



SCOTT CREEK TIMES

Newsletter

November 2014



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We Believe, We Can, We Will



Principal's Message

The first term will soon come to an end and our teachers will be busy writing their first Formal Reports, which will be sent home on December 12th! Please take the time to review your child's report card with them, celebrate their successes, and help them set goals for the second term. Please include the "Learning Skills" section in your discussion as work habits, attitude and effort are vital to student success.

The Scott Creek Staff works hard to provide both challenging educational opportunities and a variety of extra-curricular activities for our students. A highlight this month was our Remembrance Assembly which featured exceptional performances from our Advanced Band, our Choir and our student speakers. A very successful fall athletic season, both in terms of participation and championship banners, recently concluded and plans for winter season sports have begun.

December provides us the opportunity to support our community in a variety of ways. Please find "Scott Creek's 12 Days of Giving" on page 5, which outlines our plan to collect food items for the Share Society and our food hampers. The staff will be doing their part by baking cupcakes which will be available for sale to students on Wednesday, December 3rd and 10th. All proceeds will go to support our Hamper Project.

As a staff, we would like to thank all parents for the fantastic support you provide for your children, our school and this community. Your help driving to games and on fieldtrips, (getting all those forms done!!!!), helping with homework and attending Parent Teacher Interviews helps our students be the best they can be. Scott Creek truly is a great place to learn and work!

Rob Foot
Principal

Yearbooks

Yearbook sales will begin next week! The cost of the yearbook is \$45.00 and will be 100 pages of full colour pictures and memories. Please make cheques payable to Scott Creek Middle School. Reserve your copy now!

Here is the schedule for collecting yearbook fees:

Purple & Green - Wednesday, December 3rd
Blue & Red - Thursday, December 4th
Yellow & Orange - Friday, December 5th

On your child's assigned day, please send a cheque with your child's name and division written on the front. While cash is acceptable, we would prefer cheques. A receipt will be issued at time of payment.

SCHOOL PHOTOS (Retakes Wednesday, November 26th)



Retakes will take place on Wednesday. If you would like your child to have a retake please return the original photo package on retake day.

If your son/daughter missed photo day in October, you will have a second opportunity. Order forms are available in the office. Please include payment with your form.

SSNO CLUB Cypress SSNO Club trips are sold out!



Congratulations to all members of the Cypress SSNO Club this year. The Club has sold out again this year! We already have a waitlist for any spots that may come available. The SSNO Club will be going to Cypress Mountain on Thursdays in January: Jan. 8th, 15th, 22rd and 29th.



Luckily, we are going to offer a new Whistler/ Blackcomb trip on Feb. 14th, 2015 and possibly another on Feb. 28th.

In the coming days, forms for the Whistler/ Blackcomb trip will be coming out. The trip will be a full day trip on Feb. 14th. Any students that are on the Cypress Mountain waitlist will get priority for the Whistler/ Blackcomb trip. As some parents and guardians like to purchase the Whistler/ Blackcomb trip as a gift, you may do so by letting Mr. Sanderson know via email and he will send you the forms when they are available.

Please check the SSNO Club webpage for more information and updates:
<http://teachers.sd43.bc.ca/asanderson/SSNOClub/default.aspx>



MUSIC NOTES- IMPORTANT DATES!

Dec. 4th - Choir to Sing on CKNW
Dec 12th - Choir to Sing at Lougheed Mall
Dec 16th - Christmas Concert @ 7:30pm
Dec 17th - Christmas Assembly @ 9:00am

The Students in Advanced Band are once again participating in the Sun Peaks Music Festival. The Festival takes place in April on the weekend of April 17-19. If your child is in Advanced Band but you have not heard of this wonderful opportunity, please contact me by e-mail.

At today's date we have 52 students participating and that is a very good number because we are able to fill one Bus. It may be possible to bring more students if we can get enough to fill a second smaller bus.

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER



We have had a wonderful beginning this fall. Students have settled in and report cards will be distributed very soon - watch out for them! It has been an enjoyable time getting to know the new Grade 6 students this year. Seeing them settled with new friends and routines is great! Keeping your children "involved" and "connected" within the school is very important as school becomes a purposeful place for them to want to be at every day!

Homework completion is a challenge for many students. Did you know that students from Port Moody Secondary School are coming to Scott Creek to offer **FREE TUTORING** at Homework/Tutoring Cub (HC)? If you think your son/daughter can benefit from this, please contact Dr. Mawani at (604) 945-0156.

Homework Club/Tutoring Club runs on **Tuesdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm**. Registration forms are available at the office or contact Dr. Mawani - the school counsellor.

CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS IN EXTREME WEATHER



On very rare occasions, it is necessary to temporarily close a school facility when extreme weather conditions might endanger the health and safety of students. As a general expectation, parents are to be advised that schools are open. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they may keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal. Please call the school if you are keeping them home.





If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) and posted on the School District website (www.sd43.bc.ca) by 6:30 a.m. if possible. Wherever possible, the decision will be announced the previous day to enable parents more time to make alternate arrangements for their children.

In snowy conditions, please remember that the drop off and pick up will be slower. Please plan ahead and be patient to help us keep our students safe. We also request that students come dressed prepared for the winter conditions. In case of an emergency, students should have proper footwear and a warm jacket.



TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT SCOTT CREEK



If you drop off or pick up your children after school you already know that there is a problem with traffic congestion out front of the school in the loop. We are continually monitoring the situation and have a few suggestions to improve the congestion level.

Morning Drop off is as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1 Stay to the right
- 2 Pull forward as far as you can
- 3 Drop off at the curb quickly and exit.

Between 8:25 and 8:35 am, exiting our parking lot is nearly impossible as Lansdowne is backed up blocking the exit. Please consider dropping your child off early to avoid the traffic jam.

Afternoon pick up

- 1) Let your students walk home, or if that is not possible, arrange a different pick up location such as the **gravel parking lot under the power lines** between Eagle Ridge Elementary and Scott Creek, **the pool parking lot**, or have your students **walk up Lansdowne** a little ways from the school.
- 2) Arrange to **pick your child up a few minutes later, perhaps at 3:15** after the rush. It usually takes our students a few minutes to go to their locker, organize their homework and leave the building.
- 3) **Cars should never be left unattended** for any reason unless you are in a parking stall in one of the lots.
- 4) Please do not park in any reserved parking spots during the school day 8:00am-4:00pm.

The congestion is a problem for a short period of time each day from approximately 2:50-3:20. Fridays and rainy days are extremely busy. Please do your part in helping keep our driveway safe for the students and the drivers.



Scott Creek's 12 Days of Giving

- 12 - canned vegetables (Class Challenge) Dec 1
- 11 - canned fruit (Class Challenge) Dec 2
- 10 - 10 dimes or any coins (Individual Challenge) Dec 3
- 9 - snacks (Class Challenge) Dec 4
- 8 - tuna or canned meat (Class Challenge) Dec 5
- 7 - baby care items - wipes, diapers, baby wash, food etc. (Class Challenge) Dec 8
- 6 - soup (Class Challenge) Dec 9
- 5 - pasta (Class Challenge) Dec 10
- 4 - 4 quarters or any coins (Individual Challenge) Dec 11
- 3 - pasta Sauce (Class Challenge) Dec 12
- 2 - peanut butter (Class Challenge) Dec 15
- 1 - personal hygiene products - shampoo, floss, tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant etc. (individual challenge) Dec 16