

MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY

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Principal's Message:

We're already 7 weeks into the school year and we've been very fortunate to have had some wonderfully crisp and sunny weather! Children are thoroughly enjoying the use of the grass fields on those sunny days. Our Full Day Kindergarten students are actively exploring the primary playground with a lunch hour supervisor and plenty of grade 5 students assisting during their playtime outside. Students have enjoyed the Hot Lunch Days and, of course, the famous Popcorn Treat Days. We've included all the scheduled Hot Lunch Days and Popcorns Days in the calendar that follows at the end of this newsletter so you can mark those dates down in your home calendar.

As many of you know, our PAC has been dedicated to providing extras for Mundy Road Students. One of the focus items was to replace the 'Adventure Playground' as it slowly deteriorating and it would eventually have to be removed. The PAC took heed and committed itself to fundraising for a replacement playground for students. Through their focused initiatives, time and effort, Mundy Road students received a 'Space Net' last fall. It is a well used, much appreciated climbing apparatus for students in our community.

Within the last few weeks, there has been great excitement! The Playground Committee had submitted a Grant Proposal to the City of Coquitlam last spring and they were informed very recently that Mundy Road Elementary was successful in securing Grant funds for the playground! Under the umbrella of Parks, Recreation and Culture Services, *2011 Spirit of Coquitlam and Active Grant Programs* dedicated just over \$20,000 for playground structures. This will allow the final phase of the playground to be completed this year! Stay tuned for further exciting news regarding when the playground will be installed. Many congratulations go to the Mundy Road Playground Committee for all their time, energy and dedication to a new playground at Mundy Road, as well as to all our parents who have supported the myriad of fundraising events.

To follow on this note, the PAC group supported the purchase of more technology and the school committed to also purchasing some technology and together we now have 3 SMART Boards at Mundy Road! These boards are in 3 areas; a primary class, an intermediate class and the library. Students are very excited by what they have seen so far - and we're only at the beginning of the year! Staff and students are very appreciative of the PAC initiatives all they do to support our school!

Some of our teachers attended the summer technology professional development courses at UBC on SMART Boards - and some of the teachers who don't have SMART Boards in their classrooms also attended. Many of our teachers are involved in their own personal professional development, after school, on SMART Boards. We are fortunate to have our District's Technology Coordinator as our facilitator/instructor for this year, and many of us will be attending a series of these professional development workshops over the course of this school year. We are looking forward to gaining knowledge and abilities in using a SMART Board as a classroom learning tool.

The Province of BC has invited schools, hospitals, businesses and major corporations to join them on the 'Great Shake Out' which is a Earthquake Drill that is province wide. Mundy Road is participating this Thursday, October 20th, at 10:20 am, and while we have already done both our first Earthquake and Fire Drill, we think it will be a great exercise for all of us in practicing what to do in case of an emergency.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thanks to Mrs. Wood and the group of teachers who assisted with the Terry Fox Run this year. Currently our total for donations to the Terry Fox Foundation is running close to \$1100 not including the online donations. The weather held for us and while it was a bit chilly for spectators, we appreciated all the parents and extended family and friends who came to cheer on Mundy Road runners!

PICTURE RE-TAKES

Tuesday, November 8th is our picture re-take day. The pictures will be taken first thing in the morning. If you are not satisfied with the pictures that just came home, please mark down November 8th. Again, please do not send any money. When your child brings home the pictures you can choose from a selection of picture packages and send your cheque to the school with your order.



PLANNERS - Please remember that if you have not yet paid for your child's planer, please send \$10.00 to the office.



CRICKET!

We have been fortunate to have had 4 days of cricket lessons for all students at Mundy Road. Mr. Matt Bell has been a wonderful inspiration, teaching students all about Cricket. Students in grades 4 and 5 were invited to put their name in to a draw to participate in the Cricket Tournament at Ranch Park Elementary on October 28th, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. This is a family event and parents are welcome to participate alongside their child, if they are the name drawn to attend.



HALLOWE'EN 2011

On Monday October 31st, we will be having Hallowe'en activities. Students can change into their Hallowe'en costumes during their lunch, (and some parents take children home to change, which is great - just please inform the office so we know that they're with you). When the afternoon classes start, students will go their classrooms, and after attendance is taken, we will begin our Hallowe'en Parade in the gym from approximately 1:00 to 1:30 pm.



HALLOWE'EN

Please support our extra careful around October 28th, 29th, and yourselves or your children in danger but do report any suspicious or dangerous behaviour to the RCMP immediately.



