th and have another one planned for November 23 . We hope to plan more as the month progresses. The players have been making great progress with their skills and will wrap up their season at the end of the month. Spectators and cheerleaders are welcome at all games!

THE MUNDY ROAD ROADRUNNERS BECOME THE MUNDY ROAD FALCONS!

As some of our community may know there was a decision just before I (Mr. Wright) arrived at the school to change our name from the Mundy Road Roadrunners to the Mundy Road FALCONS. A committee of teachers met to help move this forward. We are putting a call out to all Mundy Road students to help design our new FALCONS logo.

When deciding on our new logo, we will be considering the following:

- Original design (Nothing "borrowed" from the Internet)
- Visual appeal
- Themes to be considered: Aboriginal, school-culture, natural surroundings, symbolism, etc.

We encourage students to submit designs to the committee (through their teacher) by Friday November 27th. The staff will then shortlist the submissions which will then be voted on by the larger school community. Once the design has been chosen, the student creating the design will work with an adult artist to render the final image.

We should have our decision made by the end of the calendar year.

Thank you in advance for the community's support and encouragement as we move this initiative forward!

WEST COAST RECESS Reminder

We believe that children need to get outside into the fresh air at recess. They need an opportunity to run and play with their friends so that when they return to the classroom, they are ready to focus on their learning. As well, with our daily physical activity requirements, this is a perfect opportunity to get moving.

On the west coast, we could enjoy many more days of the beautiful weather we have been enjoying or we could experience weeks of rain. The fall season is here and so is the rainy season. Most days we will be sending children outside to play at recess rain or shine. We ask parents to be sure that children are dressed for the weather.



In extreme weather, children will remain inside.

CLOTHING DRIVE- Mundy Road Semi Annual Clothing Drive...November 30

This is an easy and simple way for us to raise money for educational enhancements at our school. Last year close to \$800 was raised. The Developmental Disabilities Trust offers us the opportunity to raise funds by collecting the following cloth items and housewares:

Cloth Items

Used Clothes
Bedding
Towels
Shoes
Purses
Drapes
Sewing Materials
Pillows

Housewares

Dishes
Books
Glassware
Pots & Pans
Toys
Games
Small Electronics
Craft Supplies

**** A full bag is considered a large green or black garbage bag approx. 36"x 26" **
If you need bags they are located outside the office**

We invite everyone to participate in the clothing drive. Mundy Road families, your friends, neighbours and relatives.

If you have any further questions please contact Tamara Sherdahl at tamurtal_08@msn.com

CHRISTMAS MARKET

MUNDY ROAD'S ANNUAL KID'S CHRISTMAS MARKET FRIDAY DECEMBER 11th, 2015

We are asking everyone to look around your homes for very gently used or new items you can donate & recycle to another home! Collection Boxes are set-up throughout the school and outside each classroom.

For those of you who are new to our school community this is an annual event started over 8 years ago with the idea of reducing/reusing/recycling & allowing kids the opportunity to shop (items range from 25cents - \$5) and have items gift wrapped for their family and loved ones. Proceeds (an average of \$1,200.00 per year) go directly to creating a Christmas hamper for one or more families, as well as supporting other worthwhile charities.

This year this tradition is being carried on again and coordinated by, **TAMARA SHERDAHL** – but she still needs **many** parent helpers before, during and after the event to make it a success for the students and the families we will be supporting.

VOLUNTEERING – you can help in many ways:

1. Collecting and Sorting items over the next number of weeks - Please contact Tamara ASAP to let her know when you can help out!
2. The day before the event, Thursday, December 10th we will need help setting the Market up in the school gym from 9am-3pm. Please contact Tamara ASAP to let her know you can help out!
3. Then on December 11th we will need people from 8am-5pm to ‘man’ each table and to help at the gift-wrapping tables. After the event ends at 3pm, we will need people to help stay for a couple of hours to help clean-up, pack up remaining items, to put away tables, chairs etc. and to sweep the gym. Please contact Geraldine Robinson at: ryandger@gmail.com She will be creating a schedule.

For general inquiries please contact: Tamara Sherdahl – 778-355-7253 or tamurtal_08@msn.com

For volunteers committed to helping on Dec 11, please contact: Geraldine - ryandger@gmail.com

INFORMATION FROM SD43 ABOUT WINTER WEATHER *(also posted on the school website)*

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website:

<http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43’s process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

COQUITLAM SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE

Our district web page contains information about our school district including upcoming events and district programs. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Want to...

Improve your English skills?

Upgrade a course mark?

Prepare for a new job?..... Visit us at www.ce43.com

SOME OFFERINGS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

MATH CAMP FOR GRADE 5s- Pi of the Tiger at Dr. Charles Best Secondary

Pi of the Tiger is a series of math camps full of fun activities and games designed to enrich students' skills and knowledge in the wonderful world of mathematics! This year, the students of Dr. Charles Best Secondary are hosting a Pi of the Tiger camp on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This camp will be Superhero themed! Snacks and lunch will be provided and admission is \$5. Students are only required to bring a pencil and an eraser. If your son/daughter is interested in attending Pi of the tiger, parents can find more information and sign up through the website at www.piofthetiger.blogspot.ca

Any questions or concerns can be emailed to charlesbesttiger@gmail.com

Below is a QR code to scan for direct access to the website.

