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December 2011

Principal's Message:

This time of year is always a highlight for many as we are rehearsing for special performances; the upcoming seasonal celebrations ~ Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Chinese New Year are just some of the celebrations that will happen over the next month or so. Students are excited that they have a two week break coming up and there will be more time for family events over the break.

Mundy Road is back at it – making Gingerbread Houses again this year! We would like to thank Mr. Alex Bortignon for his generous donation of the Royal Icing! His donation has reduced the cost of the ingredients - last year's price of \$3 to this year's price of \$1! (Not to mention the time it takes to make up the Royal Icing - I am sure many of our parents are pleased that their electric mixers are getting a break this year!)



And a big 'THANK YOU' annual Christmas

to Mrs. Davitt and her team of parent elves who made our 4th Market a huge success. Mrs. Davitt and her team of helpers ' did

an amazing job of organizing, staging, pricing and wrapping all the items sold. Students were so pleased with their Christmas shopping – and they got it all done early! This market has grown each year and is part of the Mundy Road Elementary culture. For those who don't know, a former Mundy Road teacher, Ms. Lucy Goodbrand and a former Mundy Road parent, Mrs. Chursinoff, were the first coordinators of the Christmas Market. While the staff member and the parent are no longer at Mundy Road, the market has continued and blossomed in volume each year since its inception. This money raised at this Christmas Market will go to charity – supporting families in need. The market is a highly anticipated event each year and we really appreciate the time it takes to organize such an event. For all of you who donated their gently used items, bows, wrap and ribbon, thank you!



We will be having a 2nd Chance Sale with the remaining items from the Market. They will be on display next week, starting on Monday, after school. This display will be up all week and items will be marked at very, very reasonable prices. Please come by and see the displays starting December 12th.

Another thank you goes out to our parent community for the collective patience Coquitlam was suddenly without power on November 22nd! Our school had no heat until almost noon. Thank you for helping out other families who care issues, for making phone calls on behalf of others, and for touch with us on that day. Our VERIFICATION CONTACT sheets were well used that morning, however we did find out that some of the contact phone numbers we have are numbers that are out of date or numbers that do not apply anymore. Please ensure that we have your most current contact work and cell phone numbers at the office.



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Mundy Road Staff and students are continuing to help support those in need in the Tri-Cities and we have decided to focus on supporting two families who have children in our school district. We divided our school population in half so that we could focus on the two families who need our help. We are hoping that along with non-perishable food items, each student could bring a toonie. Staff are also participating in this as well! We hope to give some much needed food items as well as some new little presents for our selected families.

Staff will be wrapping up the little gifts for our selected families and they will be picked up on December 16th.

GROUP 1 consists of the following classes:

Mrs. Kroeker (Division 1), Mr. Reis/Mrs. Wood (Division 3), Ms. LaFleur (Division 5), Ms. Perko (Division 7), Mrs. Wong (Division 9).

GROUP 2 consists of the following classes:

Mr. Porter (Division 2), Mrs. Johnson (Division 4), Miss Richmond (Division 6), Mrs. Cherry (Division 8), Mrs. McGovern/Mrs. Warner (Division 10) and Mrs. Williams (Division 11).

How Can I get involved in THE SPIRIT OF GIVING?



Our Food Bank Drive has started and we will be taking any and all donations up until the morning of the December 16th - which is the last day of school before we break for the holidays. We will have boxes in the foyer for students to drop off any non-perishable items up until then. The Firefighters will be picking up our donations and we hope that with the next two weeks of giving, we can help those families who need some help through this winter. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Mundy Road Elementary Christmas Gift Hamper

As in the past, Mundy Road students and their families continue to have a strong tradition of giving generously whenever there is a need. Every December our school collects food for those in need in the Tri-Cities area. As those who watch the news on a regular basis, the food bank needs have only increased in recent months and it is hoped that we can help our local families by offering non-perishable items. Please find attached a suggested list of ideas for our hampers. We are hoping to make a difference for those who are in need. Of course, any and all donations are welcome at any time - our schedule is a guideline. If you can give something to our collection for SHARE, no matter how small, it is gratefully appreciated.

