

# MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY

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## Principal's Message:



We've got very exciting news! Our school is now part of the community 'Hub' – which is a grouping of schools in the Coquitlam area. As part of this Hub (Maillard Middle, Montgomery Middle, Como Lake Middle, Lord Baden Powell Elementary and our school), each school will have After School Programs.

The cost is very reasonable, and allows students and parents/guardians different choices. The registration form (on light orange paper) was handed out to your child. Registration has begun for the January to March 2013 activities. The choices are: Ball Hockey, Kids Stage Theatre (2 different groups) Indoor Soccer, Parents Talk and Family Fun Night.

There are different age groupings and different times, but all programs are after school, or in the case of adults, in the early evening. There are limits to the number of registrations that can be accommodated, and it is on a first come, first serve basis. Please include payment in the form of a cheque (in a Ziploc bag, or in a sealed envelope), stapled to your registration.

Completed forms can be dropped off at the office counter, in the bin marked "AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS".

Mr. Paul Dondo is the Coordinator with the School District and he works with Coquitlam Parks and Recreation who provide the instructors for these programs. Many thanks to Mr. Dondo who has worked with us and the City of Coquitlam for these programs!



## REPORT CARDS

Students received their first formal report card of the year last week. All report cards indicate ways that teachers will be working with their students to support their learning. We know that home reading is a key component to reading development; comprehension and fluency will be supported by daily reading. We encourage every child to read with an adult at home, daily if possible.

We continue to value the partnership of working with parents and communication between home and school is key to success. Please discuss your child's report card with them, and celebrate their successes and set a goal for next term. There are Parent/Teacher Conferences next week; a green form was sent home on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like a conference with the teacher, please return the form as soon as you can. Early Dismissal days are Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All students will be dismissed at 1:45 and conferences will start at 2 pm.

Mundy Road is such a terrific school – from the startup of the school year, everyone is committed to making the year as positive as possible. From the PAC coffee on the first day, to the volunteering so many of you do – it is an amazing place to be! The teachers are always grateful for the support you give them, whether it is volunteering to do book orders, coordinate parents for classroom activities, helping at the Book Fair, the Christmas Market and even dressing up for Hallowe'en! Your involvement in your school positively impacts your child's education. As a full time working out-of-the home mom, I sincerely understand and appreciate the challenges of participation. It is something I try to do, whether it is making play dough at night for all the Kindergarten classes, or working a concession at their upcoming concert. And busy! My hat goes out to each and every one of you. I know that on top of it all, your first and foremost concern is for your child (ren). It is what we all want for our kids. Your love and concern is evident and we thank you for all you do, and for all the ways you support your children at Mundy Road.

In keeping with the busy time of the year, despite how 'on the go' we all are, students and staff really look forward to all we do. It is a fun, happy time of year. Please look at our calendar at the end of this newsletter for all the events.

A big 'THANK YOU' to Ms. Hayward-Meek, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Lubyk, Mrs. Madonna and Ms. Nelson, who along with many parent 'elves' made our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Market a huge success. It was so incredibly well organized, and the items for purchase were terrific – there really was something for everyone!



The 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 time, their gently used items, bows, wrap and ribbon - thank you!

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Sale with the remaining items from the Market. The items are now on display until December 12<sup>th</sup> for sale at very reasonable amounts. Please come by and see the display outside the office area.

We have Gingerbread making coming up – your classroom teacher will be letting you know through planners, or an email, or notice, when their class is 'building'. (and, I believe, eating a lot of the goodies that are meant for the house, but somehow find their way to tummy's before they are attached to any house!). We do need you to save any small milk containers (the 250 ml. size).



### CONCERT INFORMATION

**SAVE THE DATE!** As we noted on our website and in the last newsletter, the concert event of the year is WEDNESDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We have an afternoon performance at 1:30 here at Mundy Road. The *evening performance is at Montgomery Middle School, located at 1900 Edgewood Avenue*. Students and their families will be admitted at 6:10. The concert begins at 6:30 and lasts about 45 minutes.



