



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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OUR SCHOOL GOAL

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Seaview Community,

Again, welcome back! It's a pleasure to report that we are fully organized and, with our 2015-2016 school year underway, students are settling comfortably into classrooms and roots are taking shape to support teaching and learning in the months ahead. The school year promises to be a rich one and I'd like to take an opportunity in this early edition of our weekly school newsletter to highlight some of the big ideas taking shape both in all BC schools and specifically here at Seaview Community School. Anticipate more of these information bulletins in the weeks ahead and please don't hesitate to engage with your child's teacher if you have questions or feedback to share.

Curriculum Change K-9 in BC Schools

The Ministry of Education has been engaged in the process of updating our K-9 curriculum over the past two school years. Consulting with teachers, parents and students, the Ministry has undergone a redesign which is transitioning at K-9 this school year and being fully implemented in September 2016. The new curriculum introduces a focus on **Core Competencies** in three domains: Communication, Thinking and Personal & Social, numeracy and literacy foundations and essential content and concepts. I encourage you to please read more at the links below. We look forward to working together with our community to grow our understanding of the new curriculum and how we can best serve our students.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Announcements/Attachments/324/Parents-NewCurriculum.pdf>

Social-Emotional Learning

Currently in our school district, over 75% of our schools K-12 have formal school goals in the area of social-emotional learning. At Seaview, we are in our fifth year of a concentration on developing **self-regulation skills** in our students in order that they be aware of their strengths and what they need to be ready to learn both at school and in their wider lived experience. This year, we are working on developing skills in the emotional domain of self-regulation and look forward to partnering with home to

grow these skills and competencies in our children. This coming Friday on ProD Day all Seaview staff is participating in an in-service called ***Play is the Way*** here at the school. Below are the objectives of the workshop:

- To help create a safe learning environment in which students learn to be independent, self-regulating, self-motivated learners in pursuit of their personal best and ability to get along with one another
- To help develop students of strong character and decency with the social and emotional competencies to live and learn well
- To foster empathetic students, considerate of themselves, each other and the world in which they live with sound and good reasons for the things they say and do

Communicating Student Learning

At Seaview over the past two years we have undertaken a pilot project in communicating student learning. Many of you have been involved in and now have first-hand experience with our efforts to improve and maximize the value of formal reporting to parents. We have worked with 3-Way conferences, changes to report card templates, formal feedback on core competencies and social-emotional learning and assessment that concentrates on personalized feedback and less attention to letter grades. Changes to communicating student learning/reporting are a focus of the BC Ministry of Education and a natural extension of what's to come with the new curriculum. At Seaview we have worked hard to be part of the change and are now able to contribute meaningfully at the district level to conversations about reporting and communicating student progress at the K-5 level. Stay tuned for more opportunity for parents to learn about this process at Seaview.

Finally, I wish to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for your positive support as we organized over the past two weeks. It was fabulous to see so many parents come out (almost 100% attendance) to our Grades 1-5 Welcoming Conversations, a testament to the strength of our community partnership here at Seaview. We're all tied together.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Ross, Principal

Kindergarten at Seaview Community School

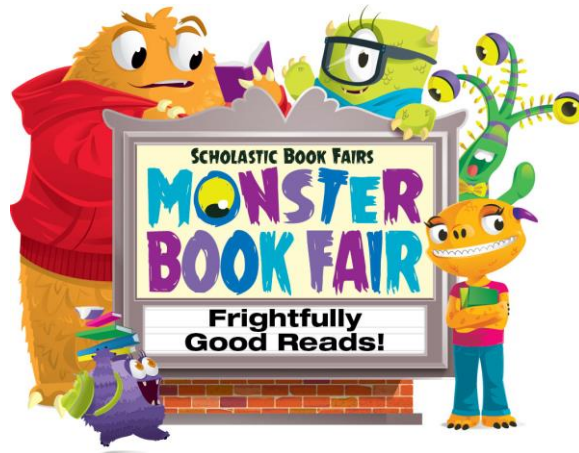
Our 42 new kindergarten friends now join us at school for full days and it has been wonderful and exciting for all of us welcoming them to the playground and greater school community this past week. Student monitors and 'big buddies' are happy to be guides for the children wherever there's a need and we're very proud of the genuine friendships and connections we see developing already between our kindergartens with both one another and those outside their regular classrooms. Well done, everyone!

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.

Scholastic Book Fair – Thank You!

Thank you so much to all parents who came out to organize and put on our September Book Fair. We had a great time and books flew off the shelves – our most successful fair to date, congratulations! A special thank you goes to Kerry LeCorre and Joanne Winsor for their efforts and dedication to the event. Three special winners are hereby announced, they had the closest guesses for counting monster eyeballs in the jar! Talia, Jacob C and Jude R will all have some extra spending to do before the fair's packed up. Well done!



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

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.

Visits to the School

During the school day if you have a need to contact your child, please stop by or call the office so we can help. Visitors to the school who are here to volunteer need to sign in at the office and wear a visitor's pass. This practice is to assist children in knowing how to spot safe adults in our building and also protects the safety and privacy of our students during school time. Thank you in advance for helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment.

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**

30th. 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!



COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello, Seaview Community!

This year the fall after school program brochure will be available early October to start registration. The programs will start near the end of October and run until early December. The programs will include programs such as Science Alive, Musical Theatre: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Bricks4Kidz and new programs such as creative writing.

Registration will be available online through the Seaview Community School website, as well as limited paper registration at the office.

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Seaview Montessori now provides the following licensed programs within Seaview Community School:

1. Group Daycare- (with a morning preschool component) for ages 2.5 to 5 years (7AM – 6 PM; Monday to Friday)
2. Preschool- 3 and 5 day programs (9 AM – 12 PM; September to June)
3. Out of School Care- (7 AM – 9 AM, 3 PM – 6 PM) Open during Pro D Days, Winter & Spring Break. Open July and August with an all-day summer program.

To register now contact the Centre at 604-765-4022 or email seaviewmontessori@shaw.ca

Thank you so much!

PAC NEWS

PAC MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 AT 7:30PM.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Please bring your own mug for tea or coffee. We will be brainstorming some ideas for fundraising this year and talking about our outdoor classroom project.

We hope to see you there!

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
information regarding dates and opportunities.

Member at large: Jessie Hurley Stay tuned for upcoming

September/October 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21 <i>Photo Day</i>	22	23 <i>PAC Meeting 7:30 in the Library</i>	24	25 District Pro D Day No School
28	29	30 <i>Terry Fox Run 1:00pm</i>	1	2
5	6	7 WAAC "We are a Community" luncheon 11:30 - 1:00 pm	8	9



12 <i>Thanksgiving Day Stat Holiday</i>	13 <i>Fire Drill</i>	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Provincial Pro D Day No School</i>
26	27	28	29	30 <i>Assembly 9:15am</i> <i>Halloween Parade 1:00 pm</i>