



Summit E-News

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MISSION STATEMENT: "A Journey to Success" Our motto captures our belief that our main purpose is to help students become responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and healthy, caring, ethical, and intellectually reflective individuals.

September 6, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back to a new school year! We are looking forward to welcoming ALL - new and returning members of our school community - to Summit Middle!

We are going to experience a great year working and learning together. Our staff members are energized and enthusiastic about the possibilities that the new school year will afford us.

Please be sure to check out our new and improved school website! Mr. Bozic, our VP, and Ms. McClelland, our head secretary, have been busy updating our new site. Our school district has provided leadership to all schools in this regard, and we are hoping that you find the improvements beneficial. Please refer to this site often as it will be updated frequently. Open communication is important to us! You, as parents, are encouraged to communicate with your child's teacher(s) and with Mr. Bozic and I, as well. We are always open to hearing ideas and suggestions!

You will receive a package of forms next week that we would like you to complete and return asap. One of the forms will ask for your email address. Your email contact is important to us. We send monthly newsletters directly to your e-mail inbox the first week of every month. The newsletters will also be posted on our website.

Our school calendar of events is included for your reference through the end of October. Our website will have information on the special events that are upcoming. You will notice that our date for our Terry Fox Run is not yet posted. We will hold this important event closer to the end of September. Check out the new website for further details!

I am looking forward to meeting new families and renewing the acquaintance of parents I have previously met. Please consider coming to our first PAC meeting of the year, scheduled for Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight

Principal

Message from our Vice Principal, Mr. Bozic

The first few days of school can be very hectic, especially in the parking lot as students are dropped off and picked up by vehicles. To help drivers and students with the process of being dropped off and picked up in a safe, efficient manner, Summit Middle School has long-established parking lot rules. Please review the **Summit Parking Lot Diagram** and **Parking Lot Rules** documents located on our school website under the **DOCUMENTS** section located at the lower right of our site.

To help facilitate the drop off and pick up procedures, students will help direct drivers to ensure that everything runs smoothly, both in the morning and after school. Please keep in mind that our student volunteers really enjoy their work, so please listen to and follow their guidance with respect. They are, after all, kids living in and supporting our community.

On another note, **Walk to School Wednesdays (W.O.W.)** begin September 14th and continue until October 5th. We encourage all students, parents, and staff members to participate on these days by walking to and from school instead of driving. It's a great way to get exercise as well as reduce our foot print on the environment!

NEW: PAY YOUR ACTIVITY FEES ONLINE!!

Summit Middle is making it easy for parents to pay for school fees and other expenses from the convenience of their own home! We will start taking online payments for Activity Fees and Yearbook prepayments the **2nd week we return and your child is in their assigned division**. That will be the week of **September 12th to 16th!** Please sign up for your account **now**. We are looking for a **100% sign up rate**. This is the preferred method of payment for **all items** going forward.

Please see the attachments re: **School Cash Online Brochure, Online Payments Options Info, and Parent Help Desk**. These attachments will be helpful to you in the sign up process. Or go to this link: sd43.schoolcashionline.com



**STUDENT ATTENDANCE
SEPTEMBER 6th to 9th, 2016
*IMPORTANT NOTICE***

If your family is planning to be away in September once school begins, it is critical that our school office is advised.

During this first week of school and beyond, we cannot “hold a spot” for students who do not arrive at school. If your child must miss school - for ANY reason (i.e. extended vacation) or illness, please let us know. We will do our best to contact you if your child is not in attendance. However, if we are not aware of why your child has not arrived, we may be required to “give the spot” to a new student who comes in to register. Thank you for your understanding and support!

SUMMIT MUSIC PROGRAM 2016-17

There has been keen interest shown by students in joining our Beginning Band and our Intermediate Band for next school year.

Although deadlines for signing up for these courses have passed, if your son/daughter is interested in joining, it is important that they apply as soon as possible. (Application forms are available on our school website.) We will prepare a waitlist to be referenced in the fall in the event that spaces become available.