There will be teachers in the front foyer of Montgomery Middle, with information on where you will have your children take their coats. Here is the outline for that evening:

- Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will take their coats to the Library, and then return to the gym to meet with their teacher.
- Grade 2 and 3 students will take their coats to room 210 and immediately return back to the gym to meet their teacher.
- Grade 4 and 5 students will take their coats to room 194 (the Band Room), and return to the gym to meet their teacher.



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 our students.

### PAJAMA DAY - December 21<sup>st</sup>

We are having our annual PJ Day on the last day of school before the break. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite PJs, along with a housecoat and their slippers but participation is voluntary. Please do send your child to school with their winter coats, boots, mittens, to wear out at recess and lunch.

### *Mundy Road Elementary Christmas Gift Hamper*

For many years now, this community has been very supportive of SHARE and the food bank. You have likely heard from media reports that Food Banks are in desperate need as more families cannot meet their basic needs.

Our Food Bank Drive has started and we will be taking any and all donations up until the morning of the Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have boxes in the foyer for students to drop off any non-perishable items up until then. We sincerely hope that with the next two weeks of giving, we can help those families who need some help through this winter.



We hope that by offering the list as a guideline, we can meet the needs of those who are less fortunate. Below is a suggested list of ideas for donations. Of course, any and all donations are welcome at any time - our schedule is only a guideline. Thank you!

### Suggested Food Hamper Ideas:

Thursday December 6

**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

Friday December 7	<b>BREAKFAST</b> items including cereal, tetra pack sealed milk, peanut butter, jam, oatmeal, one litre boxes of juice, individual juice boxes for lunches, dried fruit, etc
Monday December 10	<b>RECESS SNACKS</b> for children: granola bars, fruit leather, cereal bars, rice cakes, applesauce, cookies, or something you know a child would enjoy as a snack
Tuesday December 11	<b>BABY FOOD ITEMS</b> including any jars of baby food, canned formula or powdered formula, baby cereal, baby treats, or any food suitable for infants
Wednesday December 12	<b>TREATS and CONDIMENTS</b> including: Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, ketchup, mustard, pickles, crackers
Thursday December 13	<b>TOILETRIES:</b> Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, soaps, hand cream, band aids, shaving cream, toothpaste
Friday, December 14	<b>SOUPS AND PASTA ITEMS-</b> any dried pasta products, canned sauces, soups, 'Hamburger Helper', tacos, various canned pastas
Monday, December 17	<b>DESSERTS</b> including canned fruit, dried fruit, JELLO, pudding mixes, cake mixes, cookies, granola bars, bear paws banana bread nuts, etc.
Tuesday, December 18	<b>LUNCHES</b> - including canned soups, canned tuna, canned salmon, peanut butter, jam, honey, crackers, cheez whiz, tortillas, canned or packaged fruit cups, granola bars, trail mix, juice boxes, etc.
Wednesday, December 19	<b>CANNED GOODS</b> of any kind



**PARKING AVAILABILITY**

Many thanks for so many of you who are parking in other areas, rather than in the staff parking lot. We really appreciate your efforts!

**CLOSURE OF SCHOOL FOR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

In the case of extreme weather snowfall, the Superintendent of temporarily close a school. If begin, an announcement will be made (1130) and CBC (690) by 6:30 am if should assume that schools are unsafe, they should keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal.



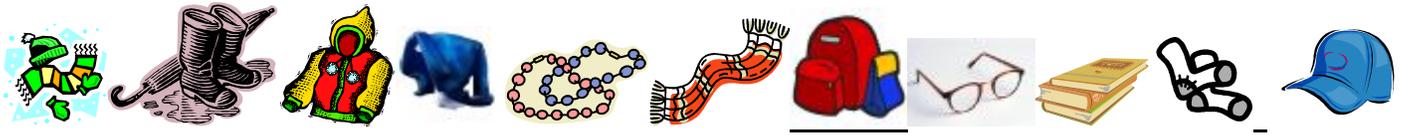
conditions such as ice, wind and/or excessive Schools has authority on behalf of the Board, to schools are to be closed before morning classes on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX possible. As a general expectation, parents open. If parents believe the local conditions are

## READY SET LEARN

This year, READY, SET, LEARN is being held at MEADOWBROOK Elementary for our area of the school district. The date: Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1 to 3:30. 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!