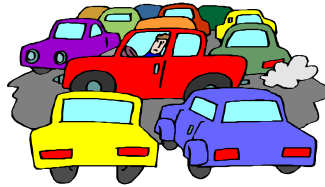
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parent community and school community in being schools on Hallowe'en, weekend, 30th. Please do not put



PARKING AVAILABILITY

We have a few parents who are continuing to park in the front parking lot. Please remember that staff need to have a parking spot and as some of our staff, (and this would include district staff that visit us throughout the day) are unable to find a parking spot. Please do try to remember that the front parking area is for district staff members, and parents are welcome to park at the back parking lot, or along Mundy Road, along side streets close to the school. Thanks for your cooperation on this issue.



FORMS - please send your child's forms to the office if you have not already done so. Currently we have less than ½ the forms returned to the school. These forms are incredibly important to the office, because in an emergency, this is the information we use to contact you. Please return the following forms to your child's teacher so that we can ensure our information is as up to date as possible.



Emergency Release Form

Volunteer forms - if you wish to drive or volunteer in your child's class or on a field trip.

Medical Forms - if your child has a medical condition

Code of conduct forms which include email address, code of conduct and

Photo Release Form - if you would like your child in the newsletter or photos taken during special events.

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

You will find the photo release forms and email address under School Policies - Code of Conduct

You must also fill in the Student Verification Form which was sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. If you do not have this form, please email the office at shein@sd43.bc.ca and Mrs. Hein will send home another one. This information is used to contact you in the event that your child is ill or injured.

Closure of Schools 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.

As a general expectation, parents should assume that schools are open. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they should keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) by 7:30 am if possible.

Mundy Road's Christmas Market

It seems early to be mentioning Christmas, but we want you to start looking around your homes for items you think you can donate/part with, or recycle to another home! Mundy Road will be holding its **5th Annual Christmas Market on November 30th**. For those of you who are new to our community this is an event is headed by one of our parents, Mrs. Ingrid Davitt and many parent helpers.

Your participation is key - we need you to look around your home and find items that you could donate to this worthy cause that supports those in need.

Boxes will be outside your classrooms and students can drop off the items your family is parting with. Parent helpers get together, sort out the items, set up our gym and on November 30th, your children get to go shopping. Parent helpers man the tables, and wrap the newly found treasures. These items come home and children are very excited that they have helped with the holiday shopping!

Items that are suitable would things one would find at a bazaar that can be easily carried home in a backpack or in the hands of a student; books, ornaments, kitchen gadgets, household items, holiday giftware, toiletries, games, puzzles, hand tools, sports items, ...every home has unique treasures that are always welcome and very appreciated.

If you can donate any holiday wrapping paper, tissue paper, tape, or tags, to help with the wrapping that is also much appreciated. If you think you can volunteer with this event on November 30th, please contact Mrs. Davitt through her email at davitt@telus.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
19 th	PAC Meeting - library - 7 pm Everyone Welcome!
20 th	'The Great Shake Out' Earthquake Drill
21 st	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
24 th	Drop Everything And Read day
31 st	Hallowe'en Parade in the gym 1 pm
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
6 th	Daylight Savings Time Ends
7 th	Recognition Assembly 9 am
8 th	Picture Re-Take Day
8 th	Hog Day Day- coordinated by the PAC
10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 - Gym
11 th & 14 th	Schools Closed
16 th	Grade 4s and 5s to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
22 nd	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
25 th	PAC Meeting - library - 9 am - Everyone Welcome!
30 th	Christmas Market (gym all day)
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
1 st	Fine & Performing Arts Group 'Story Theatre' performance at 1 pm
6 th	Pizza Day
16 th	Last Day of School before the Winter Break

<u>JANUARY</u> <u>2012</u>	
3 rd	School Re-Opens
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
22 nd & 23 rd	Student Led Conferences - early dismissal both days at 1:50 pm
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>MARCH cont'd</u>	
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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY!

The Leadership students and staff at GOAL are presenting a Free Clothing Give Away on Wednesday October 19th, 2011, at the Winslow Centre Gym, at 1100 Winslow. We have had many District 43 schools donate their lost and found items at the end of June and the items have been washed and sorted.

From 10:00am to 11:30am on Wednesday, October 19th, we will be open to the general public at 1100 Winslow Avenue, Winslow Centre Gym, Coquitlam, BC.

SFU Science Spooktacular.

