



February 2, 2018

Summit E-News

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

This month we will be hosting "three-way conferences" on Tuesday February 20th and Wednesday February 21st from 1:00 – 7:00pm.

Please note the early dismissal time of 1:00pm!

Three-way conferences provide an opportunity for the student, his/her parents and the teacher to engage in dialogue around the student's learning. All three parties have a role to play. Because only one conference can take place at a time in each class, and the conferences will last approximately 15 minutes each, we will be dismissing classes early and teachers will be staying late both days to accommodate families.

Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to set up your conference. Please note that the conference is considered one of our five mandatory "reports" to parents, and therefore it is required that all students/families take part, and, documentation of the conference will be placed in the student's school file along with other report cards. Of course, teachers will work with individual families to work around special circumstances, allowing for the conference to take place at an alternative time, if necessary.

It was a pleasure to see so many families join us last week for our Coffee and Conversation session. The session focused on student voice/student ownership of their learning and the students' role in assessment and reporting. Ms. Dziwak, Mr. Raghoobarsingh and students provided us with insights as to work that has been done in classes which reflects student voice and ownership of their learning.

We are looking forward to seeing families in our school for the "three-way conferences" in a couple of weeks!

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight
Principal

Vice-Principal's Message

Dear parents and guardians,

With over 750 students and staff, Summit Middle plays a big part in what goes on in our neighbourhood and how we interact with one another. This also means that each of us has a big part in being responsible, well behaved and caring for not only our school community but our neighbouring homes and businesses as well. In sharing the space that we work, play, and live in, we're asking our school community to be mindful of personal behaviours in the private and public space surrounding Summit Middle, especially during the drop-off and pick-up times of the day.

Our expectation is that students behave appropriately and respectfully, not only while at school but out and about in the community as well. As such, we have recently reminded students to not trespass through any private property by going in and walking along side the fence line of the condominium complexes (our neighbours) as a means for a short cut. While we understand and appreciate the difficulty parents may have in finding a spot to park their vehicle to wait for their child(ren) after school, parents are not to be parking in our neighbours' private stalls or roadways, immediately before or after the crosswalk, or in the bus stop area. As a resident of the complexes surrounding Summit Middle, I imagine, it can be very frustrating to have to deal with not only the traffic congestion on Parkway Boulevard but the disregard by others of private property. After all, you wouldn't want to arrive home only to find that someone has parked in your driveway or stall without permission, leaving you to find parking far away from home.

We, as I'm sure parents do as well, also expect our students to behave appropriately in and around the businesses of the Westwood Plateau Village and Petro-Canada gas station. While the Westwood Plateau Village and Petro-Canada parking lots are convenient for picking-up students, use of the parking areas for this purpose does affect businesses and customers of those establishments. At the end of the day, the stores and customers other than students often deal with inappropriate student behaviours (such as being overly loud and boisterous, blocking entrances or pathways, using vulgar language, or simply fooling around in an unsafe manner). The frustrations some stores feel is compounded by the added inconvenience and/or loss of customers for the businesses due to parking spaces being occupied by waiting parents for lengthy periods of time.

We need your help – parents and students – to make things better in our neighbourhood. Summit Middle School is often first to be contacted by neighbours addressing student and driver concerns, and though we take each concern seriously and act upon them quickly, our scope is limited. Working together, we can make things better. After all, this community is our home.

Please have a conversation with your child; perhaps they could provide more insight as well.

Thank you!

Martin Bozic – *Vice Principal*

Coffee & Conversation – March 2nd

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.

Our next session will take place Friday March 2nd from 9:00am – 10:00am in our library.

Hope to see you there!

SSNO Club

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

Summit Middle still has spots available for our upcoming one-day ski and snowboard trip to Whistler-Blackcomb;

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.



School Attendance

Our office team would like everyone to be aware of our attendance procedure and the roles and responsibilities that each of us plays with regards to ensuring accurate attendance within our school. If you could take the time to review our attendance procedure, it would be greatly appreciated.



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.



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 February 19th at 7pm in our school library...Hope to see you there!

Please feel welcome to contact PAC members via email at;

infosummitpac@gmail.com



Summit Outreach Dinner

Dear Summit Parents,

Summit Middle School PAC (Parent Advisory Council) supports community outreach dinners to the less fortunate in conjunction with Boyd Auto Body and Glass located at 1099 Lansdowne Dr. Coquitlam.

This occurs 3 times during the school year in October, February and May.

The next upcoming dinner is Thursday February 22nd. We will be making Chili.

We are looking for Summit parents to assist by volunteering with preparing the meal, transporting the meal and serving the Chili at Boyd Autobody.

Some of our own Summit students will assist too as a learning experience.

3 Volunteers are needed in the morning (9-10am and 10-11am) for preparing the Chili at the school.

2 Volunteers are needed for transporting (3:30pm-4pm) the food to Boyd Autobody.

3 Volunteers are needed for serving (4-5pm and 5-6:30pm) at Boyd Autobody.

If you would like to help us, please email us with your availability to infosummitpac@gmail.com

Thank You,
Summit PAC



Summit Sun Run Club

Summit Middle School is pleased to invite students and parents to join the Summit Run Club this year. There will be four practice runs starting in February and Race Day will take place on April 22, 2018. If your child is interested, please have them see Ms. Andrews for more information.



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 February 14, 2018 for delivery on February 28, 2018.

Sewing Supplies Club – materials needed

If you have any sewing materials that you no longer need, please consider donating to our Summit Middle School Sewing Club. We are in need of the following supplies;

- Fabric (including felt fabric)
- Thread
- Batting
- Needles
- Yarn
- Knitting supplies

We thank you very much for your support!



HOW IT WORKS

- 1** Go to: kinderbooks.ca/fundraising
- 2** Find your School
- 3** Purchase water bottles
- 4** Pick up at school

**PUT THE FUN
IN YOUR
FUNDRAISER.**

STAINLESS STEEL WATER BOTTLES

**designed by
First Nations Artists**



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

Park-it Zone

We have a “Park-it Zone” at Summit Middle. Two shelves that are located in our main entrance lobby (beside our Community Info board). The purpose of the “Park-it Zone” is for students who have **forgotten** their lunch or an item that they require during the school day. Parents/guardians are welcome to leave this item for their child on one of these shelves and label it with their child’s name with paper, pen and tape that is provided for you. Please note, many purchased, (not forgotten lunches) are being brought in for students and on occasion they go missing. To avoid these types of situations, please ensure these shelves are for forgotten lunches and items only.

We are encouraging our middle school students to accept responsibility for bringing their lunches and other belongings with them to school each day as opposed to depending on their parents to drop off lunch for them.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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



	SUMMIT MIDDLE Calendar
	2017-2018
	February 2018
9	District Closure (No School)
12	B.C. Family Day
19	PAC meeting 7pm
20	Student Led Conference—early dismissal 1pm
21	Student Led Conference—early dismissal 1pm
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
4	Term 2 Report Cards go home
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