Suggested Food Hamper Ideas:

Wednesday December 7

DINNER ITEMS including pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned meals including stews, chili, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned soups, dried soups, Mac & Cheese, canned items (tuna, salmon, chicken, ham), ravioli, beans, dried or canned lentils, canned fruit, peanut butter, jam, honey, sauces, beans, rice,

- Thursday December 8 **BREAKFAST** items including cereal, tetra pack sealed milk, peanut butter, jam, oatmeal, one litre boxes of juice, individual juice boxes for lunches, dried fruit, etc
- Friday December 9 **RECESS SNACKS** for children: granola bars, fruit leather, cereal bars, rice cakes, applesauce, cookies, or something you know a child would enjoy as a snack
- Monday December 12 **BABY FOOD ITEMS** including any jars of baby food, canned formula or powdered formula, baby cereal, baby treats, or any food suitable for infants
- Tuesday December 13 **TREATS and CONDIMENTS** including: Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, ketchup, mustard, pickles, crackers
- Wednesday December 14 **TOILETRIES:** Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, soaps, hand cream, band aids, shaving cream, toothpaste,
- Thursday, December 15 **SOUPS AND PASTA ITEMS**– any dried pasta products, canned sauces, soups, ‘Hamburger Helper’, tacos, various canned pastas
- Friday, December 16 **DESSERTS** including canned fruit, dried fruit, JELLO, pudding mixes, cake mixes, cookies, granola bars, nuts, etc

We thank you for your generosity of spirit and your continued support for the SHARE Food Bank. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.



We are having a concert on December 14th – the afternoon performance is at 1:00 pm in our gym. The evening performance is at MONTGOMERY MIDDLE – 1900 Edgewood Avenue, Coquitlam. The performance starts at 6:30 pm and doors will open at 6:15.

The PAC is sponsoring a raffle for all the FRONT ROW seats at the evening concert and for only \$2.00 you have a chance to win two front row seats for the evening concert! There is no limit on how many times you can enter and if your name is drawn you will have two seats labeled for you. The first name drawn will be the seats in the middle and from there we will spread out to either side of the front row. The proceeds go to provide the ‘extras for students – the learning resources that contribute to the classroom environment and support for our students.

We are also looking for 2 or 3 parents per class to help with the evening concert and student supervision. If you are able to help supervise please contact Mrs. Drexel or leave a message for her at the school to confirm you will be assisting that evening. Once we have all the names, we will be contacting parents and explaining the concert routine



and the dismissal procedure – we want the students to be reconnected to their parents at the conclusion of the concert as quickly as possible. Your assistance on that evening is appreciated.

REPORT CARDS



Students will receive a Report Card that shows you're their child's attendance this term as well as their grade and division number, and their teacher's name. There will not be any written comments, marks or letter grades explained on this report.

Parent/Guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher directly to inquire about academic progress, work attitudes and their progress thus far. You can contact teachers for a meeting via phone calls or some form of written communication. The Ministry of Education does require a formal report card to be issued to all parents even though the information is limited due to labour issues.

PARKING AVAILABILITY

A thank you to all the parents who are dropping off their children and parking other than in the staff parking lot. Many thanks for the volunteer parents who are helping with the parking lot in the morning.



FORMS -

Please send your child's EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM to the office if you have not already done so. A copy was sent home to every parent who has not filled out the form. Currently we have less than ½ of the school population's EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS. These forms are incredibly important and are crucial in times of an emergency as this is the information we use to contact you.

These forms can all be done on- line at www.sd43.bc.ca/mundyroad

CLOSURE OF SCHOOL FOR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the case of extreme weather conditions such as ice, wind and/or excessive snowfall, the Superintendent of Schools has authority on behalf of the Board, to temporarily close a school. If an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) by 7:30 am if schools are open. If their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal.



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READY SET LEARN

Mundy Road is hosting the READY, SET, LEARN program for the East side of our school district on



JANUARY 16th from 1 to 3:30 pm. This Ministry of Education program is for 3 and 4 year olds and gives you and your child a chance to do some arts and crafts, play some games, meet the local public librarians, as well as meet Strong Start facilitators and school administrators! Children have a wonderful time and parents have an opportunity to ask questions from people in their community and their neighborhood schools. There are seven schools who are co-hosting this event for 3 and 4 year olds. If you have a child who is either 3 or 4, please join us! We look forward to meeting you there! Please see page 8 of this flyer for more information

about Ready, Set Learn.

LOST ANF FOUND



There are many items in our lost and found. Please come by the Lost and Found and see if any of the lonely items are waiting for you to reclaim them.

COATS FOR KIDS -

We are happy to invite you to the annual: "COAT S FOR KIDS AND A WHOLE LOT MORE" DRIVE: Please come and shop for you and your family. You will get to shop for coats, boots, clothing, toys, and small household items. The cost is one canned food item that will be donated to the SHARE food bank.

Parents/Adults please come on:

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 13th

TIME: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (or until supplies run out)

PLACE: Roy Stibbs Elementary School 600 Fairview St., Coquitlam, Phone: (604) 939-2486

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal or contact: Tina D'Amelio, cofounder Coats for Kids/Counsellor - Banting Middle School at (604) 939-9247.



