

École Porter Street Elementary A Learning Community

NEWSLETTER

Friday, August 26, 2016

*"Take care of yourself, take care of each other,
take care of this place. Together we are better."*

WELCOME BACK!

'Each child is a gift entrusted to us by her/his family.'

Dear École Porter Elementary School Families,

I trust you all had a wonderful and fun-filled summer with family and friends and that you were able to enjoy our amazing city in the glorious sunshine.

The staff and I are extremely excited to open our school doors and welcome back our students and families for this 2016/2017 school year.

School will begin next Tuesday, September 6, 2016. I have included the **Opening Day & Week Procedures** on page 2 of this newsletter. In addition, I will email these procedures to all our families as well as upload them to our Porter Street Public website. Lastly, I will, this week, post the procedures on the windows on all our school doors.

I feel privileged and look forward to, once again, serving the Porter students and their families, staff and community. Our school has a rich and deep tradition of respect, care and commitment to learning.

I strongly believe that our Porter Staff are extremely fortunate to be in a profession of service to others. The vocation of teaching and caring for students in our public education system is, daily, filled with endless moments of sharing in a child's wonder, amazement and excitement around learning as well as the understanding and knowledge that she/he is cared for deeply and will be treated with the respect, dignity and care she/he deserves and is entitled to.

Each student will be afforded the opportunity to learn according to her/his individual and unique learning style; the knowledge that they are always the 'lens' through which we make all of our decisions; that they are secure in the knowledge that every adult who works at Porter models those virtues and values we expect from our students; and, most importantly, the knowledge that every single adult at Porter BELIEVES in every single student and her/his potential.

At Porter, we have approximately 400 students - your children - many of whom are or will be feeling, over these next several days, a sense of anticipation, excitement, trepidation, hopefulness and thinking of all the possibilities, wishes and dreams of what lays ahead this school year.

On the morning of the first day of school your child will walk through our doors; our new Kindergarten students wide-eyed and extremely excited to begin school; our brand new Grade 1 - 5 students who, this summer, left neighbourhoods, schools and friends and will walk through our doors with some doubt, hesitation and wonder about what Porter is all about; and approximately 300 returning students eager to reestablish friendships, make new friendships, say hello to staff and continue their journey of learning.

This 2016/2017 school year brings, with it some exciting and significant changes in Education in our outstanding province. This school year will be the first year of the full implementation of our new provincial curriculum for Grades K - 9. Please see page 11 of this Newsletter for more information.

In addition, we are very excited about our second year of focus on our Action Plan for Learning school-wide goal, Social Emotional Learning. Staff will continue to be learning and teaching our students skills and strategies of being a self-regulated learner.

Whether new or returning, the common thread for each and every child who walks through our doors is the desire and excitement to learn, to

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission at Porter Street Elementary is to create a caring, respectful community of learners.

The school community is focused on creating a socially responsible school climate to enhance student learning.



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hope, to experience new possibilities, to accomplish new things, to make new friends, to be respected, to feel safe and welcomed - to dream!!

The impact our entire Porter Staff have on your child (and every person who walks through our doors) is profound. Our individual and collective actions and words have the power to lift spirits and inspire a child to feel she or he matters and is important in this world.

Without exception, our teachers and support staff care deeply for the students and their families, our school community as well as our outstanding profession. They are extremely excited and eager to begin this school year.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you all for your commitment, care and LOVE for your children and your care, support and trust in our staff and school community.

I look forward to the journey ahead of us that is the 2016/2017 school year!

I wish you all a healthy, joyful, fulfilling and successful school year!!

Sincerely,
Mr. Passaglia

Upcoming Events

Tues Sept 6, 2016

NEW Kindergarten (8:55 - 9:20 am)

Grades 1 - 5 (10:00 - 10:30 am)

Wed Sept 14, 2016

FIRST FULL DAY for NEW Kindergarten

(8:55 am - 2:53 pm)

Thurs Sept 22, 2016

Early Dismissal (1:45 pm)

Open House (Part 1; 2:00 - 3:00 pm)

Open House/Cookie Social (Part 2; 6:00 - 7:00 pm)

Fri Sept 23, 2016

Non-Instructional Day

Wed Sept 28, 2016

Assembly (9:05 - 9:35 am for K - Gr 2)

Assembly (9:45 -10:15 am for Gr 3 - 5)

Fri Sept 30, 2016

Terry Fox Assembly/Run

Assembly (1:00 pm)

Run (1:45 pm)

OPENING DAY & WEEK PROCEDURES

Tuesday, September 6 ~ Friday, September 9, 2016

Welcome back Porter Families!

