

Dear RC MacDonald Community,

June is here 😊. The final weeks of school bring a last push to make this one of the most memorable school years ever. Students, staff and parents continue to put forth tremendous efforts in all manner of learning activities: academics, sports, theatre and outdoor projects.

We truly enjoyed the LunchBox Theater performance of Matilda. The students amazed us with their performances. We are looking forward to future LunchBox Theatre opportunities. The Fall production will be Toy Story. We will also offer after school programs such as Brix4Kids. Registration information will take place at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.



Many thanks to Ms. Wise and her parent volunteers for the amazing gardening project. Students learned all about invasive plants and pulled out an incredibly large amount of ivy. Students also loaded and moved several bins of bark mulch from our Forest to use in the newly prepped garden. Fantastic!

Thank you to parents who were able to participate in the PAC AGM this past week. Each year we appreciate the contributions of parents. The dedication and time of our PAC Executive and Committee Heads is ever so important to ensuring the success of continued and future school initiatives. This year we are fortunate to have the continuity of our PAC executive as well as many seasoned parents heading the various committees. Interested in volunteering? All parents are welcome to participate in any of the committees and as classroom parent reps for next year.

As we near the end of the school year we look forward to Parent Tea, Talent Show, Sports Day and Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony. We hope to see all our families at one or more of these events.

Theresa Roberts, Principal

HIP HOP AND GLOW DANCE

Students enjoyed a week of Hip Hop dance lessons sponsored by the PAC. This may be the most popular and anticipated event of the year! We truly enjoyed watching students practice and perform their dances.

What better way to celebrate than with a school dance? Thank you to Siva Ambrose and Carolyn Killins for organizing the Glow Dance and to Ms. Coomer for running a concession.



SPHERO DAY

On Thursday May 30th Mr. Fitzgerald took the Sphero Team to Winslow Centre for the first annual SD43 Elementary Sphero Challenge Day. Over the day our students persevered with a number of problem solving tasks and coding problems using the Spheros and iPads. Great work everyone!

SPORTS DAY

Tuesday June 25th is Sports Day. Our theme this year is “Let’s Go Green – We Love Planet Earth”. Parents are welcome to join us for Sports Day. This year’s Sports Day Events include a whole school Tug O War, Wheels Parade and afternoon stations. PAC is supporting the event with a special hot lunch, freezie rest station, and community run supervisors. Former students from Montgomery Middle and Hillcrest Middle will be joining us to help set up and run the stations.

Tips for Sports Day:

- Students are encouraged to wear their Family Group Colour.
- Students are invited to decorate their bikes and scooters and helmets for the Wheels Parade. Wheels can be parked outside classroom doors at the start of the day. Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students will complete the Wheels Parade on the gravel field. Grades 3,4,5 will be invited to ride their bikes along the Community Run route with parent supervisors.
- Students will be in the regular classroom for morning attendance, Recess, Lunch, End of Day. Students will be in Family Groups for parts of the day: from end of recess to lunch, and then after lunch for most of the afternoon.
- Hot lunches will be delivered to students in their regular divisions and adults will pick up their hot lunch from the PAC volunteers at the BBQs.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Tuesday June 18th, we will be having a pizza lunch delivered to RC MacDonald to celebrate our Grade 4 and 5 volunteers.

Each year we ask students to volunteer for jobs that supplement the school environment and community. The leadership activities include: Equipment Monitors, Assembly MC’s, Lunch Monitors, Morning Announcements and Treat Sale Monitors.

All of these volunteers do jobs that help the school run smoother and be more engaging for students. The benefits of the volunteering go beyond the benefits it brings to the school. It provides an opportunity for students to contribute to their school and community, not because they must, but because they want to.

We are both proud and appreciative of the volunteer spirit our students demonstrate.

TRACK MEET

Many of our grade 3’s, 4’s and 5’s from RC Mac participated in the SD43 Track Meet on May 23rd. This was a huge success with all of our athletes and some incredible photos were taken by parents of the students crossing the finish line. Congratulations! A big thank you to all of our parents who brought our students to Coquitlam

Town Centre and helped all day long. We also want to say thank you to the teachers who organized this event: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Wright, Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Coomer. We truly appreciate all of you.

AFTER SCHOOL JUMBO FREEZIE SALE – FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH

There will be a Jumbo Freezie sale on Friday, June 7th after school (by donation). All proceeds from this sale will go to support JRDF, a leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes research. They are the largest non-profit funder of type 1 diabetes research in the world, with a mission to accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat type 1 diabetes and its complications. All are welcome!

YMCA SUMMER CAMPS



Plans for the summer? Summer is a time for kids to be kids! At the YMCA, summer campers will spend fun-filled days engaged in a variety of activities including sports, swimming, making new friends, and much more! **We have a Day Camp located in your community at Mundy Park this summer!** For more information or to register visit gv.ymca.ca/camps

INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT WATER POLO?

Coquitlam Water Polo is having a fun ParticipACTION event on June 9 from 1-3 pm at City Center Aquatic Complex. Come and see how much fun water polo is!

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

Welcome to Kindergarten Event @ 1:30	June 5	Wednesday
Parent Appreciation Tea (8:30-9:30 am)	June 12	Wednesday
Early Dismissal @ 2:00 pm	June 12	Wednesday
Father's Day	June 16	Sunday
Student Leadership Luncheon	June 18	Tuesday
Poetry Café (Division 5 – Library Learning Commons- 1:15pm)	June 19	Wednesday
Grade 5 Leaving Field Trip	June 21	Friday
K/1 Camp Out	June 21	Friday
Talent Show	June 24	Monday
Sports Day	June 25	Tuesday
Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony (1:15 pm - Gym)	June 26	Wednesday
Final Report Cards go home	June 27	Thursday
Last Day of School	June 27	Thursday

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.***