



## *Winter Welcome Back!*

January brings a fresh start after the holidays. This term each division will be working towards our Learning Fair (March 5/6). Several extra-curricular opportunities are on the go for students: afterschool clubs/programs include Brix4Kids and Odyssey of the Mind. Grade 4/5 students will continue to explore leadership opportunities with various Monitor Jobs. Grade 5 Basketball practices are getting underway on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Finally, our Me2We group will continue their project. The Christmas Craft Fair raised \$700.00 to build a well for a village in India to have access to clean, safe drinking water.

The New Year also brings opportunities for parents and caregivers to connect on school issues large and small. Thank you to the parents who are volunteering their time as PAC Classroom Parents. You are a huge part of the success of the PAC Events and Fundraisers. Thank you to parents who volunteer for PAC Events. We appreciate your time and energy. If you would like to feel more involved in the school please consider attending the next PAC Meeting. I will be seeking parent input on our outdoor learning areas at the meeting. Together we will look at the ideas already put forth by parents and staff for the Forest and then discuss. There will also be a presentation on "What is a Library Learning Commons?" We hope to see you there.

Finally, a HUGE thank you for supporting the Christmas Hamper Families. We provided food, grocery cards, and gifts to all. I was able to deliver the items to the families directly. Even though each family knew they were receiving a hamper I was still greeted as if it were a true miracle. Please know that each person in these families truly appreciates your generosity. It is amazing how much we can make a difference when we put our efforts together.

Sincerely,

*Theresa Roberts, Acting Principal*

### **CLUBS AT RC MACDONALD:**

A tremendous number of students and parents have expressed interest in extra-curricular programs. For the Winter Term we are pleased to offer:

- **Odyssey of the Mind** - Wednesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm
- **Brix4kids** -Thursdays 3pm -4pm (flyer sent home in the report cards)
- **Grade 5 Basketball** – morning practices with weekly games (schedule TBA)

## **SD43 PINK SHIRT DAY:**



### **New look: “It’s Cool to be Kind”**

Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts, “It’s Cool to be Kind”, with the hope of raising awareness and money to provide needed funds



to “Kidsport Tri Cities” to help youth get involved in organized sport. Staying active through sports creates a positive atmosphere for our youth in the Tri Cities. Let’s make a difference that lasts!

Please click on the following link: [SD43 SchoolCashOnline](#) to order t-shirts. Deadline for ordering the shirts is Thursday, January 31 2019 (firm). Pink Shirt Day is February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019.



## **SD43 RECYCLING IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO EVERY SCHOOL**

School District 43 is transforming the waste management system across all schools. One of the highlights is all schools will have the same recycling system in place with caretaker training provided this Winter. Full implementation should be in place when we return from Spring Break.

## **MANDARIN BILINGUAL PROGRAM INFORMATION- (Parents of Grade 3 & 4 Students)**

Walton Elementary has several spots available for Grade 4 and Grade 5 Mandarin Bilingual for September 2019.

Children entering the program at these grades must have a sufficient level of Mandarin and English language that will be determined by a Mandarin teacher. Prospective students will be assessed by a Mandarin teacher before a spot is offered to your family. Assessments will be done in January and February.

If you are interested in joining the Mandarin Bilingual Program at Grade 4 or 5 next year, please email me to set up an appointment for an assessment.

**You can email me at [cmah@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:cmah@sd43.bc.ca) to arrange an appointment. Please email me before January 11, 2019.**

Many thanks for your interest in our program.

Regards,

Craig Mah

Principal, Walton Elementary School

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/walton/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.twitter.com/@waltonSD43>

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Mandarin/Pages/default.aspx>

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## COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation 	Jan. 7, 2019	Monday
Healthy Hair	Jan. 16	Wednesday
Body Science Presentations	Jan. 18	Friday
MDI (Grade 4 students only)	Jan. 24	Thursday
Community Run and Treat Sale	Jan. 25	Friday
PAC Hot Lunch	Jan. 25	Friday
Professional Development Day (no school for students)	Jan. 28	Monday
PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	Feb. 4	Monday
School not in session	Feb. 15	Friday
Family Day	Feb. 18	Monday
Professional Development Day (no school for students)	Feb. 22	Friday
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 27	Wednesday
Community Run and Treat Sale	March 1	Friday
Learning Fair 3pm-4pm	March 5	Tuesday
Learning Fair 2pm-6pm	March 6	Wednesday
Early Dismissal	March 6	Wednesday

The RC MacDonald calendar is [online](#) – all events that have been confirmed are available for you to see at a glance.  
Please revisit our site as *we will continue to add special event dates as they are confirmed.*

## ATTACHMENTS:

- [Tri-City Field Hockey Registration 2019](#)