Both Beginning and Intermediate Band are graded courses. The mandatory rehearsals are held two days per week for each band. The rehearsals run from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.

We are offering choir this year for students in Grades 6,7, or 8. The rehearsal schedule will be available in early September. Jazz Band has always been run as an extracurricular offering with practices taking place after school for one or two days per week.

We are looking forward to another great year of music here at Summit Middle!

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

| Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday | | Wednesday | |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 8:35 * | Warning Bell | 8:55 * | Warning Bell |
| 8:40 - 8:48 | Attendance | 9:00 - 9:05 | Attendance |
| 8:48 - 9:27 | Block 1 | 9:05 - 9:44 | Block 1 |
| 9:27 - 10:06 | Block 2 | 9:44 - 10:23 | Block 2 |
| 10:06 - 10:46 | School-wide Math Block 3 | 10:23 - 10:46 | School-wide Math Block 3 |
| 10:46 - 10:56 | Nut Break | 10:46 - 10:56 | Nut Break |
| 10:56*- 11:00 | Warning Bell | 10:56*- 11:00 | Warning Bell |
| 11:00 - 11:39 | Block 4 | 11:00 - 11:39 | Block 4 |
| 11:39 - 12:18 | Block 5 | 11:39 - 12:18 | Block 5 |
| 12:18 - 12:58 *12:38 Outside Bell | Lunch | 12:18 - 12:58 *12:38 Outside Bell | Lunch |
| 12:58*- 1:02 | Warning Bell | 12:58*- 1:02 | Warning Bell |
| 1:02 - 1:41 | Block 6 | 1:02 - 1:41 | Block 6 |
| 1:41 - 2:20 | Block 7 | 1:41 - 2:20 | Block 7 |
| 2:20 - 2:59 | Block 8 | 2:20 - 2:59 | Block 8 |

**SUMMIT MIDDLE CALENDAR
2016-2017**

SEPTEMBER 2016

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| 06 | Schools Open |
| 08 | Grade 6 Pancake Breakfast 7:45 am |
| 08 | Band Instrument Info Night 6:30 pm |
| 14 | Walk to School Wednesday W.O.W. (every Wed through Oct 5th) |
| 15 | Band Instrument Rental Night 6:30 pm |
| 19 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| 21 | Parent Intake Meetings EARLY DISMISSAL 2 pm |
| 22 | Parent Intake Meetings EARLY DISMISSAL 2 pm Newcomers to Canada Info Session 2:30-3:30 pm |
| 23 | Pro-D Day (District-wide) School not in session |
| 30 | School Photo Day a.m. |
| OCTOBER 2016 | |
| 05 | W.O.W. Last walk to school Wed until Spring |
| 06 | Jesse Miller presentation for Parents 6:30 pm |
| 10 | Thanksgiving Day School not in session |
| 17 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| 18 | Interim Report Cards home |
| 20 | B.C. Shakeout Drill |
| 21 | Pro-D Day (District/Provincial) School not in session |
| 24 | Grade 6 Immunizations (#1) |
| 25 | “Squeak and Squawk” Music Concert 7:00 pm |
| 28 | Photo Retake Day |

CASUAL NOON HOUR ASSISTANTS

School District 43 (Coquitlam) is currently requesting applications for Casual Noon Hour Assistants. You will be asked to be available on an On-Call basis to supervise students indoors and outdoors during lunch break (one hour per day) at various schools within an assigned zone. Previous experience working with groups of children is an asset.

SD43 offers \$19.13 per hour plus 16% in lieu of benefits. Applications accepted at the School Board Office, 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam.

Community Info: Coquitlam Leisure and Parks is holding their Fall Kick Off at Summit on Friday, September 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come drop-in and try a variety of FREE sports and games including: soccer, basketball, badminton, and table tennis. Try out the bouncy castle and compete in our Olympic challenges to win prizes. Fun for the whole family! For more info call 604-927-6900