Opening Week Schedule for Grades 1 to 5 students:

Tuesday, September 6:

All 2016/2017 Grade 1 – 5 students will attend school from 10:00 am to 10:30 am. Grades 1 – 5 students are to meet their previous year's teacher where they normally lined up last school year.

At 10:30 am:

- Grade 1 to 5 students will be brought back to where they lined up at 10:00 am and will be dismissed to their parents

Teachers will let children know what supplies they should bring to school for the next few days, if any.

New Students and Families to Porter:

New Grades 1 to 5 students and families are asked to come to our office. You will be met by our Teachers, Ms. Turpin and Mrs. Faulkner, and escorted to Room 12. On Wed Sept 7 our new students are to report to Room 12. They will, then, be brought to classrooms to meet and be with same age peers during the first week. To pick your child up at the end of the day please ask at the office.

Wednesday, September 7 to Friday, September 9 (possibly, into the second week):

Our day is the normal 8:55 am to 2:53 pm instructional day. Our 2016/2017 Grades 2 – 5 students are asked to meet their previous year's teacher where they lined up yesterday (and last 2015/2016 school year):

PLEASE NOTE:

the teachers listed below that your child will be with this week are only **temporary** until we assign our students to their 2016/2017 teacher and class.

Our 2016/2017 Grade 1 students (last year's 2015/2016 Kindergarten students):

- Mme Bell's last year's 2015/2016 French Immersion Kindergarten class are asked to line up as they did on Tues Sept 6. They will be met by:
 - ◆ Tues (10:00 – 10:30 am): Mme Bell
 - ◆ Wed: Mme LeBlanc (students will be in the Library)
 - ◆ Thurs: Ms. Faulkner (Library)
 - ◆ Fri: Mme LeBlanc (Library)
- Mme Squeo's last year's 2015/2016 French Immersion Kindergarten class are asked to line up as they did on Tues Sept 6. They will be met by:
 - ◆ Tues (10:00 – 10:30 am): Mme Squeo
 - ◆ Wed - Fri: Mme Rozanski (will be in our Music Room all week; Rm 19)
- Ms. Kennedy's (now retired) last year's 2015/2016 English Kindergarten class are asked to line up as they did on Tues Sept 6. They will be met by:
 - ◆ Tues (10:00 – 10:30 am): Mrs. Williams
 - ◆ Wed & Thurs: Ms. Moschetti (students will be in Room 17 all week)
 - ◆ Fri: Mr. Valente (Room 17)

Our 2016/2017 English Grade 5 students (last year's 2015/2016 Grade 4 students)

- Tues – Fri: will be welcomed back by Teacher, Ms. Chan and new Teacher, Mr. Valente; these students are to line up at the north-east entrance doors (beside our Library)
- **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FIRST WEEK PLAN ONLY**

KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY PROCESS

Tues Sept 6 – Tues Sept 13, 2016

The school year begins Tuesday, September 6, 2016

On Tuesday, September 6, our new Kindergarten students will attend school from 8:55 am to 9:20 am to confirm your child's attendance. Please take your child to the exterior door of the classroom of the teacher your child has been assigned to. These doors will be clearly marked on the classroom windows or walls

- ◆ If your child has been assigned to: English Kindergarten with Ms. Natalie Williams please: line up at the south exterior doors against the south-west exterior wall
- ◆ If your child has been assigned to: French Immersion Kindergarten with Mme Anita Bell please: line up at the south exterior doors against the south-east exterior wall
- ◆ If your child has been assigned to: French Immersion Kindergarten with Mme Diane Squeo and Mme Constanta Rosu please: line up at Mme Squeo's and Mme Rosu's exterior classroom door located in the middle of the east side of our south wing of classrooms adjacent to our primary playground

There will be staff and signs to direct you to the correct location. Your child will be at school for only 25 minutes on Tues Sept 6 so that we can say hello, welcome your child and take attendance. **THEREFORE, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL.** Your child will be dismissed at 9:20 am.

