



# **Seaview Community School**

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**"At Seaview Community School We CARE"  
(Care About and Respect Everyone)**

**Our mission is to provide safe academic, social and physical  
learning to all students with the support of the community**

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September 11, 2015**

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## **OUR SCHOOL GOAL**

To grow students' self-awareness and personal management reinforcing self-regulation skills and ensuring all students thrive at school.

## **WELCOME BACK SEAVIEW COMMUNITY**

Welcome back, Seaview community! We hope you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating summer break and are feeling energized for a learning-rich and fun school year ahead. For Seaview staff, reconnecting with our students and community this past week has been wonderful and something we look forward to every year. Along with a warm welcome to our 42 kindergarten students, Seaview is a new home to ten families. We are very excited to connect them to our special community of teaching and learning. We also welcome new staff members and are looking forward to working together with them on our team. Please join us in extending to them a warm Seaview welcome.

Our students have had an action-packed opening week. Working in same-grade and multi-age groupings on cooperative activities, children have had opportunities to adjust to school expectations and establish new friendships. They have interacted with a wide range of teachers in the school and we know this experience goes a long way to supporting a successful transition into their classrooms. We have focussed on three themes: Friendship & Caring, Learning In Nature and Recognition & Celebration. Each of these themes represents ideas that students offered us last year when asked what matters to them at Seaview. You will see throughout our hallways representations of these themes in the beautiful tile art they created last September.

An important task at hand during the initial days of school is the organization and design of our classrooms. Firstly, we carefully gather attendance and enrolment data in order to determine our number of students and enrolment at each grade level. Next, divisions are determined and, finally, teachers and administration collaboratively design classes ensuring the best possible classroom compositions to suit student learning. Many factors are considered and Seaview staff is committed to thoughtful design of our learning community. This year we have been able to organize the school before the onset of Week Two and as such students met their teachers and classmates today before heading home for the weekend and are able to start on Monday morning in their classrooms. As such, class lists will not be posted on Monday morning but rather teachers and room assignments in the front windows. We have created six neighbourhood and four Montessori divisions.

Here is a reminder of our bell schedule:

8:55 Warning Bell  
9:00 Classes begin  
10:20 Recess  
10:35 Recess ends  
12:00 Lunch (play first, eat later)  
12:52 Lunch ends  
3:00 Dismissal

Again, welcome to what promises to be another wonderful school year at Seaview. To remind parents, we publish a weekly newsletter and post it to our website, [www.sd43.bc.ca/seaview](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/seaview), on Mondays or Tuesdays in the event of a long weekend. This edition will be the only paper copy distributed as our school continues to focus on teaching and modeling sound environmental stewardship to our students. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with any questions or concerns as we move through our school year. It is a sincere pleasure to hear from parents at every opportunity.

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Ms Susan Ross  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **We Are a Community (WAAC) Luncheon: Wednesday, October 7th**

Mark your calendars for our annual We Are a Community Thanksgiving potluck luncheon coming up on Wednesday, October 7th, 11:30-1:00pm. This event is always much anticipated and loved by all. You will receive a notice home to indicate what dish you are able to contribute to the potluck. It's always a delicious feast and celebration of thankfulness and community. We hope to see everyone attend.

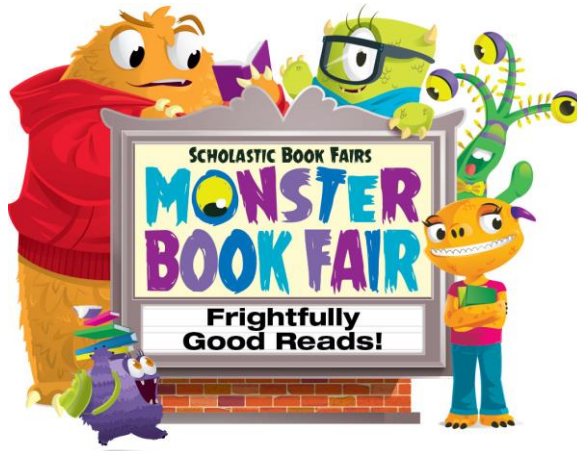
### **Student Organizers/Home-School Communication**

Classroom teachers at Seaview continue to reflect on and develop our systems for home-school communication. You will hear from your child's teacher regarding his/her plans for a daily communication system. The practice will be customized to the needs of the teacher and class and not necessarily look the same from room to room. For example, while kindergarten and grade 1 students will use a pouch system, an intermediate room could use a journal/exercise book system. Premier agenda planners will not be available or required for purchase. It is our hope to provide additional benefit to families by lowering or charging very nominal fees for planner systems relative to the costs of purchasing Premier agendas.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair is planned once again. Thank you to parents for helping to support this event and doing such an outstanding job every year. The fair will take place over the following dates and times in our library:

Tuesday Sep 15	8:30-9 and 2:00	5:30pm
Wednesday Sep 15	8:30-9 and 3:00	4:00pm
Thursday Sep 16	8:30-9 and 2:00	4:45pm
Friday Sep 17	8:30-9 and 3:00	4:00pm



## Welcoming Conversations/Classroom Conferences: September 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Classroom conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th and Thursday, September 17th. **All students, with the exception of Kindergarten on Sept 15th, will be dismissed at 2pm both days.** Please find along with this newsletter a bright green slip showing your scheduled time. **Kindergarten students are not required to schedule a conference in lieu of week one welcoming conversations.** Thank you

## E Forms Information

At the beginning of each school year, there are number of necessary forms that we need you to complete. **These forms will be available online shortly, please keep checking the website and newsletters.** It is crucial that you complete the required forms for each student. They will be available online in our Seaview Community Portal [www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/Seaview](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/Seaview)

1. **School Policies**
2. **Emergency Release**

Additionally, you will find on that page the following optional forms:

- **Medical Alert** - To be completed at the start of each school year but only if your child has a medical concern.
- **Volunteer Application** - To be completed once at each school level by parents and non-parents who are planning to volunteer at our school. Note: you also need to drop off a criminal record check (CRC) at the school office. Contact the school to ensure your CRC is still valid.
- **Driver Application** - To be completed at the start of each school year by volunteers who are planning to transport students during school field trips. Note: you will also need to drop off a driver's abstract and a criminal record check at the school office and complete a Volunteer Application form (once per school level).

- **Absence Report** – (available currently) To be completed when your child is going to be away from school

### **An Important Note about Medical Alerts**

Information about medical alerts is completed on eForms at the beginning of each school year. However, if your child has a life-threatening medical condition, please make contact with her/his teacher and the school office prior to the completing of your official eForm. This will ensure that we have the necessary information and can take you through our process in a timely way and ensure your child's safety at school.

### **Parking Lot Safety**

As a community we are collectively concerned at all times with the safety and well-being of our children. **To that end, please regard carefully the signage in our parking lot and comply with the instructions.** Whenever possible, avoid driving in our parking lot. You can use street parking and walk on, walk or ride from home, carpool or avoid the busier times. Thank in you in advance for your support and courtesy toward others in our parking lot. **Please do not leave your car unattended in no parking areas.** This is very problematic and a safety issue for emergency vehicles and access.

### **Chapters-Indigo Adopt-A-School Update**

It seems like just yesterday our community rallied to participate in Chapters-Indigo Adopt-A-School contest. We came out in droves to vote for Seaview and it was a wonderful time for our school. A refresher and up-to speed for new families: we placed second place and won over \$12,000 in free books and materials for our library and classrooms!

Over the course of last school year we were able to order new materials for every classroom, collect student's wish lists and order their choices for the library. We gathered input from teachers on curricular resources for our library and professional reading for everyone. We're purchasing materials for a parents' collection and continue to benefit every day from easy access to getting up to date and high interest materials into the hands of our children.

Thank you again, Seaview community. Stay tuned for snapshots and sample lists of new resources in our school newsletters and library displays.

### **Morning Supervision at Seaview**

Morning supervision is provided by Seaview staff from 8:45 a.m. until our warning bell rings at 8:55 a.m., with classes starting at 9:00 a.m. Children who are at school without parents need to be outside on the playground and in undercover areas at the back of the school not before 8:45 a.m. Safe supervision is a priority for us and we are unable to provide supervision before 8:30 a.m. Children are in the care of parents, guardians or a daycare facility before this time. If you wish to read with your child in our school library in the morning you are very welcome and we invite you to be in the library with your child until the warning bell rings; children cannot be left unsupervised in

the school library. Thank you for regarding the supervision guidelines at our school and for supporting us to keep children safe.

### **Enjoying Outside Play at Seaview: Rain or Shine**

Placing emphasis on active living and outdoor exploration, we experience very few inside play days at Seaview. It is our practice to play outside at recess and lunch, rain or shine. Families are encouraged to ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and to assume that, unless weather conditions are unsafe and extreme, children will play outside. Our focus on outdoor learning and exploration at Seaview continues to play an important role in our classrooms and community and ensuring children ample opportunity to be outside is central to our success.