## LOST AND FOUND



There are wonderful and very new items in our lost and found. Please come by the Lost and Found Table in the hallway leading down to the gym. Any items not claimed by December 20<sup>th</sup> will be donated to SHARE.

## FROM THE PAC ----

The PAC would like to thank everyone who donated, sorted, and loaded up the truck for our Clothing Drive. We are pleased to report that 200 bags were collected, which means \$600 towards exciting activities and classroom materials for your kids! Well done!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Recognition Assembly - 11 am
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal at 1:45 for Parent/Teacher Conferences
19 <sup>th</sup>	Concert DAY - Afternoon Concert 1:30 at Mundy Road Evening Concert at MONTGOMERY MIDDLE GYM 6:10 - doors open <b>Concert starts at 6:30</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our PAC & Last Day of School before the Break & PJ DAY for all students
<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR and WELCOME TO 2013</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-Opens
21 <sup>st</sup>	'Ready, Set, Learn' at 1 to 3:30 for all 3 and 4 year olds and their parent(s) at Meadowbrook Elementary (900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Numeracy Night with Math Guru - Coordinator Don Gordon - Registration at the school with Mrs. Hein (Students will also be demonstrating manipulatives)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Hearing/Vision Screening for Kindergarten students
28 <sup>th</sup>	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal on both days at 1:45 - Student Led Conferences start at 2 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	BC Family Day Holiday - schools closed
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pro D Day - Non-Instructional Day for students
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kick off assembly for Jump Rope for Heart
13 <sup>th</sup>	Fine & Performing Arts Group 'Fizzical Fizzicks' 9:15 am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of school before Spring Break - Report Cards issued
29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Good Friday during the break</i>
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Easter Monday during the break</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Reopens
18 <sup>th</sup>	Como Lake Relays for Gr. 4s and 5s - 3:30 at Como Lake
19 <sup>th</sup>	Pro D Day - Non-Instructional Day for students
<b><u>MAY</u></b>	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pro D Day - Non-Instructional Day for students
20 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day Holiday
24 <sup>th</sup>	District Track Meet at Town Centre Stadium
<b><u>JUNE</u></b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 5 Activity Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School for Students /Report Cards issued
28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School for Teachers

COMMUNITY NEWS

PINK T-SHIRTS - LOVE IS LOUDER THAN BULLYING



As a school we hope you will join us in supporting the Terry Fox Secondary Anti-Bullying Project as described below.

Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed pink shirts, "Love is Louder than Bullying", with the hope of raising awareness and money to produce a professional 60-minute live play for students centered around bullying issues and solutions. In the Spring of 2013 students, parents and teachers of SD43 will be invited to come to Terry Fox to watch and learn through this production. Let's make a difference that lasts! Please return this order form, along with payment (*cash or a cheque made out to Mundy Road Elementary*) to the school office by December 14, 2012.

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Size: Please check appropriate box:

**Youth**

- YS (6-8)
- YM (10-12)
- YL (14-16)
- YL (14-16)

**Adult**

- AS
- AM
- AL
- AXL

Price per shirt: \$10.00 Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Face-to-face



Work and Learn



Upgrade your skills



**Study English! Free learning opportunities!**

Join our Foundations English classes for adults which focus on basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. These classes also prepare students for high school credit courses.

**ONGOING REGISTRATION**

Thursdays ONLY until December 20 . . . . . 4:00 - 7:00 PM

- PLEASE BRING:** ① Proof of Canadian Status  
② Photo ID ③ Two proofs of BC residency



**MONTGOMERY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE**  
380 Montgomery Street, Coquitlam  
British Columbia, V3K 5G2

For more information call or visit our web site  
604.936.4261 | [www.ce43.com](http://www.ce43.com)

**It's time... for a change!**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 43 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Health Care Assistant    | Medical Office Assistant |
| Administrative Assistant | Building Service Worker  |
| Computerized Accounting  | Dental Receptionist      |
| Interior Decorating      |                          |

For information call 604.936.4261 or visit

[www.vocationalprograms.ca](http://www.vocationalprograms.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](http://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](http://www.coquitlam.ca/winterwise) for changes to this information and more details including weather forecasts, updates on snow removal activities, and garbage pickup schedules.



