



January 11, 2018

Summit E-News

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

On behalf of our school staff, I extend best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy 2018!

We are now almost half way through the current school year – the past few months have passed so quickly.

In addition to all the exciting learning that is happening in our classrooms, students are also busy with extra-curricular sports offerings, jazz band and some students are busy with rehearsals beginning for our school play, "The Dread Pirate Sadie" which will be performed later this Spring.

This term we will also be hosting Student Led Conferences and in some cases "three-way conferences" which afford our students increased opportunities to reflect on their learning, self-assess their learning, set learning goals and own more responsibilities for "reporting" on their learning. "Student voice" is becoming increasingly more important in reporting learning, progress and development. Teachers will be in contact with parents to arrange the conferences for February 20 and 21.

This month, our Coffee and Conversation session (January 26th) will focus on student self-assessment and reporting.

We hope that you are able to join us!

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight

Vice-Principal's Message

Happy New Year everyone!

After two weeks of being away from school, it's great to hear the buzz of excited and well rested students and staff in and around the school. There is a lot happening here at Summit from now right through to Spring Break, including a Winter Athletics program filled with opportunities for students to participate in a sport of their choosing.

On another note, the BC Ministry of Education is encouraging students in grade 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parent, and staff to participate in an annual Student Learning Survey open now until the end of April. The parent survey takes about 5 to 10 minutes to complete, is available in English, French and 16 other languages, and can be completed on your own time. All responses are anonymous and confidential. For more information about the Student Learning Survey, please visit the government website at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. If you choose to participate in the Student Satisfaction Survey, please use the Direct Access login section (no login number is required) located in the bottom right of the page on http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm.

Take care,
Martin Bozic

Coffee & Conversation – January 26th

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.

Friday January 26th from 9:00am – 10:00am in our library this month we will be exploring the importance of the students' role in self-assessment and reflection, as it is NOW a part of their daily work and is incorporated into the new report card

Hope to see you there!

Summit Sports

We have begun our winter sports season with practices for Basketball and Wrestling. Please remember, sports teams are extra-curricular, and are therefore, coached by staff who volunteer their time.

We would like to thank the following teachers who are coaching this season:

Grade 6 Basketball – Mrs. Shaw & Mr. Sanderson

Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball – Mrs. Shaw

Grade 8 Boys Basketball – Mr. Fouquette & Ms. Seres

Wrestling – Mr. Wico

Students need only pay the \$15 Athletic Fee (separate from the Activity Fee) once a year, and are then 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.



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.



Pink Shirt Day – February 28th

Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) and pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts, "It's Cool to be Kind", with the hope of raising awareness and money to provide needed funds to "Kidsport Tri Cities" to help youth get involved in organized sports. Staying active through sports creates a positive atmosphere for our youth in the Tri Cities. Only \$10.00 per T-Shirt. Available to order online via our website.

SSNO Club – Additional buses added

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

Summit Middle has two upcoming one-day ski and snowboard trips to Whistler-Blackcomb;

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.



Our PAC – Executive Members

Chair: Shermin Rajwani

Vice Chair: Christine Wooldridge

Treasurer: TBA

Secretary: Sue Jones

DPAC Representative: Patricia Parfitt

The Treasurer position is still available. If you are interested in this role, please ensure you contact our PAC Chair, Shermin Raiwani at infosummitpac@gmail.com. The election will be held this Monday evening at 7pm.

Please feel welcome to contact PAC members via email at;

infosummitpac@gmail.com



Grade 8 Catchment School Tours

On Friday January 26th our Grade 8 students will be given the opportunity to tour their Secondary school in their catchment area. Heritage Woods and Gleneagle will have buses to transport them from Summit Middle.



Parent Information Evenings

Each Secondary School has a parent information evening. It is an opportunity for parents to become more informed of school programs and courses, and ask any questions they may have. Below is information regarding Summit's catchment schools only.

Heritage Woods Info Night – January 16th at 7pm
Pinetree Secondary Info Night – January 30th at 7pm
Gleneagle Secondary Info Night– Feb 7th at 7pm



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



Art starts Performance –

“How Raven Stole the Sun”

This week our school community enjoyed an interactive indigenous storytelling presentation entitled “How Raven Stole the Sun”.

Thanks to the generous support of our PAC (Parent Advisory Council) which allowed us to bring Dallas Yellowfly and 3 Crows Productions to Summit Middle.

The performance was an improvisational comedy, which was enjoyed by all. Three of our students were called upon to become actors (the Raven, The Chief’s daughter and the Chief) and one of our teachers participated as a “comical” producer!

Through use of humor, the performance grabbed and held the audience’s attention while presenting several lessons. Students understood the lessons incorporated in this popular west coast story, which are to be mindful of our personal footprint on the planet. The indigenous cultures across the west coast of “Turtle Island” uphold the importance of animals and respect for the environment.

We are hoping that we will have the opportunity to see other shows from 3 Crows Productions in the future!



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 MIDDLE Calendar**2017-2018**

	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
27	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
28	Report Card pick up & Last Day of School
29	Administrative Day—school is not in session