This free, family-oriented event is a great way for families to learn about science from SFU professors, researchers and students and have a Halloween adventure at the same time.

Date: Saturday, Oct 29th, 2011

Time: Noon-3:30PM

Location: SFU Burnaby Campus

More information: <http://www.physics.sfu.ca/about/outreach/spook>

Or view this link: <http://bit.ly/ppxkfv>

Celebrating the Return of the Salmon

Hyde Creek Recreation Centre and Hyde Creek Educational Centre & Hatchery

November 13, 2011 11:00am-3:00pm

Free Family Event

Environmental, community groups exhibits

Arts & Crafts, entertainment, BBQ salmon



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

Hampton Park Elementary school is hosting a **"Harvest Festival"** on **October 28th from 6-10pm** in our school gymnasium. We are inviting the community to come together for a fun night of carnival games and prizes.

Please dress up in your favourite Halloween costume as there will be best costume contest too. This year M&M Meats (Como Lake Village) will be serving hamburgers, veggie burgers or hotdogs, chips, and lemonade for \$5.00. In addition, for your enjoyment, we will be selling pop, water, popcorn and candy bags. Please join us for what will be a very fun night!



The City of Port Moody is offering the following
"SPECIAL EVENT SKATES!!"

PRO D- DAY TOONIE SKATES - \$2.00 per/per

GAMES + PRIZES = Tons of fun!!

Friday, October 21st, 2011 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Monday, November 14th, 2011 - 1:00pm -3:00pm

HALLOWEEN HOWL SKATE - \$3.50 per/per

GAMES + PRIZES + HOT CHOCOLATE = SPOOKY FUN!!!

Sunday October 30th, 2011 - 1:00pm - 4:15pm (Come in costume and win prizes!!)

Our Public skate schedule can be viewed on line at www.portmoody.ca

NEW!!! FRIDAY NIGHT "YOUTH SKATE" - \$2.00 per/per

Friday's 8:30pm - 9:30pm

For AGES 11 to 17 years.

You and your friends will enjoy skating to good tunes during this Friday night skate just for youths.

**Our Facility is located at 300 IOCO Rd Port Moody
For the latest updates, please phone the skate shop 604-469-4555.**



WANTED: NEW CURLERS AGES 9 - 11 YRS OLD



**OPTIMIST CURLBC CLUSTER CAMP
LEARN TO CURL CAMP**

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011
9:30 am registration, finish at 3 pm

Where: Coquitlam Curling Rink

Who: Ages 9 – 11 year olds
New, never-curlled-before and
First-year curlers

Includes: skills, techniques, tricks for
relays & games

Cost: \$20 each - includes snacks,
lunch and refreshments

SPACE IS LIMITED - Register by Friday, Oct. 12 , 2011 by
e-mail kazsato@telus.net (with subject line "Cluster
Camp")



**Upcoming Events at Place des Arts
1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam**

Day of the Arts Pro-D Day Camp: *Monster Mash!*

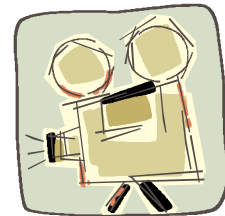


Friday, October 21, 8:45AM to 3:45PM

Monster Mash is the theme for this Pro-D day art camp at Place des Arts — just in time for Halloween! Kids can explore their creativity through a variety of activities in the visual, literary and performing arts, meet new friends and, most of all, have fun! Registration is now open for six blocks of classes divided into three age groups: Kindergarten; Kindergarten to Grade 2; and Grades 3 to 5. Families can pick the block of classes that best suits the interests of their child. After hours care is available until 5PM for a \$5 fee. Call 604.664.1636 to register. Visit www.placedesarts.ca for more information.

Fall Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts

We have two great fall workshops for children and youth coming up. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.



Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years)

Create your own stop-motion animated film! Plan a story, make a storyboard, design and build your own characters and sets, and then shoot and edit your film, practicing techniques in shot composition, movement and timing. Add voices and music and upload it to YouTube! A digital camera with removable card is recommended for this class. Teacher: Kenten Bowick

9139 • W • Nov 23-Nov 30 • 3:30 - 6:00 PM • \$46.50

Get knitting (10-17 years)

This one-day workshop is for youth who want to learn to knit but don't want to join a longer, more comprehensive class. In this workshop, you will be shown the very basics of knitting: casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch and casting off. Teacher: Kirsten Zerbinis

9127 • M • Oct 17 • 6:30 - 9:00 PM • \$33.50