Wednesday, September 7 through Tuesday, September 13 will be **gradual entry days** as described here:

Gradual Entry (Tues Sept 6 – Tues Sept 13)		
Date	Students attend: Start and End times	Welcoming Conversations (30 minutes)
Tues Sept 6	8:55 am – 9:20 am	Parents: you will be asked to sign up for a 30-minute 'Welcoming Conversation'
Wed Sept 7	8:55 am – 10:00 am	Every 30 minutes beginning at 10:30 am; last one from 2:30 - 3:00 pm
Thurs Sept 8	8:55 am – 10:00 am	Every 30 minutes beginning at 10:30 am; last one from 2:30 - 3:00 pm
Fri Sept 9	8:55 am – 10:00 am	Every 30 minutes beginning at 10:30 am; last one from 2:30 - 3:00 pm
Mon Sept 12	8:55 am – 11:30 am	Every 30 minutes beginning at 1:00 pm; last one from 2:30 - 3:00 pm
Tues Sept 13	8:55 am – 11:30 am	Every 30 minutes beginning at 1:00 pm; last one from 2:30 - 3:00 pm
Wed Sept 14	8:55 am – 2:53 pm	FIRST FULL DAY!

Welcoming Conversations involve the parent(s), the child, and the teacher. Teachers will have a sign-up sheet available for the first day of school. Please bring the **Student and Contact Information Form**, which teachers will have handed out on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Wednesday, September 14th will be the children's first full day from 8:55 am to 2:53 pm.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS REMINDER: before you leave on Tues Sept 6 you will be asked to sign up for a 30-minute 'Welcoming Conversation' this conversation includes the teacher, parents and your child

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Home of the Porter Panthers

REMINDER: Porter is a Nut Aware School

September 2016

Dear Porter Street Parents/Guardians,

The number of Porter students with life-threatening allergies has been growing each year and is significant. Though students within this group are allergic to a number of foods, the most common food allergy is to **nuts (peanuts and tree nuts)**. District Administrative Procedure 315 – Anaphylaxis in Schools states that *the Principal must attempt to reduce the child's exposure to allergic foods within the school setting.*

In the past, one measure we have taken to do this has been to ask you to send only nut-free products to our bake sales, not because allergic students would be eating those products (as safety dictates that they eat only food provided by their parents) but to minimize their exposure to allergens.

In the past few years, we have gone from having just two or three nut-free classrooms to having more than half the classrooms in the school being nut-free.

Since we have:

- monitors moving between classes at lunch-time,
- children with nuts in their lunch eating in the hall outside the office,
- nut-allergic children who could have a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction simply from touching a surface that has traces of nuts on it and,
- a high prevalence of nut allergies in the school we feel it prudent to do more to protect our allergic students.

Therefore, we are reminding all of you, the parents and guardians of our school community students, for your support and cooperation. All students (and staff) will be asked to bring to school only food free of peanuts and tree nuts. We ask you to read food labels and check for peanut/nut ingredients (including oils) prior to sending food to school. If you have caregivers who provide your child(ren) with lunches or snacks, we encourage you to share this information letter with them. Also please instruct your children that they are not to share food with other students and that they are to wash their hands before and after eating. Though we cannot guarantee a nut free school, we can work together to be nut aware to help keep our allergic students safe.

Slip-ups may happen, despite the best intentions. A child inadvertently bringing nut products to school will be provided with an alternate snack/lunch from emergency supplies, and the nut-containing food will be sent home to enjoy later.

We realize this request to be nut aware may require added planning and effort on your part when preparing your child's lunches and snacks. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and cooperation in these potentially life-saving measures.

Sincerely,
D. Passaglia
Principal

For the full text of District Administrative Procedure 315 – Anaphylaxis in Schools, please go to:
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Administrative%20Procedures/Administrative%20Procedure%20315.pdf>

Please, no nuts of any kind school-wide beginning
Thank you!

Dogs on Porter School Property

We recognize and appreciate that dogs are significant and adored members of some of our families, and caregivers take advantage of the morning and afternoon walk to school to exercise their dogs. We need to balance this with the acknowledgement that not all of our community members are comfortable with dogs.

When dropping off and picking up your child, all dogs should:

- ◆ **Be leashed and under the direct control of the owner**
- ◆ **Remain outside; we ask that owners be mindful not to enter the school with their dog and not to block the major entrances and exits to the school or be around the playfields/structures, as some of our students and parents are uncomfortable coming into contact with dogs**
- ◆ **should never be off leash or tied unattended to fences or other objects**

Concerns have also been raised about dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. **We are requesting that pet owners ensure that feces and residue are not left on school grounds, especially where children play, including the fields, wooded playground borders, and in many other areas of our school.** While it is difficult for school staff to supervise school property usage during the evenings and weekends, the City of Coquitlam Bylaw Office has been contacted to help monitor school grounds during these times.

