



PLEASANTSIDE

February Newsletter

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Basketball season is off to a fantastic start, and it has been wonderful to see our students developing their skills, building confidence, and, most importantly, learning how to play together as a true team. The growth in teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance has been amazing to watch, and we are so proud of their commitment both on and off the court. At our recent school pride assembly, we were incredibly fortunate to welcome guest speaker Janelle Reid, whose powerful message celebrating Black Joy and Black Excellence and beautiful rendition of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice" inspired and uplifted our entire school community. We also extend our sincere thanks to Green Thumb Theatre for their captivating performance of 500 Words, which truly engaged and resonated with our students. There is so much to celebrate in our school, and I am always grateful and proud to learn alongside such dedicated staff and inspiring students. A heartfelt thank you to all of our staff for their ongoing commitment to student learning and well-being. The magic truly happens every day in our classrooms and gymnasium, and it is a privilege to witness it.

Warmly, James

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 16 - Family Day (No School)
- Feb 18 - Hot Lunch (Dominos)
- Feb 25 - Hot Lunch (Subway)
- Feb 25 & 26 - Early Dismissal @ 1:50 for Student Led Conferences
- Feb 27 - Pro D Day (No School)
- Mar 4 - Hot Lunch (Sushi Mori)
- Mar 11 - Hot Lunch (Loz Takos)
- Mar 16 - 27 - Spring Break

GREEN THUMB THEATRE

Our recent Green Thumb Theatre production of 500 Words was a wonderful success at our elementary school. Students were thoroughly engaged throughout the performance and responded with great enthusiasm.

At the conclusion of the play, they asked thoughtful and insightful questions, demonstrating both their understanding and their connection to the story. It was a meaningful and memorable experience for our school community.





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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We were very fortunate to welcome Janelle Reid to Pleasantside Elementary in celebration of Black History Month. Janelle shared powerful insights into the historical Black experience, reminding students and staff that Black history is Canadian history. She concluded her message with a hopeful and inspiring call to action, emphasizing the importance of caring for all people while uplifting Black love, Black joy, and Black excellence. Janelle then delivered a beautiful and moving performance of the Black national anthem, *"Lift Every Voice and Sing." Her angelic rendition deeply resonated with our students, many of whom were so touched that they made a point of approaching her afterward to express how meaningful and beautiful her performance was.



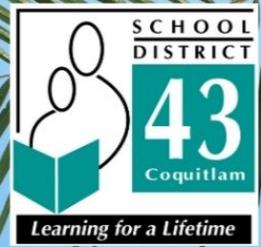
STUDENT ABSENCES AND LATES

If your child will be late or away please contact our office to let us know by submitting an online absence report [here](#)
You can also [Email us](#) or call 604-469-9288

Additionally, If you are late to school in the morning please remind your child to check in at the office so we know you are here!



2026



NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Summer Learning registration will be by lottery to ensure fair access for all students. Visit the SD43SummerLearning.ca for more information about the lottery, registration, courses and locations.

ELEMENTARY

July 7 – July 24, 9:00am - 12:00pm, 8 locations

K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!

Lottery Registration: April 2 – 8, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Thursday, April 16, 2026)

MIDDLE

July 7 – July 24, 8:45am - 11:45am, 3 locations

Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec Culinary, Integrated Studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more!

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SECONDARY SKILL BUILDING

July 7 – July 24, 8:30am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:00pm, 2 locations

Non-Credit Face-to-Face classes: English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal & Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content or preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 for Science & Math is only available by school referral.

Lottery Registration: April 28 – May 4, 2026 (Lottery Draw: Friday, May 8, 2026)

SECONDARY FULL CREDIT

July 2 – August 6, 8:00am - 11:30am & 12:00pm - 3:30pm, 2 locations

Face-to-Face or Online Blended Fast Track: Life Science 11, Anatomy & Physiology 12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11, 12; EAL 10, 11; English 10, 11, 12; English First Peoples 11, 12; Mathematics 10, 11, 12; Physics 11, 12; PHE 10; Socials 10, 11, Science 10.

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SD43SummerLearning.ca / 604-936-4261 / summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca

Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply. Courses and locations are subject to change.

Connect & Learn

Online Event for Parents and Caregivers

Parenting ADHD Children A Neuro-Affirming Approach

Build a deeper understanding of how the ADHD brain works. Explore how some aspects of ADHD can act as a strength in certain situations, and a challenge in others. This event is designed for parents of school-aged children.



Join FamilySmart and Mary Klovance live online for an evening to learn neurodiversity-affirming communication strategies to reduce power struggles and strengthen connection. Parents will leave with tools they can use immediately, greater compassion for their child's nervous system, and a clearer roadmap for supporting their child.

Mary Klovance is an award-winning counsellor, author, and founder of The Neurodiversity Family Centre. She has over 14 years of front-line experience as a school counsellor and working with youth facing complex challenges. She is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and ADHD-Certified Clinical Services Provider.

- **DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026
- **TIME:** 6:30 – 8:00pm (Pacific Time)
- **LOCATION:** On Zoom (online)
- **COST:** Free

With gratitude, FamilySmart would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Ministry of Children and Family Development for sponsoring this event.



Register online at
familysmart.ca/events



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Port Moody Soccer Club – Spring Season Registration

Registration is **NOW OPEN!**

Port Moody Soccer Club is excited to welcome players and families to our Spring Season. This season marks our 65th Anniversary, and we are proud to offer high-quality programming for girls and boys of all levels and abilities.

Register Now & Save with Early Bird Pricing

Take advantage of our Early Bird discount by registering early. Spaces are limited and programs fill quickly — early registration helps secure your spot and supports team planning.

Programs for All Ages & Abilities

We offer a full range of programs for players aged 2 to 18, including:

- Recreational Teams
- Development Teams
- High Performance & BCSPL Pathway Teams

Whether your child is just starting their soccer journey or looking to develop at a higher competitive level, Port Moody SC provides a safe, inclusive, and player-centered environment.

Join Our Community

Port Moody Soccer Club is committed to inclusion, development, and enjoyment of the game. Our experienced coaching staff and strong community culture make PMSC a great place for players and families.

How to Register

Register online today:

<https://portmoodysoccer.powerupsports.com>

We look forward to seeing you on the field this spring!