



REPORT CARDS

In light of the teacher job action, Interim Report Cards will not be sent home. However, if your child is currently achieving less than 50% in a course, you should expect to receive communication from your child's teacher via email, letter sent home via mail or with your child, or a phone call outlining your child's progress. You are welcome to contact your child's teacher for updates on progress and attendance as well.



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March 2012

MESSAGE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS INTERIM REPORT CARDS

It is that time of year when typically some of our schools send report cards home to parents and guardians.

However, the labour dispute between the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) that started at the beginning of the school year is still ongoing. Some of the specific activities that the BCTF indicated teachers would not engage in during the current strike activity include the following:

- Prepare and distribute report cards; and
- Provide any student assessment data to Administrative Officers or the school office, except Grade 12 marks required for graduation, post-secondary applications and scholarship purposes.

Rather than send home a report card with little information we are asking parents to contact teachers directly for information on student attendance and progress. Teachers have been communicating to parents via email, phone calls, notes home, and through face to face meetings.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher(s) directly.

Sincerely,

Tom Grant
Superintendent
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

COMMENCEMENT DATE CHANGE

We recently received notice from Vancouver Civic Theatres that our hold on the Orpheum for the June 15th Commencement Ceremony at 7:00 pm has been secured by another user group. This occurs because schools are given second priority on bookings until 90 days prior to the event. As a result, we are currently working with a couple of groups to book a date at another venue. Once we have secured a venue, we will notify parents immediately. While this occurs rarely for us, it does happen from time to time. This is inconvenient, but we will strive to ensure that an appropriate venue is available on or around the original Commencement date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7.....WELL Dressed Fashion Show in the Theatre 7:00 pm
.....Southside Family of Schools Mtg –Castle Park 6:00
p.m.
March 8-9Grad Ring Showcase (Jostens) lunchtime - Lobby
March 9-24.....Europe Trip
March 10-March 25..... Spring Break
March 27..... PAC Meeting in the Library 7:00 pm
April 6 Good Friday
April 9 Easter Monday

Well Dressed Fashion Show

March 7th

Riverside Theatre

7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30

Reservations can be made at

rapidchange2012@gmail.com

\$10.00 reservation \$12.00 at door

\$100% of proceeds go towards
constructing a well in India

YOUNG BLOOD FOR LIFE

Riverside has recently become a “Partner for Life” with the Canadian Blood Services. We are encouraging students 17 years or older to donate blood, however, parents & friends can make a difference too. If you already donate blood or you are interested in donating please help Riverside to reach our goal of 50 units of blood. Riverside is part of the “Young Blood for Life” program which competes against the rest of the TriCity High Schools where we can win \$150 towards supporting our G12 class.

To make sure each donation is tracked, each donor must register with Riverside online:

Go to: www.blood.ca/partnersforlife

Click "Join Partners for Life"

Click the "**Members**" puzzle piece

Click "Sign me up to donate with my team"

Fill in your information using Riverside's Partner ID number **RIVE012591 (please note that this is four letters, six numbers)**

If you would like to book your next appointment please call:

1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283).

THE RIVERSIDE FITNESS CLUB would like to thank: I KNOW A GUY Auto Glass & Upholstery. The owner Rob donated his services and material to help cover 3 of the schools work-out benches. We are so lucky to have supportive companies like this in our community. Thanks I KNOW A GUY Auto Glass & Upholstery for your service and good merit to the kids of Riverside. We really appreciate it!!!!

FRENCH 12 ‘MINI’ IMMERSION AT MARY HILL ELEMENTARY

Mme Bancroft's Grade 12 French class is making bi-monthly visits to Mary Hill Elementary to spend their Friday afternoon class with Mme Buchanan's and Mme DeRepentigny Grade 1 and 2 French immersion students. On their first visit 'les grands' helped 'les petits' make a Valentine's Day art project and on their second visit, they learned new animal vocabulary together. This is the first 'authentic' opportunity for the Grade 12s to practise their oral French with native like speakers and their confidence is quickly growing!

CAREER CENTRE - ROOM 213

Several new scholarships and important information from Colleges and Universities have been added to the Career Centre site. Please check them out at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/riverside/ProgramsServices/CareerCentre/Pages/default.aspx> or contact Beth David at bdavid@sd43.bc.ca

AFTER-GRAD FUNDRAISERS

If you ordered **movie tickets** they will be available for **pick up at lunch on Thursday, March 8th, 2012.**

Please support our graduating students and purchase your Easter chocolate through the Riverside After-Grad Purdy's fundraiser. Deadline is March 16th.

Assist RIVERSIDE AFTER-GRAD FUND reach their fundraising goals by purchasing Purdy's Chocolates! The more purchases made the higher the fundraising profit. To register as a member with RIVERSIDE AFTER-GRAD FUND, please go to:

<http://www.purdysgpp.com>

Click on 'Sign up as Group Member' and use the Group Number: 24187

Fill in your contact information, create your own personal password, browse the fabulous chocolate selection and place your order. Enjoy!