The staff at Porter Elementary School is working hard to ensure a safe and caring school environment and with your cooperation we hope to continue to work with all of our community members.

D. Passaglia
Principal



Please welcome our new staff!

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school community:

- ◆ **Ms. Fran Grant** (20-hour Education Assistant)
- ◆ **Ms. Maria Petrovici** (30-hour Education Assistant)
- ◆ **Ms. Helen Satterwhite** (30-hour Education Assistant)
- ◆ **Mme Constanta Rosu** (Mme Howell's French Immersion Primary Wednesday teaching partner and Mme Squeo's French Immersion Kindergarten Friday teaching partner)
- ◆ **Mr. Giovanni Valente** (English Intermediate Teacher)
- ◆ **Ms. Andrea Moschetti** (Learning Services Teacher; Mon - Thurs)
- ◆ We welcome back, **Ms. Meghann Faulkner** (Learning Services Teacher; Mon - Fri)

I would like to encourage all of you to play an active role in the school lives of your children. There is a direct positive correlation between parent involvement with student achievement and a child's self-esteem. It is understood that not every parent can give their time at the school. However, every parent *can* spend time at home asking about their child's day at school, reading to or with their child, listening to their child read, or playing with their child, to name a few. Another way to involve yourself is to attend our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings. Please see the attached schedule of meetings in this newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's academic, social, behavioural and/or emotional well-being I encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

In closing, I look forward to getting to know and serving the staff, students, families and community of École Porter Elementary School!

Sincerely,
Mr. D. Passaglia
Principal

Parenting Wisely Course



Parenting Wisely is a free course about managing the behaviour of elementary school children. Topics include waiting patiently until conversations or phone calls are over, morning and bedtime routines, cooperating with friends and peers, behaving in public and schoolwork challenges. Two Parenting Wisely courses are being presented by Stan Simister and Porter Street Elementary School.

One course starts **Tuesday October 11, 2016, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This class will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays and ends on November 22, 2016. A second course starts **Wednesday October 12, 2016, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This class will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays and ends on November 23, 2016.

Both courses will be held at **Porter Street Elementary School, 728 Porter St., Coquitlam**. **Please register with the school office, between Monday September 26, 2016 and Friday October 7, 2016, at telephone # 604-936-4296**. Please sign in with the school office prior to going to the multipurpose room to attend the course.

Participants with children under age 5 will need to make their own child minding arrangements. Parenting Wisely courses will be offered again in January of 2017 for parents that are unable to attend the first session of these 2 courses.

Porter eForms (very important!)

ONCE our 2016/2017 classes have been established our Porter eForms will be available online. TWO CONTESTS ~ your child's class could win one of two pizza parties!

CONTEST #1: the FIRST class in which parents of all the students have completed the SCHOOL POLICIES eForm will receive a pizza lunch!

FORMS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED:

At the beginning of each school year there are a number of necessary forms that we need you to complete. We are pleased to now have most of these forms online. It is crucial that you complete the required forms for each student. Please go online to our [Porter Street website](#) and click on the Parent eForms button and complete the following **REQUIRED** forms as promptly as possible.

School Policies	<p>Read the various policies and permissions and discuss them with your child</p> <p>For 2016/2017 The School Policy form (Form 1) has two very important sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media Consent – this new section has been added to collect parent permission to post their child information on social media platforms • School Notices – a section was added to address the new Anti-Spam legislation <p>Note: schools must, by law, include the following sentence (or similar) at the bottom of each and every electronic communication when using emails collected via the School Notice Form: <i>You are receiving this eNewsletter because you signed up for it. To unsubscribe, forward this email to SchoolSecretary@sd43.bc.ca and type unsubscribe in the Subject field.</i></p>
Medical Alert	To be completed ONLY if your child suffers from a medical concern the school should be aware of

Once you have completed the forms click on the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of each form. If you have trouble with any of the online forms, or you do not have access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the office at 604-936-4296.

OPTIONAL:

Volunteer Application	To be completed by parents and non-parents who are volunteering at our school. Note: you also need to drop off a criminal record check (CRC) at the school office (Valid for 5 years).
Driver Application	To be completed by volunteers who are planning to transport students during school field trips. An ICBC driver's abstract is also be required. (information online)
Privately Owned Devices	To be completed if student is planning to use a privately owned device by connecting to the district wireless network.
Absence Report	To be completed when your child is going to be away from school.

Once you have completed the forms click on the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of each form. If you have trouble with any of the online forms, or you do not have access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the office at 604-936-4296.