Make sure you have your Grade 5 Get Active! Card

Holiday season is fast approaching... what is a great way to be active over the holiday season? Activate the Grade 5 Get Active! Card. These cards provide all Grade 5 students with free year long admissions to drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium based activities in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody. Please note that the form can be downloaded on the schools website.

To receive your Grade 5 Get Active! Card, you need to take the following to your community recreation centre:

- a letter of verification from your school
- proof of age (i.e. birth certificate)
- proof of residency



Coquitlam residents take documentation to: Pinetree Community Centre, City Centre Aquatic Complex, or Poirier Sports and Leisure Complex.

Check out all of our holiday events and activities in our Holiday Fun Guide on our website <http://www.coquitlam.ca> or you can pick up a brochure at one of our recreational facilities.

For more information, visit activeCoquitlam.ca or call 604-927-4FU N


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Phone: 604-927-6967

E-mail: gbriggss@coquitlam.ca



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DECEMBER</u>	
6 th	Pizza Day
14 th	Daytime Concert - Gym -- 1:00 pm
14 th	Evening Concert - MONTGOMERY MIDDLE GYM 6:30 pm - doors open at 6:15
16 th	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our PAC
16 th	Last Day of School before the Winter Break
<u>JANUARY</u> <u>2012</u>	
	HAPPY NEW YEAR and WELCOME TO 2012
3 rd	School Re-Opens
16 th	'Ready, Set, Learn' at 1 to 3:30 for all 3 and 4 year olds and their parent(s)
17 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
27 th	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
31 st	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
8 th	Kindergarten to Grade 3s to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
14 th	Valentine's Day & Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
17 th	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
28 th	Popcorn day coordinated by the PAC
<u>MARCH</u>	
7 th	Fine & Performing Arts Group 'Fizzical Fizzicks' 9:30 am
8 th	Pizza Day
9 th	Last Day of school before Spring Break
11 th	Daylight Savings Begins
<u>12-23</u>	SPRING BREAK
26 th	School Re-Opens
<u>APRIL</u>	
6 th	Good Friday
9 th	Easter Monday
10 th	Hot Lunch Day -coordinated by the PAC
20 th	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
24 nd	Hot Dog Day -coordinated by the PAC
<u>MAY</u>	
13 th	Mother's Day
15 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
21 st	Victoria Day Holiday
29 th	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
<u>JUNE</u>	
11 th - 15 th	Hip Hop Dance for all classes; performance on the Friday afternoon
17 th	Father's Day
29 th	Last Day of School for Students
30 th	Administrative Day for Teachers



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December 2011

Parents/Guardians,

According to the recent announcement by the Ministry of Education, our district has achieved its highest ever overall completion rate of 90.6%. Of particular note is the 12.5 % increase in the completion rate for students with special needs, over the last five years.

This incredible level of success can be attributed to the skill and passion of our staff. The application of abilities within classrooms and schools is evident on a daily basis.

The context of how we work as an organization is complementary and supportive to the way we work as individual teachers. Elements of our district that support such an exemplary performance in supporting learning include:

- Supportive and engaged parent community
- Learning Without Boundaries
- Commitment to vulnerable learners through programs and orientation
- Beliefs in creative learning opportunities for learners
- Highly motivated International Education program and students
- Collaborative work of our professional staff (administrators, teachers and support staff) across levels and inclusive of our community
- Three level school and grade organization which recognizes students as individuals with personal passion and strengths
- Combined work of Staff Development and Student Services in supporting our collective commitment to professional learning focused on evidence of increased student learning
- Collective belief in the abilities and orientations of our students
- Commonly held core beliefs supporting a system of high quality and high equity
- Recognition that diversity in our classrooms, schools and communities is valued and necessary

I congratulate all our professional staff, the students and families we serve for their efforts in helping learners achieve such high levels of competence.

Tom Grant
Superintendent

■■■■■ Serving the Communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody

East Coquitlam's 3 - 4 Year-Olds, and their families, are invited to a free *Neighborhood Ready, Set, Learn Event!*



School District 43 is pleased to offer a free Ready, Set, Learn event for families and their three-year olds in the East Coquitlam neighborhood of schools. Children will be able to participate in a variety of play based learning activities, listen to stories and have a healthy snack. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with local community agencies and school principals.

Each child will receive a free age appropriate book. Parents are encouraged to take the time to read it with their child, talk about the illustrations and have fun spending time together.

