



April 6, 2018

Summit E-News

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

We hope that your family was able to enjoy some quality, extended time together over our recent Spring Break. The break provided us all with the opportunity to take advantage of time to relax and rejuvenate prior to launching into the final term of the school year. It is going to be a very busy term!

This week, students brought home their report cards for Term 2. In light of our work together as a school staff, and in seeing the success of our recent "three-way conferences" held in February, we have been having some serious conversations around changing the ways in which we are communicating student learning. As we are thinking ahead to next year, we would like to move away from using the reporting template that was in place this year. Changing the ways in which we communicate student learning and reporting are essential to the authentic implementation of BC's redesigned curriculum.

Parents and guardians, of course play an important role, and will continue to be invited to participate in the dialogue around assessment in preparing students for a rapidly changing future.

We will be offering parent information opportunities over the next couple of months and

would like to involve you in the decision around moving away from the assignment of letter grades.

To that end, please feel welcome to join us for our Parent Advisory Council Meeting scheduled for Monday April 16th at 7pm. During that meeting, Mr. Bozic and I will present some general information and the rationale for the proposed change in communicating student learning. We will also be scheduling a parent evening later in the term during which time some of our teachers and students will be presenting a more in-depth session.

We are looking forward to further dialogue with you on this very important topic.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have specific questions prior to our PAC meeting.

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight

Vice-Principal's Message

Dear parents and guardians,

One of my favorite places to walk at Summit Middle is our lower level corridor adorned with flags from around the world. Over the nearly 20 years of our school's existence, flags representing the many countries and cultures of our student population have been proudly displayed so that each student not only feels a sense of pride in his or her family's heritage and identity, but that we all recognize and appreciate the diversity within our school and surrounding community.

What amazes me is that the multiculturalism and connectedness the flag corridor represents comes alive in students' engagement and interactions with one another. It's seen in our classrooms during instructional time, in the hallways and outside areas during breaks, within the clubs and teams students take part on, and with the friendships, shared smiles and laughter we see each day. And every year we keep adding more!

If you haven't yet, take a walking tour of our flag corridor on your next visit to Summit Middle. I'm sure you'll enjoy it as well.

Sincerely,

Martin Bozic



Class Placement for September

There are many considerations that we keep in mind when organizing classes for the next school year. Some of the factors include class composition, students' strengths and needs, gender, learning styles and class size. Our staff will spend many hours organizing classes for the Fall. It is a very involved process, and one which we value and take very seriously.

Please understand that if you feel the need to provide input regarding your child's placement, you are required to put your request, in writing, to Mrs. Speight (letter format only, no emails please). Please be sure to contact Mrs. Speight prior to May 18th. We will not be in a position to make changes to classes in the Fall, nor are we able to guarantee that your request will be accommodated even though you make contact early.

This upcoming school year we are anticipating an increase in enrolment. It will be virtually impossible to make class changes if we hear from you after May 18th. We appreciate your consideration, support and understanding.

MOVING? EARLY VACATION?

If you are planning to move away from Summit's school catchment area prior to September or go on an extended vacation that goes past our school start date, would you please inform the office at your earliest convenience. It will better help us plan for student placement in the Fall. We will not be able to "hold" a spot for your son/daughter if they do not arrive on September 4th and we have not heard from you regarding extending your vacation.

School officially ends for students on June 28, 2018 with report cards being handed out that morning from 9:00 to 9:30 am. The last full day of school will be Wednesday June 27, 2018. School will reopen on Tuesday September 4, 2018.

Class Placement



Winter Sports Recognition

Congratulations to all our Basketball teams and Wrestling team for a fantastic winter season. A special shout out goes to the Grade 7 Boys Basketball team for winning the District Championship!

We are excited to begin our Spring athletics very soon. We will be offering students the chance to join rugby teams, badminton teams and the track and field team (running and field events). Students should pay attention to upcoming announcements for meetings to sign-up for the different sports.

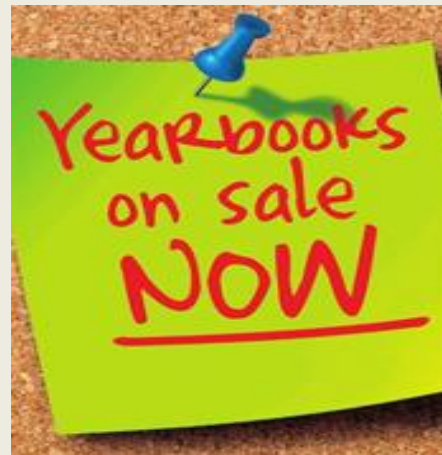
Please remember, sports teams are extra-curricular, and are therefore coached and refereed by staff who volunteer their time.