HARDCOPY FORMS THAT WILL BE SENT HOME AND MUST BE COMPLETED:

Verification Form *will be on green paper	Read and update with most current information
Emergency Student Release Form *will be on goldenrod paper	Read and update with most current information

CONTEST #2: the FIRST class in which parents of all the students have completed the hardcopy and returned the VERIFICATION FORM & EMERGENCY STUDENT RELEASE FORM will receive a pizza lunch! (will be sent home during second week)

THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Below is information to help you and your family start this 2016/2017 school year.

Online Resources to Find Information:

- ⇒ Click [HERE](#) for our School (Intranet) Website (to access, you must have your child's username and password; over the summer all student passwords are reset; elementary students receive their new password mid to late September)
- ⇒ Click [HERE](#) for our Public Website
- ⇒ Click [HERE](#) for our SD43 District Website

At this time of year parents often have questions about school organization, class placements and opening day procedures for the start of school in September. The purpose of this section is to provide parents with information on:

- School organization and student enrolment
- Blended classes
- Class placement of students

School Organization and Student Enrolment:

All elementary schools are allocated staffing by the school district based upon projected student enrolment for September. This projection is completed and submitted at the end of March of the previous school year. The amount of staffing allocated is set by the School Board once the Ministry of Education approves the School Board's submitted budget for the school year. Since staffing levels (how many teachers a school is given) depends on student enrolment, it is very important that schools hear from parents if their children will not be attending the same school again in September, or if families will be on extended holidays anytime in the first two weeks of school. Similarly, it is important for people moving into a school community to contact the school about registration as early as possible.

Our goal is to place students in their new class once we feel our student enrollment numbers are firm; if possible, we wish to avoid placing students in classes and then, after the fact, having to reorganize classes. As a result, the first week or two of school can present several challenges for organizing an elementary school, making up classes and placing new students. Our procedure for the first week (or two) of students returning to last year's teacher and classroom allows staff time to see which families may have moved out of Porter over the summer,

check to find out why some students from last year have not shown up on the first day and continue to register students new to the school if space allows. Usually this process is completed by the end of the first week of school. It may, however, be extended by a few days in order to organize the school according to our student numbers.

Blended Classes:

Blended classes have students from two grades in one class. The realities of student enrolment, staffing allotments and Ministry of Education class size limits dictate that there will be blended classes at Porter Elementary and virtually all elementary schools across our School District. Regardless of whether your child is placed in a blended class or a straight-grade class, numerous studies indicate that students do equally well in either setting.

Class Placements:

Your child's teacher last school year, along with other teachers your child may have had last year, consider many factors in the process of recommending a student's placement for this school year's class. This process is extremely thorough involving many hours of discussion and consultation. The focus is always on the educational needs of students which may include the following factors:

- academic ability
- work habits and attitude
- maturity
- learning style
- social relationship with peers
- academic relationship with peers

We trust this information will be helpful and increase understanding about some of the issues and realities of school organization and class placement. We also seek your cooperation and support for our start-up these first few weeks.

Our goal is to have students in their new classrooms as soon as possible.

We appreciate your patience and support at this time.

Sincerely,
Mr. D. Passaglia
Principal

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY & TIMETABLE FOR 2016/2017

The legislated length of an instructional school day must be 293 minutes for Kindergarten to Grade 5.

We have four bells that ring each day. They are:

LINE UP BELL at 8:50 am

- students will have a designated outside location where they are to line up, daily; they will be greeted and brought into the school by their classroom teacher
- The day officially (Instructional Time) begins at 8:55 am and ends at 2:53 pm
- Recess will be 15 minutes in length; 10:35 – 10:50 am

END OF RECESS BELL at 10:50 am

- At this time, re-entry into our school depends on the teacher's practice; some teachers pick up their students at their outside location and some have their students simply enter the school on their own and make their way to class
- Instructional Time begins at 10:50 am

Noon-hour: **EAT TIME (12:05 - 12:20 pm)**; there is no 12:05 pm noon bell

12:20 PM BELL: INDICATES TIME TO GO OUTSIDE

Noon-hour: **PLAY TIME (12:20 - 12:50 pm)**

LINE UP/ENTRY BELL at 12:50 pm

- Instructional Time begins at 12:55 pm

DISMISSAL: 2:53 pm (no bell)

	Monday	Minutes	Tuesday	Minutes	Wednesday	Minutes	Thursday	Minutes	Friday	Minutes
Start Time/ Instructional Time	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins
Recess	10:35 – 10:50 am	15 mins								
Instructional Time	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins
Lunch	12:05 – 12:55 pm	50 mins								
Instructional Time/ Dismissal	12:55 – 2:53 pm	118 mins								
Daily Minutes		293 mins 175 min/am = 0.597 118 min/pm = 0.403								

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 30, 2016

Two years ago I challenged our Porter School community to raise \$2,000 for the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation. Well, we surpassed this goal by \$1,200 dollars and raised an amazing \$3,200!

