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Summit E-News

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be reminded that we are planning to begin the process of moving towards being a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school. An email was sent to all families earlier this month regarding the initiative.

Why are we moving towards this model of education?

Please join us for a parent information evening on Thursday November 30th at 7:00pm in our Library to learn more!

Mr. Stephen Whiffin, Director of Instruction for Technology Education in School District #43 will be giving a presentation on the merits of implementing this initiative in our district schools.

While there are advocates for both sides on the use of personal devices in the classroom it is our belief that the majority of students will be employed in a position that utilizes technology in the near future. Beyond the job place, the majority of students use social media to interact with others. As a result, we believe it is essential to teach our students the skills necessary to use and interact with technology ethically, competently and thoughtfully. Many parents recognize that our children are interacting in a digital world where very few adults are present. Without being taught digital skills (like leaving a positive digital footprint), there can be a serious impact on their current or future opportunities. We

are very aware of the pros and cons, we believe that we have a professional responsibility to develop citizens who are able to collaborate, create, problem solve, analyze, and investigate in both digital and analog worlds.

Looking forward to seeing you this evening.

Glenda Speight
Principal



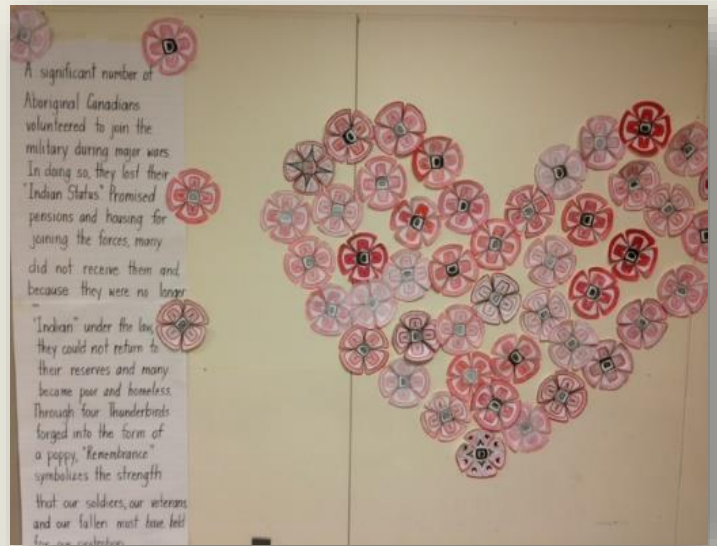
Vice-Principal's Message

November at Summit Middle had many highlights, perhaps none more memorable or significant than our Remembrance Day Assembly on the 9th. Many staff members and students came together to help organize, decorate and perform this amazing event, and to them, we would like to say *thank you* once again. *Not only did you honour fallen soldiers, veterans, and those currently serving, but you exemplified Summit pride.*

It wouldn't be a *Message from the VP* without a reminder around dropping off and picking up students by vehicle. With the weather as it is, I realize it's not that inviting for students to walk to school. That being said, rain is part in parcel with living on the west coast, so please encourage your child(ren) to use an umbrella and walk to school regardless. They'll thank you for teaching them this important life-skill later in life, maybe when they tell their children about how they had to walk to school in the rain in the 'old days' ☐. Besides, it helps reduce daily traffic congestion.

The other bit is that driver etiquette and behavior after school has gone the wayside, playing a part in an increase of driver frustration and stress. In the last two to three weeks in particular, honking is way up, parents are commenting on/reporting about poor driver etiquette and verbal confrontations, and, like students, some are not following driver expectations (Summit's procedures *and* BC driving laws) simply because they see an opportunity to do so. Please take the time to review Summit's ***Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures*** found on our website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/summit/About/ParkingLotRules/Pages/default.aspx>. If you observe poor driving (drivers breaking BC or Coquitlam laws) along Parkway Boulevard, or you witness or are a victim of road rage, please report the incident to the Coquitlam RCMP immediately.

Thank you in advance!
Martin Bozic – Vice Principal



Coffee & Conversation

All parents are welcome to join us each month for informal yet informative sessions. We take these opportunities to share information with parents about education in our province, our district and our school. At times we have our staff members present, sometimes we have students demonstrating a new skill they have learned, or we have district personnel come and present on important topics of interest to parents.

Tomorrow (December 1st) from 9:00am – 10:00am in our library Rob Heinrichs – Teacher, Coding and Design will be our presenter. Students will also be on hand to demonstrate their learning. Hope to see you there!

Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Go Girls is an exciting mentoring program being offered through Big Sisters of BC here at Summit Middle for *girls* in grades 6 & 7. The main goal of the program is to provide girls with information and support to develop an appreciation of the benefits of active living, balanced eating and feeling good!

The program is eight weeks long and will begin on; Tuesday January 23rd through March 13th, 2018 from 3:00 – 5:00pm

For more information and to register for these sessions, please contact our Youth worker, Cheryl at 604-944-8273.



Lost & Found

At Summit, we have a central location where we display clothing items, located just around the corner from the General Office. We also have bins for shoes/lunch kits/school supplies that students have left behind in various areas of the school. Students (and parents!) are encouraged to check the Lost and Found area for items that have gone missing on a regular basis.

Every two weeks, our Youth Worker, Cheryl Perry, will see that the clothing is folded and bagged. We will hold onto the bagged items for two additional weeks before removing them from the school.

If your son or daughter is missing articles of clothing, please encourage them to check the lost and found area.



Summit Sports

Our fall sports season has come to an end. Summit had almost 150 athletes participating in volleyball, swimming, cross-country, and field hockey.

