



Summit E-News

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SCHOOL GOAL: *To ensure all students share healthy relationships, experience connectedness, and have a sense of belonging with peers, staff, their school, and their community.*

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This term is passing so quickly...it is surprising to realize that Spring Break is just a few weeks away!

The unusual weather patterns that we have been experiencing since returning to school in January, have not had us thinking about Spring, but instead, bundling up and enjoying what seems like an extended winter for us!

Term Two is a busy and important school term. At all grade levels, expectations are rising, and students are being required to manage increases in the volume of work to be accomplished and also there are higher expectations around the quality of work being produced. So, Term Two can be a challenging term for many students. Please continue to support your son or daughter by encouraging them to approach their studies with diligence and maintain a good, solid work ethic. Also, being connected to your school helps students succeed!

Please check over our calendar included with this newsletter and feel welcome to take advantage of opportunities offered to our parents to join us for school events.

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight

Principal



Message from our Vice Principal, Mr. Bozic

I used to love snow! Needless to say, the amount of snow we've accumulated since early December has provided both challenges and enjoyment for our Summit Middle Community. First, I'd like to recognize and thank our district Maintenance Department (MD) for doing their absolute best in keeping our school warm and our parking lot maintained. We're only one of more than 50 needy sites in SD43, and even with department illnesses, and resources stretched to their limits, the MD staff continue to work tirelessly to meet our particular needs. Second, I'd like to thank our students' families for their patience and understanding, especially with the drop-off/pick-up/parking lot issues we've faced. I can't express adequately enough how grateful I am for your waves, smiles, 'hellos' and 'good mornings', words of encouragement and appreciation, and concern for the safety of all our children. Thank you. Students on the other hand have been having a blast playing, and... wait for it.....*shoveling the snow!* Students have *asked* to shovel areas at the front and back of the school. In fact, just the other day I asked for volunteers to help shovel a particular area, and more than 12 students came running (literally) wanting to shovel! We have amazing kids!

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

If your son or daughter is absent from school for any reason, you now have the option of notifying us of his/her absence online by clicking on our [school website](#). Scroll down slightly and you will see the Quick Links information. Click on the Absence Report feature and follow the prompts. This information gets submitted directly to the secretaries' inboxes, and we will notify the teachers. If you choose, you can still give us a call between 7:45 and 3:45 to notify us of your child's absence.

Quick Links

[Parent eForms](#)

[Absence Report](#)

[VIEW LINKS](#)

Coffee & Conversation #4

Friday, March 3rd, 2017

Summit Library 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Math Teaching and Learning Within the Framework of the Re-designed Curriculum

Parents/Guardians ~ please join us for coffee, a presentation and conversation! We are looking forward to seeing you on March 3rd.



**AUTHOR VISITS - Tuesday, March 7th
and Wednesday March 8th, 2017**

We are very excited about the opportunity to have two well known authors each spend a day with us next month!

The authors will offer presentations to students throughout the course of the day, and, selected students will have an opportunity to take part in Writing Workshops with the authors!

Tuesday, March 7th - Natasha Deen

Writing is STORY, and stories change the world. Natasha's family immigrated from Guyana to Canada to escape the country's political and racial violence, which was great. But, when she was growing up in Calgary, she was often the only coloured kid in class and usually the only mixed race kid, too (Chinese, African, West-Indian, East Indian), which led to funny moments and moments she wishes she could forget. For sure, she grew up feeling different fromwell, everyone. Thank goodness for books and comic books, because boy, were those things **full** of weird, oddball, don't-quite-fit-in characters who actually turned out to be amazing and cool.



Natasha went to university and got a degree in Psychology **but** wouldn't you know it, while she was there, she found out something amazing. Actually, she found out that stories change brain chemistry and **writing can boost your immune system and help speed up the body's healing process**. And oh yeah, when you read, it's like this crazy, amazing, awesome literary magic trick between you and the writer.

Natasha writes for kids and teens, and loves mixing mystery, action, and creepy with a whole lot of humour. Her books have been described as "gripping" (School Library Connection), "engaging" (CM Magazine and "feel good" (VOYA).