Last 2015/2016 school year we raised another AMAZING \$3,700 for a two year total of just under \$7,000!!

Here is the result:



Some photos from last Fri Oct 2, 2015



My challenge this year is for our school community to, once again, raise \$3,000

If we raise \$3,000 by Thursday, September 29, 2016

**I will shave my head at our 1:00 pm Terry Fox Assembly
on Fri Sept 30, 2016!!**

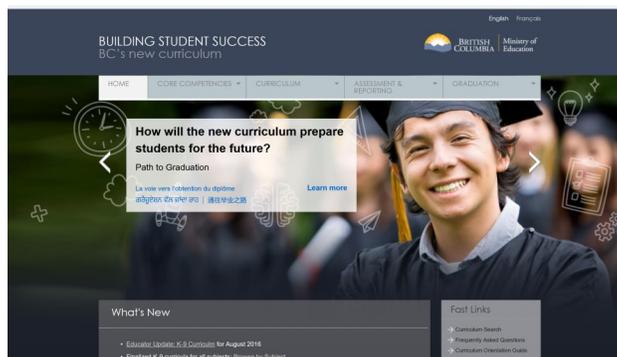
LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION!

BUILDING STUDENT SUCCESS BC's New Curriculum

Please click [HERE](#) to get direct access to our BC Ministry of Education website dedicated to our new provincial curriculum.

The [Home](#) webpage looks like this:



The [Core Competencies](#) link looks like:



The [New Curriculum](#) link looks like:



The [Assessment and Reporting](#) link looks like:



The [Path to Graduation](#) link looks like:



PORTER STREET PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSPAC) WEBSITE

If you would like to access an amazing resource please click [HERE](#). This link will bring you to our Porter Street Parent Advisory Council (PSPAC) website where you will find important information about the following:

- **Events/Programs for students** (Theatrix, MadScience, Places des arts - Drawing, Km Club, Lasermaster, MoreSports)
- **Messages and Reminders** (ex: Hot Lunch, Fruit & Veggie Programs and more)
- **Recent Activity** (Notices, PAC Directory, Contact Us, Mailing List Subscription, PAC General Meeting Agenda/Minutes)
- **Discover PAC** (purpose of our PAC, Bylaws, Team Members, Budget Info, DPAC info)

This site is very important because it is where you can sign-up and register for the many activities and events offered by our PAC!

AND THERE IS SO MUCH MORE!

ARE YOU ON OUR PSPAC MAILING LIST?

**Please subscribe to our
PORTER SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUCIL MAILING LIST.**

A reminder from PSPAC

Whether you are interested in receiving PAC newsletters via email, finding ways that you can volunteer, or just want to be notified of Meeting Minutes, this is the place to sign up! We use a very secure web application called Mailchimp that handles all our communications and ensures your email address will never be disclosed. Every email we send has an option to unsubscribe so you can stop receiving emails at any time.

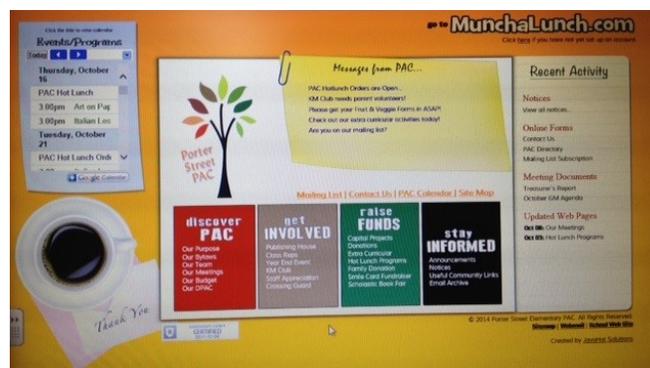
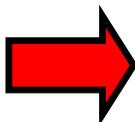
Please click [HERE](#) to subscribe to our PSPAC Mailing List.