Thank you to all of the coaches, refs, players, parents and student volunteers who contributed to such a successful season.

In the new year, we will have two new sports starting up. We will have a wrestling team that is open to all students, and we are hoping to have basketball teams at all grade levels. Please remember, sports teams are extra-curricular, and are therefore, coached and refereed by staff who volunteer their time.

Students need only pay the \$15 Athletic Fee (separate from the Activity Fee) once a year, and are more than welcome to join as many sports teams as their schedules allow. Therefore, if your child participated in the sports teams offered in the fall, they have already paid the athletic fee and do not need to pay again.

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



SSNO Club

Skiing and snowboarding are great ways to stay active during our west coast winters.

Summit Middle is pleased to offer three one-day ski and snowboard trips to Whistler-Blackcomb;

Saturday December 9, 2017 – SOLD OUT
Saturday February 3, 2018 – AVAILABLE
Saturday March 10, 2018 – AVAILABLE

More information can be found on the following webpage;

<http://teachers.sd43.bc.ca/asanderson/SSNOClub/default.aspx>

For more information once you have checked out the information on the webpage, please have your child contact Mr. Sanderson at school.

You can register and pay on our School Cash Online.



SFU Student Teachers

Congratulations to our SFU Student Teachers!

Ms. Jasleen Haer and Mr. Mike Nomellini have completed their practica with us here at Summit Middle and are now fully qualified teachers! We wish them all the best as they begin what we know will be an exciting and rewarding career in education.



Congratulations and Farewell

Congratulations and Farewell to Claudia Chow, who is retiring from SD43. Claudia has been an Education Assistant here at Summit Middle for five years and with our district for many more.

We wish Claudia a long and happy retirement, and thank her for her wonderful work with students and staff and her many contributions to our school community.



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Summit Winter Music Concert – Dec 14th

On Thursday, December 14th Summit will be hosting its annual Winter Music Concert at 7pm in the Summit gym. Parents, guardians, family and friends are welcome to attend this concert to see their child play in either the Beginner Band, Advanced Band, Jazz Band, Summit Choir, or show off their skills from Music Explorations. Please join us in celebrating the holiday season and supporting our talented and hardworking students! We hope to see you there!



Our PAC – Executive Members

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

Please feel welcome to contact PAC members via email at;

infosummitpac@gmail.com



Summit Middle Water Bottle Fundraiser

Summit Middle has partnered with Kinder Books, a Port Moody business, for our Water Bottle Fundraiser.

The Summit Community Service Leadership group is using the money to build a relationship with a First Nations sister school in The Northwest Territories, Canada.

Kinder Books is proud that the water bottle supplier has strong ties to the local First Nations communities. This includes their work with organizations that support Indigenous education, women in transition, child welfare programs and elders and longtime collaborations with First Nation artists residing in British Columbia.

These high quality stainless steel water bottles keep beverages hot for 12 hours and cold for 24 hours. They make unique gifts and range in price between \$18 to \$32 plus tax.

Orders will be delivered free of charge to the school.
Order at <https://summit.kinderbooks.ca/>

Deadline for orders is December 15, 2017 for delivery before Winter Break. We will continue the fundraiser in January as well.



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- 2 Find your School
- 3 Purchase water bottles
- 4 Pick up at school

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Contact Anne if you have any question
604.616.2653
info@kinderbooks.ca

Extended Absences for Students **(Vacation)**

Please be reminded that if your child will be on an extended absence for vacation, it is important that you advise your child's teacher AND our Summit Office.

When students are away from school and miss out on instruction and learning opportunities, they will not "lose marks" for work that they missed. Instead, the student would be assessed on the work completed during the term.

In addition, teachers will not prepare work packages for students to complete while on vacation. It is not possible for teachers to replicate the rich learning experiences that take place in the classroom on a daily basis, in a "package of work". Furthermore, teachers will not be required to "catch up" the missed work with the students upon their return to school from vacation.

Family vacations provide rich learning opportunities in and of themselves. At Summit Middle, we acknowledge the wonderful opportunities that family vacations provide.

When our families choose to vacation during the school term(s) then it must be expected that some school learning opportunities will be forfeited.

Thank you for your support.

VACATION
TIME!



	SUMMIT MIDDLE Calendar
	2017-2018
	December 2017
1	Coffee and Conversation 9-10am
7	Term 1 Report Cards go home
11	PAC meeting 7pm
14	Music Concert 7-8pm
15	Music Concert 9:00-9:45am
22	Last day of school prior to Winter break
	January 2018
8	Schools Re-Opens
15	PAC meeting 7pm
26	Coffee and Conversation 9-10am
26	Grade 8 Students visit Secondary Schools
29	Pro-D Day (School-based) (No school)
	February 2018
9	District Closure (No School)
12	B.C. Family Day
19	PAC meeting 7pm
20	Student Led Conference—early dismissal 2pm
21	Student Led Conference—early dismissal 2pm
23	District Pro D day (No School)
	March 2018
2	Coffee and Conversation 9-10am
16	Last day of school prior to Spring Break
30	Good Friday (School Closed)
	April 2018
2	Easter Monday (School closed)
3	School Reopens
16	PAC meeting 7pm
20	District Pro D Day (No School)
27	Coffee and Conversation 9-10am
	May 2018
10	Parent Appreciation Tea
21	Victoria Day (School Closed)
25	Coffee and Conversation 9-10am
28	Pro-D Day (School-based) (School closed)
	June 2018
11	PAC meeting 7pm
14	Music Concert 7-8pm
15	Music Concert 8:45-9:45am
27	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
28	Report Card pick up & Last Day of School
29	Administrative Day—school is not in session