## PLACE MAILLARDVILLE

Three new programs were just added today to our fantastic winter 2013 line-up! For the most up-to-date Program Brochure, please visit us on line at [www.placemaillardville.ca](http://www.placemaillardville.ca)

ARTS & MATH, 3-5 YEARS is a fun and hands-on way for pre-school children to learn basic math through art! This is a bilingual (French & English) program that runs Wednesdays January 9 to March 13, from 1:35pm to 2:35pm. Cost is \$60 for 10 weeks.

EDIBLE CRAFTS, 3-5 YEARS. Crafting with Miss Holly just got even better. Not only will children make some amazing crafts; they will get to eat them as well! Program runs every Thursday, January 10 to March 14, from 2:05pm to 3:35pm (1.5 hours!). Cost is \$100 for 10 weeks. What a bargain!

LA PETITE CHORALE (Preschool Choir), 3-5 YEARS. Sing your way to a French vocabulary! Children will learn to memorize words and music, sing in unison, listen to and respect others, and learn how to express themselves through voice and song. This is primarily a French program, but English will be spoken as well. Program runs every Tuesday January 8 to March 12, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Cost is \$80 for 10 weeks!

TO REGISTER:

Drop by the Centre at 1200 Cartier Avenue in Coquitlam; or

Phone us at 604.933.6166

## Christmas Programs and Camps at Poirier Community Centre - 2012

**Christmas Craft Making: 5 - 7 years**

Your child will enjoy Christmas themed crafts and activities.

417235 Tues Dec 11 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$10.00

**Camps: Kids on the Go 5 - 6 years**

This camp is full of games and activities, sports, arts, crafts and much more. Please bring a lunch, two snacks, warm clothes and runners every day.

413485 Mon Dec 24 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$20.00

404128 Thur Dec 27 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

404129 Fri Dec 28 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

413486 Mon Dec 31 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$20.00

405568 Wed Jan 2 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

405569 Thur Jan 3 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

405570 Fri Jan 4 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

#### Camps: Kids on the Go 7 - 9 years

This camp is full of games and activities, sports, arts, crafts and much more. Please bring a lunch, two snacks, warm clothes and runners every day.

413487 Mon Dec 24 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$20.00

404136 Thur Dec 27 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

404137 Fri Dec 28 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

413488 Mon Dec 31 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$20.00

405571 Wed Jan 2 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

405572 Thur Jan 3 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

405573 Fri Jan 4 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

#### Camps: Youth on the Go Holiday Edition 10-13 years

What better way to spend your holiday break than at camp! This camp is for those who love the thrill of adventure, learning new things and having tons of fun! Games, crafts, and much more.

Join your friends and our awesome instructors for non-stop good times.

404697 Thur Dec 27 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

407559 Fri Dec 28 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

407560 Wed Jan 2 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

407561 Thur Jan 3 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

407562 Fri Jan 4 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$30.00

#### Registration Information:

Coquitlam Parks, Recreation & Culture Services offers three easy ways to register for programs:

1. Internet registration: <http://signmeup.coquitlam.ca/signmeup>
2. Staff assisted phone registration by calling our customer service: 604.927.4FUN (4386)
3. In person registration at any Coquitlam Parks, Recreation & Culture Services Facility

## **Let's play Softball....!!!**

**Have fun with your friends... and meet some new friends**

**Register for the 2013 Season for Girls' Softball**

**Registration is now open on-line at Port Moody Amateur Softball Association Website or in person at Port Moody Recreation Centre (Multipurpose Room 4) on Saturday Feb 2, 2013 from 4-6pm**

**Free winter skills clinics in gymnasium for all players**

**Teams being formed for 2013 season following registration for girls of all ages**

**For more information: [jenyanita@shaw.ca](mailto:jenyanita@shaw.ca)**