You can also opt in to receive meeting minutes, volunteer opportunities, or just weekly letters outlining what is going on. Starting in September we plan to send emails every Sunday giving an overview of the week ahead so you know what your kids are up to.

NOTE: PSPAC does NOT be send paper communication home with students.

Porter Elementary School is not responsible for the data collected or activities provided through this PAC sponsored link.

The [PSPAC Homepage](#) looks like



PORTER STREET PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSPAC) 2016/2017 EXECUTIVE

The Parent Advisory Council provides parents with an opportunity to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of your children.

2016/2017 Executive:

Position	Contact	E-mail
Co-Chair	Ed Sagarbarria	chair@pspac.com
Co-Chair	Christine Baker	chair@pspac.com
Treasurer	Daniel Vasquez	treasurer@pspac.com
Secretary	Tanja McAffer	secretary@pspac.com
DPAC Representative	Hitomi Nunotami	dpac@pspac.com

REMINDER: PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

It is very important that children be picked up **on time each day**. Plan a meeting place for you and your child. Please show your child the meeting place and make sure she/he understands to wait there for you or an older brother or sister.

Any student not picked up MUST make her/his way to the office; please review this with your child.

We will supervise students until they are safely in the care of parents or caregivers. It is especially important for students not to wander off the school grounds. Please inform your child's teacher and the office if you are unable to pick up your child at the usual time. When changes are made, sometimes parents forget to notify their child's teacher and the office. This can result in a very anxious and scared child.

If you know you will be late please phone our office at 604-936-4296 so we can inform your child and your child's teacher. Also, if you make arrangements for someone **other than the regular person** to pick up your child, please phone the office to notify us of this change. Please have this 'new' person report to the office upon her/his arrival at the school.

REMINDER: RE HEAD LICE Let's all be pro-active

To help stop the spread of lice, please check your child's head regularly and carefully. If you find lice and/or nits (lice eggs) on your child's head, treat as necessary before your child returns to school.

ANYONE can get head lice.

Their presence is not a sign of poor hygiene, poor housekeeping, or low socioeconomic status. If you find your child has head lice, please notify the school and the parents of your child's close playmates.

Please contact your local Health Unit if you need further information or visit www.fraserhealth.ca (School Health).

HEALTH REMINDERS

In an attempt to keep students and staff healthy from nasty colds and flu's...

1. Please have your children wash their hands regularly
2. Please keep your child home if...
 - they have a fever or are feeling nauseous
 - they have yellow or green discharge from their nose or mouth



School District No. 43 Elementary School Meals Program

The School Meals Program has been providing lunches for elementary students since 2008. Once again, Porter Elementary is pleased to be part of this program. All food preparation will be done at Central Elementary School, under the direction of the trained elementary school meal coordinators. The meals will be delivered each morning to our school.

Attached to our newsletter is the menu for the month of September. The meal program will be offering service beginning Monday, September 12th. **Orders are due to our office by Thursday, September 8** and cheques are payable to our school. We are aware that for some of our families, September can be a difficult month financially. We are able to support a reduced lunch program and ask that you contact your child's teacher or the principal, if this is the case. For further information, please contact our Secretary, Mrs. Sather (ksather@sd43.bc.ca).

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM LUNCH ORDER FORM

School's Name: _____
 Student's Name: _____
 Grade: _____
 Division: _____
 Teacher: _____



Allergies / Religious Requests: _____

Payment Amount: _____



SEPTEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 SUMMER BREAK	2 SUMMER BREAK
5 SUMMER BREAK	6 NO LUNCH	7 NO LUNCH	8 NO LUNCH	9 NO LUNCH
12 Chocolate Milk Roast Beef Sandwich Granola Bar Fruit	13 Juice Turkey Sandwich Yogurt Fruit	14 White Milk Salsa, Chips & Cheese Cookie Fruit Cup	15 Juice Ham Sandwich Yogurt Fruit	16 Chocolate Milk Cheese Sandwich Veggies & Dip Chips
19 Juice Roast Beef Sandwich Pudding Fruit	20 White Milk Egg Sandwich Cookie Fruit	21 Juice Cream Cheese & Jam Bagel Yogurt Fruit	22 Chocolate Milk Turkey Sandwich Veggies & Dip Fruit	23 DISTRICT PRO D DAY
26 Juice Roast Beef Sandwich Granola Bar Yogurt	27 White Milk Turkey Sandwich Rice Krispie Square Fruit	28 Juice Chicken Wrap Yogurt Cookie	29 Chocolate Milk Ham Sandwich Bits & Bites Fruit	30 Juice Cheese & Crackers Yogurt Fruit