### **Cell Phones, Electronics and Toys**

Please be advised that cell phones and other electronic devices as well as toys should be left at home during the school day. There is always the real possibility of a device being lost or broken either in the classroom or the playground. If you feel your child must bring a cell phone to school, Mrs. Kristjanson will store it in the office for the day and your child may pick the item up at 3 pm. Thank you for your support.

### **Absent or Late Students**

If your child will be absent or late, please call the office at 604 936-9991 or click on the Absence report on our website. If your child comes to school late, please have them sign in at the office prior to attending their class.

Parents are reminded of the importance of arriving at school on time. Punctual arrivals set up good days for students.

### **School Photo Day: Monday, September 21st**

Lifetouch Photography will be at Seaview Monday, September 21st to take individual photos. Proofs will be sent home and orders sent back to the school. Please see attached to this newsletter a notice from Lifetouch regarding school picture day.

### **Seaview's Terry Fox Run Donation Drive and School Run**

To honour Terry Fox and raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation, Seaview is holding our annual donation drive and school run. Donations in any amount are being collected through September and can be dropped at the office or students can deliver them to Ms. Cowan in her classroom. The school run is being held on **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. This event is nationally important and locally treasured as Terry Fox attended school here in Port Coquitlam where his family's foundation office still resides. Go Seaview!

## **Seaview Staff 2015-2016**

**PRINCIPAL:** Ms. Susan Ross

<b>TEACHING STAFF:</b>		Div	Room
Grade 5	Mr. Ken Wilks	1	141
Grade 3,4,5 M	Ms. Sandra Cowan	2	137
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Kate Russell	3	132
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Auriana Reznik/ (Tues-Fri) TBA (Mon)	4	135
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Michele Brown	5	136
Grade 1/2/3 M	Miss Tracey Turner (M/T/W/TH) Ms. Amanda Stark (F)	6	134
Grade 1,2,3, M	Ms. Stacie Smallwood	7	139
Grade K (M)	Mrs. Heather Liberman	8	138
Grade K/1	Mrs. Vicki Duncan	9	142
Grade K/1	Mrs. Hanna Miskiman	10	140
Library/Music	Ms. Sheri Evans (Tues – Fri)		
Student Services	Mrs. Marisa Andrews (M,T,W) Mrs. Iris Ristau (TH/F) Mrs. Shannon MacDonald (M,T,W-am) Ms. Sheri Evans (M) TBA (TH, F pm)		130 130 130 131
Speech Pathologist	Mrs. Coleen Bohlen (M)		
<b>NON TEACHING STAFF:</b>			
Secretary	Mrs. Patti Kristjanson		
Special Ed Assistants	Mrs. Jenny Khoo Mrs. Efrena Villeneuve Mrs. Ann Coss		
Custodians	Ms Lisa Gregory/Mr. Hossein Mirjahanghir/ Mr. Carey Geisbricht		
Noon Hour Supervisors	Mrs. Celia Newton/Mrs. Ann Wyness		
StrongStart Coordinator	Mrs. Cindy Carlson		
Community School Coordinator	Ms. Dasha Belskaya		

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to Ms. Dasha Belskaya, Seaview's new Community School Coordinator.  
 Email [dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca)

Information regarding After School Program registration coming next week!

Please see attachment regarding Visual Arts classes at Port Moody Arts Centre with Kimberly Blackstock.

## PAC NEWS

### PAC 2015-2016

Chair: Amy Hallam; Vice Chair: Joanne Winsor  
 Secretary: Kerry LeCorre Treasurer: Shannon Jorgenson  
 DPAC: Connie Caldwell  
 SPC: Amy Hallam, Jessie Hurley, Becky Dolton    Member at large: Jessie Hurley Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding dates and opportunities.

## September/October 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Book Fair</i>  <i>EARLY DISMISAL 2:00 Not for K's Welcoming Conversation for gr 1-5s</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Book Fair</i>  <i>Kindergarten's First Full Day of School</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Book Fair</i>  <i>EARLY DISMISAL 2:00  Welcoming Conversations for gr. 1-5</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Book Fair</i>
<b>21</b> <i>Photo Day</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>District Pro D Day No School</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Terry Fox Run</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

5	6	7 WAAC "We are a Community" luncheon 11:30 – 1:00 pm	8	9
12 Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday	13 Fire Drill	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23 Provincial Pro D Day No School
26	27	28	29	30 Assembly 9:15am  Halloween Parade 1:00 pm