Wednesday, March 8th - Sigmund Brouwer

Sigmund Brouwer is a Canadian author with books published across many genres, from children's picture books to scientific thrillers and more. He is a best-selling author who brings his unique sense of play to the serious business of learning to read and write. Armed with music, humour and heart, he connects the dots for people who work with kids to cultivate reading and writing skills.



The love of writing begins and ends with the love of story

- Story can connect student to teacher
- Story can teach reading and writing
- Anyone can enjoy a story
- Anyone can create a story

**AUTHOR VISITS BONUS!
PARENT EVENING
WEDNESDAY, March 8th
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Both our visiting authors
Natasha Deen and Sigmund Brouwer
will offer an evening
for parents!
Please join us in our library
for this special event.**

ACTION PLAN for LEARNING (APL) February Update

In December, we focused on Connecting with the Community. We requested collecting items for Christmas hampers in the form of wrapped shoe or mandarin orange boxes. Each class received a list of suitable items for the boxes, which were delivered to people in need, at a community outreach facility that our PAC helps to support.

We are so excited to announce that our school goal was to get 24 female boxes and 48 male boxes and your generosity allowed us to far exceed this goal. We were able to make 57 female boxes and 70 male boxes. We also had a bunch of extra toiletries that were passed on to the outreach facility to use on a regular basis.

Throughout the month of January we focused on Volunteer Opportunities available within our community. We have a board with lots of ideas and contact information near the front of the school. This board will be up for most of the year, as we will also be show casing some of our students who volunteer. Teachers will be doing a write-up on the students in their class who volunteer. If your child volunteers, please ensure they let their core teacher know.

We also had an amazing opportunity during our January Professional Development day to discuss how the core competencies are so integrated into our curriculum and tie in nicely to our school goal. We re-looked at how students are making connections with their peers and staff members.

For the month of February we will be focusing on kindness for others. Students will have the opportunity to anonymously recognize others within our school for helping them out.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

If you have NOT paid your Student Activity Fees from September 2016, please be sure to pay them online now. Currently, Yearbook prepayments, Athletic Fees, and some Team Field trips are available as online items. Cheques and cash are still accepted for everything, however, online is the preferred method of payment by SD43 for **most items** at this time. To set up an account for online payments, go to this link: sd43.schoolcashionline.com. You will need your child's SD43 student number found on their Go Card to create an account. For full information scroll down to "How Does This Work?" and click on "Read More" at the online website. This link is for support and contact which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week should you require it.

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Please be sure to open the attachments you have received with this e-newsletter. They are community and family related items of interest.

- SHARE Community Info February 2017
- STEPS to Effective Parenting Teens - Spring Sessions
- Port Moody Arts Centre - Winter & Spring Brochure

SUMMIT MIDDLE CALENDAR 2016-2017

JANUARY 2017

03	School Re-opens (Tuesday!)
16	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
20	Pro-D Day (School-based) School is not in session

FEBRUARY 2017

13	BC Family Day - School is not in session
20	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
22	Pink Shirt Day
24	Pro-D Day - School is not in session

MARCH 2017

06	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
12	Daylight Saving Time - Clocks Ahead 1 hour
	March 13 to 24 Spring Break
27	School back in session after Spring Break
30	March 30th to April 13th Scholastic Book Fair - Summit Library

APRIL 2017

05	Parent/Teacher or Student Led Conferences 2 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL
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10	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
14	Good Friday - School is not in session
17	Easter Monday - School is not in session
21	Pro-D Day (District) School is not in session
24	Grade 5 Parent Info Night 6:30

MAY 2017

02	Drama Performance 7:00 pm
08	Grade 6 Immunizations #2
08	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
11	Parent Appreciation Tea 12:30
15	Grade 6 Immunizations - Make Up #2
22	Victoria Day School not in session
29	Pro-D Day (School-based) School not in session

JUNE 2017

07	Grade 6 for a Morning
12	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
15	Summer Music Concert 7:00 pm
28	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony & Lunch
29	Last Day of School for all students
30	Administrative Day—school is not in session