PLEASE NOTE:

- WE DO NOT GUARANTEE A NUT-FREE ENVIRONMENT. ALL OF OUR BREADS AND BAKED GOODS MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS.
- MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY FROM SUPPLIERS.
- September Lunches: 14 @ \$5.00 = \$70.00
- Please make cheque payable to the school.
- **ORDER DUE TO OFFICE BY 9:00 AM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 – SORRY, LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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PORTER STAFF FOR 2016/2017

Enrolling Staff:

DIV	GRADE/S	TEACHER(S)
This will depend on our exact enrollment during the first week of school.		Mme Dahl
		Mme Sigismund
		Ms. Chan
		Mr. Valente
		M. Ennenberg
		Mme Crowe
		Mrs. Riley
		Mr. Mah
		Mme Howell (M-T, Th-F) Mme Rosu (W)
		Mme Walry
		Mme Charpentier
		Mme Simister
		Ms. Pringle
		Mrs. Williams
		Mme Squeo (M-Th) Mme Rosu (F)
		Mme Bell

Non-Enrolling & Support Staff:

POSITION	NAME
Secretary	Mrs. Sather
Secretary (Thurs)	Ms. Kaertner
Caretaker (Day Shift)	Mr. Chandra
Caretaker (Afternoon Shift)	Mr. Ram
Education Assistants (EA)	Ms. Byron Ms. Dueck Ms. Grant Ms. Hambly Ms. Petrovici Ms. Satterwhite Ms. Scouten
Noon Hour Supervisors (NHS)	Ms. Carrier Ms. Gill Ms. Tessari
LEARNING SERVICES	
Skill Development	Mrs. Faulkner Ms. Moschetti
Resource / English Learning Assistance	Ms. Moschetti
French Immersion Learning Assistance	Mme LeBlanc Mme Poirier
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	Ms. Moschetti
Speech & Language Pathologist	Mr. Sangar
Counselor	Ms. McCall
Gifted Program Teacher	Ms. Moschetti
Teacher-Librarian	Mme LeBlanc
Fine Arts	Ms. Rozanski

Principal: Mr. Passaglia

You are invited to our...

OPEN HOUSE & COOKIE SOCIAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm

2:00 - 3:00 pm

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Please make plans to attend this informative and FUN evening. This is your opportunity to meet your child's teacher, the rest of our staff, visit your child's classroom and socialize with friends and neighbours.

PORTER STREET ELEMENTARY 2016/2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, September 23, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2016
Non-Instructional Day (Common Provincial Day)	Friday, October 21, 2016
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2016
Ministry Curriculum Implementation Day	Monday, November 14, 2016
Schools Close for Christmas Break	Friday, December 16, 2016
Christmas Break Period	Sat Dec 17, 2016 - Mon Jan 2, 2017
Schools Re-open after Christmas Break	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
BC Family Day	Monday, February 13, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, February 24, 2017
Schools Close for Spring Break (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 10, 2017
Spring Break Period	Sat Mar 11 – Sun Mar 26, 2017
Schools Re-Open after Spring Break	Monday, March 27, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 21, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (2nd of 2 school-based)	Friday, May 19, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2017
Last Day of School for all students	Thursday, June 29, 2017
Administrative Day	Friday, June 30, 2017

Principal

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Secretary

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Ms. Diane Sowden
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'Children...Learn What They Live'

*If a child lives with criticism,
he/she learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
he/she learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
he/she learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
he/she learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
he/she learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
he/she learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
he/she learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
he/she learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
he/she learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
he/she learns to like himself/herself.
If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship,
he/she learns to find love in the world.*

Author Unknown

'What All Children Want Their Parents to Know...'

*Teach me to love and care for myself
Through your positive example.
I will learn much more from what you do
Than from anything you could ever say.*

*Notice me often,
And take joy in my existence,
So that I may grow up to feel special
And know that I am loved.*

*Listen to me
With an open ear and a loving heart
So that I learn to understand my feelings
And trust that my needs will be heard.*

*Play with me often.
Let down your guard and be carefree.
The memories will last long,
And our connection even longer.*

*Focus on what I'm doing right,
And tell me when you appreciate me,
So that I learn to feel worthy
And motivated to do even more.*

*Tell me more about your life,
Your hopes, dreams, and successes,
So that I can come to know you as a person
And can call you my friend
As well as my parent.*

1996 Julia Loomans and her daughter Diane Loomans