Parents will receive ideas for fun learning activities that promote the healthy development of young children, additional information regarding community services and neighbourhood schools. There will also be a fact sheet from the Ministry of Education website which includes a link to a parent booklet, [Ready, Set, Learn: Helping Your Preschooler Get Ready for School](#), which offers parents helpful tips for supporting their preschooler's learning and development. Translations of the booklet are also available in 12 languages.

The Ready, Set, Learn initiative, sponsored by the B.C. Ministry of Education provides families with an opportunity to make positive connections with the school system and local community agencies.

The *East Coquitlam Ready, Set, Learn* event will be located at:

Mundy Road Elementary School

Monday, January 16th, 2012

1:00-3:30 pm

East Coquitlam Neighborhood Schools:

Baker Drive Elementary
RC MacDonald Elementary

Meadowbrook Elementary
Riverview Park Elementary
Ranch Park Elementary

Mundy Road Elementary
Cape Horn Elementary



Happy Days Playschool is currently accepting registration for the 2011/12 School year.

We offer morning and afternoon classes to those 3 and 4 years old.

This year we are pleased to announce the launch of our newest program- which is a 5 day per week class that runs from 12:30- 2:30pm. This program is aimed at getting children ready for all day kindergarten, which is now being incorporated into all schools in Coquitlam.

The following classes are NOW accepting registration:

Crickets: Tuesday and Thursday 9:15-11:15am for those 3 years old (or turning 3 by December 31, 2011)

Dragonflies: Monday Wednesday Friday 9:15-11:15am for those 4 years old (or turning 4 by December 31, 2011)

Bumblebees: Monday to Friday 12:30- 2:30pm for those 4 years old (or turning 4 by December 31, 2011)

For more information visit our website at: www.HappyDaysPlayschool.ca

Winter Wise

Be Aware and Get Prepared
Winter 2011/2012



Stay Safe When it Snows Student Information

When it snows, the City's streets can be especially dangerous. Vehicles have trouble stopping, drivers cannot see pedestrians very well and the City's big snow plows are constantly moving snow to the sides of the streets to clear the roads. Vehicles and snow plows need more room on the road to turn corners and more time to slow down and stop than in normal conditions.

To help keep you safe, please remember to follow these guidelines at all times when you are walking in snowy conditions:

- ◆ Try to stay on the sidewalk or the boulevard and not on the street.
- ◆ If there is no way to get to the sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic, pay close attention and move as close to the sidewalk as possible.
- ◆ When you are on the sidewalk and see a snow plow approaching, please stay far away from the road as it is passing.
- ◆ Play in the snow in playgrounds and yards rather than beside the street. Snow banks beside the road are dangerous because people driving their cars might not be able to see you.
- ◆ Do not throw snowballs at any vehicles including snow plows because it can cause drivers to have a car accident.
- ◆ Be careful when playing on toboggans and other winter play equipment.

Be Aware and Get Prepared Parent Information

The City of Coquitlam reviewed its snow removal policies and service priorities and has implemented service improvements to better meet the needs of our community. Two of those improvements are better communication between staff from the City of Coquitlam and School District No. 43, and placing a higher priority on clearing school roads to ensure at least one lane of access is available.

The City has also developed a central location on the City website to help residents get Winter Wise. You will find lots of information to help you enjoy a safe winter season at www.coquitlam.ca/winterwise including weather forecasts, updates on snow removal activities, and contacts for programs to help residents.

We want all our children to remain safe when it snows so please go over the safety guidelines to help ensure your child has nothing but fun this winter.



Have fun in the snow and be safe.

Visit www.coquitlam.ca/winterwise for changes to this information and more details including weather forecasts, updates on snow removal activities, and garbage pickup schedules.



Vancouver Sports Club (VSC) is an incorporated not-for-profit youth sports association that offers youth year-round opportunities to participate and enjoy the game of basketball. VSC's unique approach offers basketball training and development at the most formative stages of their learning and development through unparalleled access to exceptional experienced coaching and mentorship.

In its inaugural 2011 year, Vancouver Sports Club has launched its Mini & Micro Ballers program which includes children between the ages of 5- and 8-years-old. By focusing on fundamental skills development, the program is designed to help children develop a love of the sport of basketball in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Among other measures, VSC will gauge the success of its programming by our repeat customers, as success is defined by the number of youth we keep engaged in basketball. Each year, VSC will expand its programming by moving up with the eldest youth cohort.