You can also click on the link below to register:

<http://www.purdysgpp.com/Member.aspx?Id=24187>

For problems please contact:

Melody Swan

moreswans@shaw.ca

604-944-0394

AFTER-GRAD 2012 UPDATE

Planning is well underway for the June 16th After-Grad event for our Grade 12 students. Please check the [After Grad website](#) (linked off the Riverside site) for details of current fundraisers. Raffle tickets are being sold right now for the \$2500 travel voucher - \$20 each and available from the Riverside office and After-Grad committee members.

We continue to look for donations (cash or items) as we strive to meet our fundraising goal of \$35 000. Please consider volunteering to help in some way with the event – whether it is with activities prior to or on the night of. Grade 10 and 11 parents, this is your chance to see what happens so that next year you can be better prepared for your child's event. Please email Andrew Corbould at acorbould@sd43.bc.ca if you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer!

Regards

Andrew Corbould

Riverside After-Grad Committee Chair

RIVERSIDE HOMESTAY PROGRAM AND EUROPE EXCHANGE

Host Families Needed!

Riverside plays host to twenty Italian students from our sister school in Florence, Italy from Tuesday, April 17 to Saturday, April 28th. We are looking for Riverside families and students interested hosting a foreign student for these eleven days. Duties include providing a place for visitors to sleep, transportation to and from Riverside on a daily basis and providing meals. These students from our sister school, Alessandro Volta have a daily itinerary which has them travelling into Vancouver and over to Victoria and require no supervision during the school day.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Riverside students to create lasting bonds with a European student and get to know someone from a different culture and place in the world. All of the visiting European students speak fluent English and are expected to participate in minor chores around the home and prepare an Italian meal for their hosts, while visiting. Students hosting an Italian student would be eligible to travel with our school group next Spring break as we visit various parts of Europe.

If you are interested in hosting an Italian student, you can pick up an application form on the European Exchange bulletin board located outside Rm. 124 in the main hallway or, in the main office of the school. Application forms can also be downloaded from Mr. Luongo's share-point site on our school home page. For further inquiries feel free to contact Mr. Luongo at mluongo@sd43.bc.ca or Ms. Weir at bweir@sd43.bc.ca, at your convenience.

AUSTRIA AND SPAIN, 2013 SPRING BREAK TOUR

Homestay and Hotel Tour Program

Next spring break, the opportunity exists for Riverside students to travel abroad to Europe and visit some of the most culturally significant, historical, economic and political landmarks in the world. Our trip revolves around our sister school in Vienna, Austria and takes us through some of the most breathtaking landscapes and topography in all of Europe. If you've always wanted to sample some of the flavors, experience the warmth and sights of Europe, this is your opportunity. Our two week trip itinerary has us visiting Vienna's Schoenbrunn Gardens, the Spanish Riding School featuring the world famous white stallions, the Belvedere Castle and Armory Museum, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Natural History Museum, a Viennese Waltz lesson and a Strauss Concert. The tour then moves to Spain where students fly into Sevilla to visit Gothic Cathedrals, watch a Professional Spanish soccer league game, visit the great monuments of the world influenced by the Moors. We also visit Malagna, the birth town of Pablo Picasso, then onto Granada, Toledo and finally Madrid including a number of historically significant Palaces and Museums.

While travelling in Austria, students would stay in homes of those from our sister school in Vienna, Austria. Here they would create lasting bonds including immersing themselves in local language, culture and history. While travelling through Spain, students would stay in hotels that would include breakfast and dinner daily. Lunches would have to be purchased separately. The trip fee of \$4100 includes air fare, travel insurance, hotel fees, museum and monument entrance fees, guide tips and meal gratuities and transportation by privately chartered bus.

If you are interested in participating in this wonderful Riverside tradition, you can pick up an application form on the European Exchange bulletin board located outside Rm. 124 in the main hallway or in the main office of the school. Application forms can also be downloaded from Mr. Luongo's share-point site on our school home page. For further inquiries feel free to contact Mr. Luongo at mluongo@sd43.bc.ca or Ms. Weir at bweir@sd43.bc.ca, at your convenience.

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM'S SPRING INLINE HOCKEY PROGRAM

Spring Inline Hockey

Registration now until March 26 - call 604.927.7970

Join our fun, non-contact inline hockey program for boys and girls at the Port Coquitlam Recreation Complex! Emphasis is on fun, skill development and equal opportunities for all! For Detailed information go to www.portcoquitlam.ca/inline.

Inline Hockey 12-15yr – 15/\$235

Friday & Sunday, April 13-June 24

Teams play a 1.25hr hour game on Fridays between 7:30 and 10pm and Sundays between 12:30 and 3pm

Inline Hockey 16-18yr – 18/\$280

Sun April 16-June 21

Teams play a 1.5hr hour game on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:30pm

Team t-shirt included; participants supply: inline skates, CSA approved hockey helmet with full face cage, hockey gloves, jock or jill, stick and elbow and knee/shin pads. Players contacted with schedule, coach and team placement April 5.

Goaltenders

Free registration, one full time goaltender per team.