Stay tuned to a future newsletter which will include practice and game schedules for all sports.



Summit Yearbooks

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? Don't want to be disappointed in June when the 120-page memory book arrives. Pages are filled with colored photos of events around the school showing the fun that Summit has had this year. Be sure to order now before they run out. You can purchase your yearbook online via our website.



Rugby Season is beginning!!!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Rugby is being offered to Summit Middle students this Spring. Rugby is a contact sport that develops teamwork, strength, fitness, honor and fair play. Sign-up sheets are available already. Come give it a try.

Historically, Senior Boys have played games on Thursdays, the Girls on Tuesdays and Boys 6/7 Tournaments have been on Fridays. Students need cleats and a mouth guard to play. Tournaments are normally played at Scott Creek Middle School. An invitation tournament is also planned at Eagle Mountain Middle at the end of the season.

Middle schools in Coquitlam have played Boys and Girls Union Rugby. Grade 6/7 Boys teams have also played 7-aside rugby. Some years, there have been an invitational 7-aside tournament.

To offer the best rugby program to Summit Middle students, we will hold practices at Eagle Mountain Middle School. We will have a strong coaching staff, including coaches from different middle schools as well as community coaches. Practices are planned for Wednesdays, as well as Tuesdays when players do not have tournaments. A calendar schedule will be shared once the district games are confirmed.

Students will need to organize their own transport to and from Eagle Mountain Middle school for practices. They will also need to be transported to tourneys. The school will not be organizing transport to and from rugby. Thank you in advance for your time and effort.

Summit Rugby Team Practices will begin Tuesday, April 10th. All teams have practices April 10, 11, 17 and 18. The following week, our introductory tourneys take place.

We are always pleased if parents have rugby skills they can share with our players. If you may be able to assist with coaching, please contact Mr. Sanderson. asanderson@sd43.bc.ca) if you have any further questions.



Our PAC – Executive Members

Chair: Shermin Rajwani
Vice Chair: Christine Wooldridge
Treasurer: Nazanin Habibollahi
Secretary: Sue Jones
DPAC Representative: Patricia Parfitt

Our next PAC meeting is on Monday April 16th at 7pm in our school library...Hope to see you there!

Please feel welcome to contact PAC members via email at;

infosummitpac@gmail.com



The Dread Pirate Sadie is coming!

This May the Dread Pirate Sadie and her crew will descend on Summit to terrorize and entertain all who come to see them!

We would like to invite any interested parents to help manage things offstage.

We have a lot of the costumes, set and props already borrowed from the Fraser Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society so construction or sewing should be minimal. What we really need help with is having adults around to help keep kids quiet and focused while they wait for their turn onstage. You would be particularly helpful on Friday, April 20th, all day, Tuesday April 24th and Thursday April 26th, from 3:15 to 5:15.

If you can help, or would like more information, please email mblaser@sd43.bc.ca



	SUMMIT MIDDLE Calendar
	April 2018
4	Term 2 Report Cards go home
16	PAC meeting 7pm
17	Passport to Summit (Gr. 5 student orientation evening) 6:30-8:00pm
19	School Dance/Alternate Activities 1:00 - 3:00 pm
20	District Pro D Day (No School)
23	Grade 5 Parent Info night 6:30-7:30pm
27	Coffee and Conversation 9-10am (Repeat of Monday evening session)
	May 2018
3	School Drama Performance 7:00pm "The Dread Pirate Sadie"
10	Parent Appreciation Tea 11:30 - 12:30pm
14	PAC meeting 7pm
21	Victoria Day (School Closed)
25	Coffee and Conversation 9-10am
28	Pro-D Day (School-based) (School closed)
	June 2018
8	Hot Dog Day (sponsored by PAC)
11	PAC meeting 7pm
14	Music Concert 7-8pm
15	Music Concert 8:45-9:45am
19	Grade 6/7 Field Trip
25	Grade 8 Field Trip
27	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
28	Report Card pick up 9:00-9:30am
29	Administrative Day—school is not in session