Brian Lee
Founder, Vancouver Sports Club



**2012 Micro & Mini Ballers Program
Boys and Girls Ages 5 to 8 Years Old**

Cost:
\$150 (includes Basketball BC membership and program training kit - Jersey, T-Shirt, Basketball)

Winter session begins the week of:
January 9, 2012 – March 10, 2012

Locations:
Burnaby – Gilmore Elementary School
Coquitlam – Ranch Park Elementary School
New Westminster – Lord Kelvin Elementary School
Surrey – William Watson Elementary School / Port Kells Elementary School
White Rock – Rosemary Heights Elementary School

Vancouver Sports Club is a registered member and an affiliated partner with Basketball British Columbia.

For More information visit www.vanouvversportsclub.ca





Have you registered for Winter 2012 yet?

Swimming lessons, Life Guarding and First Aid courses
Registration starts November 9, 2011, classes start January 2, 2012

Arts, crafts, fitness, sports, dance and much more
all in our Winter 2012 Program Listing Guide
Registration starts Nov 30, programs start January 2012

Are you 50 Plus? A whole new 2012 Winter season
of programs and activities awaits you!

Registration starts December 9, 2011, programs start January 2012

Looking for a stocking stuffer? Get something original this year
that will keep your loved ones active and healthy!



- Gift Certificates for admissions to our state-of-the-art swimming pools and fitness centres
- Admission Cards for 10 visits and more
- Term Passes for 1, 3, 6 or 12 months
- Personal training sessions
- Goggles, swim caps and a water exercise equipment for a new swimming season



Free Swims for Everyone!



Westminster Savings Credit Union is sponsoring
two free swims a month at our two aquatic centres
in 2011/2012.

at City Centre Aquatic Complex (third Friday every month until August 17, 2012)
Next swim December 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

at Poirier Sport & Loisir Complex (first Friday of every month, until August 3, 2012)
Next swim January 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Check us on-line at coquitlam.ca



Holiday Fun with Coquitlam Parks, Recreation & Culture

This holiday season stay active and have fun
in our many camps, special events
and drop-in programs and activities!

Saturday, December 17, 2011
to Sunday, January 1, 2012

www.coquitlam.ca

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Creative Flyer Winter 12

Creative Kids! **Ages 7- 11 years**
Studio B
Evergreen Cultural Centre

Mon, Jan. 16th – March 5th, 2012 3:30- 5 pm

Come and create, paint, explore the art of Painting, Drawing, Storyboards, Animation Characters and Collage in this fun program lead by Artist and Teacher Judith M. Atkinson. Students will learn from the Masters and will create masterpieces and discover their own artistic genius!

8 Sessions - Materials supplied
Cost: \$98.00

Creative Teens! **Ages 12- 17 years**
Studio B
Evergreen Cultural Centre

Mon, Jan. 16th – March 5th, 2012 5:30- 7 pm

Come and create, paint, explore in depth the art of Painting, Drawing, Storyboards, Animation Characters and Collage in this program lead by Artist and Instructor, Judith M. Atkinson. Students will learn from the Masters, create masterpieces & discover their own artistic genius plus build their portfolio of work for future studies.

8 Sessions - Materials supplied
Cost: \$98.00

Continuing to Paint **Adults**
Studio B
Evergreen Cultural Centre

Mon. Jan. 16th – March 5th, 2012 7:30– 9.30 pm

This inspiring 3 hour program lead by Artist and Instructor Judith M. Atkinson is designed for painters of all levels a study course on contemporary painting practices and principles using a variety of media of your choice, oil or acrylic or watercolour. The course will cover colour theory, composition, skill building and technique along with masterwork painting references. Dive and enrich your creative talents.

8 Sessions
Cost: \$155.00

Register via email: judithm_atkinson@shaw.ca
In person: Evergreen Cultural Centre,
1205 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam,
Dec.9th 2:30 pm- 5pm, & Jan. 4th 2-5pm

Instructor Biography:

Judith M. Atkinson is a professional Artist with an extensive exhibition record and studio practice. She has over 30 years experience working in the community and as a Fine Art Instructor with various School Districts, Learning Through the Arts, The Shadbolt Centre for the Arts and Langara College. She is an Honours graduate of Emily Carr University of Art & Design, and studied at the Banff School of Fine Arts, Capilano College, Commercial Animation and with ECUAD in Florence, Italy.

Website : judithmatkinson.com

Student Comments:

“ Judith is an excellent teacher ! ” ~ Gerry

“ She renewed my love of painting ! ”
~ Dina

“ My child loved this class ! ” ~ Lani

Register via email: judithm_atkinson@shaw.ca

In person:

**Evergreen Cultural Centre,
1205 Pinetree Way
Coquitlam, BC V3B 7Y3
Dec. 9th 2:30 pm - 5pm, & Jan. 4th 2-**

5pm

Register early to assure your space in these creative programs!