Register on a first come, first serve basis, and call 604 927-7929

Goalie equipment provided/inline skates supplied by registrant

Volunteer Coaches Needed

Apply online at www.portcoquitlam.ca/volunteer

COQUITLAM PRINCIPAL'S AND VICE-PRINCIPAL'S ASSOCIATION

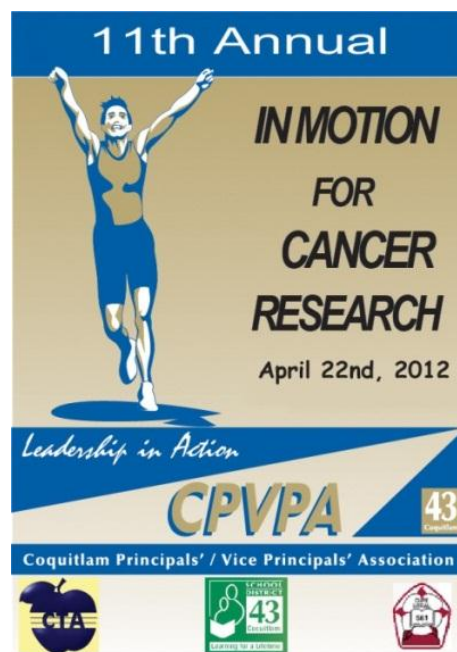
11th Annual *In Motion* Event for Cancer Research

The Coquitlam Principals and Vice Principals Association 11th Annual *In Motion* for Cancer Research event will be held Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 9:00 am at Terry Fox Secondary School. There are three routes for participants: 2km, 5km, and 10 km.

Come run, walk, ride or roll with us!

This 11th anniversary year's event will be the best yet, with individuals and teams participating on behalf of members of the School District 43 family who have been affected by cancer. We have always enjoyed good staff and student participation and are hoping for another large turnout this year. In 10 years we have contributed over \$75,000 to the Canadian Cancer Society. Donations received at the door or online will be matched by Scotiabank up to \$5000!

Online donations can be made at:



<http://cancerevents.kintera.org/cpvpa>

Registration information can be obtained at local schools or by visiting the School District Website at:
www.sd43.bc.ca

For more information contact Darlene Proulx by e-mail at dproulx@sd43.bc.ca or by phone at 604-941-3408



**Vandal
Watch**

PLEASE HELP LOOK AFTER YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL

Our school is an important place in our neighbourhood and we all want to do everything we can to eliminate vandalism on school grounds. Schools are most at risk on weekend evenings especially when the weather is good.

What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds. Signs of trouble include late night trespassers and the gathering of unorganized groups of people.

Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

*Call immediately when something raises your suspicions,
Do not wait for the damage to be done.*

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself. **KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY.**



*From the Office of the
Medical Health Officer
March 2, 2012*

Dear Superintendent,

Re: Pertussis outbreak in Fraser Health

Fraser Health is currently responding to a pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak. It began in the Eastern Fraser Valley region last fall, but has now spread to most communities within the Fraser Health Authority. Over 160 cases have been reported, but the true number of cases is likely much higher than that. As a result, we are now advising Fraser residents in contact with young children to get a free pertussis booster from their physician or immunizing pharmacist. This is to protect the very young children who are the most vulnerable to the disease.

Pertussis is a nasty bacterial infection. Early symptoms are like those of a cold (sneezing, runny nose, a low fever and a mild cough). Within a few days to a week, the severe cough develops; long bouts of uncontrollable coughing that may end with a whoop or crowing sound when the person breathes in. The coughing may be so severe that it makes a person gag or vomit. It may last up to a month or two, and typically happens more at night. Pertussis can be life threatening in children less than 1 year of age; 50% of young infants will be hospitalized and 1-2% will die. Adults and teens may not present with the typical whoop and the diagnosis may be missed. Pertussis infection is treatable with antibiotics; they will reduce the length of the infectious period, and may reduce the severity of the cough if given early enough.

Fraser Health is advising the following:

- Please review your children's immunization records to ensure that they are up-to-date. Pertussis vaccines are offered to children in British Columbia at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months of age, at 4-6 years of age and in grade 9.
- If you are an adult or youth in contact with young children, and you have not had a pertussis booster in the last 5 years, please get the free vaccine from your physician or immunizing pharmacist. This recommendation includes teachers in contact with young children.
- If you/your child develop symptoms of pertussis, please see your family physician for assessment.
- If a child in your school is diagnosed with pertussis, please ask the parents to report the infection to their local health unit.

For more information, including a map of pharmacies where pertussis vaccine is available, go to <http://www.fraserhealth.ca>, or call toll-free 1-855-587-3889.

Drs. Nadine Loewen, Larry Gustafson, Dr. Véronic Clair	North	604-476-7024
Drs. Paul Van Buynder, Mark Bigham, Elizabeth Brodtkin, Victoria Lee, Helena Swinkels	South	604-587-7896
Dr. Gillian Arsenaout	East	604-556-5069

The Fraser Health Medical Health Officers are available for medical consultations and can be reached at 604-587-3828 or 1-877-342-6467 (in Fraser East). To page the MHO on-call after hours: 604-527-4806.