



Summit E-News

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Thank you so much for your tremendous support of our 3-way conferences held last week. The bulk of the conferences took place on our early dismissal days (February 20th and 21st) and the "vibe" throughout the school building on those afternoons and evenings was one of excitement, enthusiasm, happiness and pride. It was wonderful to see so many families in our school celebrating the growth and learning of our students.

I am very proud of the work of our teachers and support staff for their dedication and professionalism in embracing the implementation of the new, competency driven curriculum. We are all learning together...and it is exciting! We continue to explore new ideas and reelection on our practice. Our students are learning to take more ownership for their learning and have more of a voice in communicating that learning, as was evident in the 3-way conferences.

We have had a busy term, and the weeks seem to have flown by! Spring Break will soon be upon us, and, hopefully some warmer, spring-like weather is on its way!

Wishing all families an enjoyable Spring Break, and a Joyous Easter. Safe travels to those of you travelling over the break.

Sincerely,
Glenda Speight

Vice-Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Looking back to the start of my career in education, all the way back to being a little kid in kindergarten, I'm amazed at how teaching and classrooms have changed over time. From one classroom to the next, each has its own style and culture within, but not a single one of them looks like the classrooms I experienced as a student, especially with students bringing their own laptops in to use instead of binders – I wonder if that's something Summit parents thought as well during the student conferences that just passed. Seeing, hearing and feeling the differences between my experiences as a student and those of a present day, students not only make me feel, well, honestly, old at first, but happy knowing and actually experiencing a changing world first hand. We're in a huge paradigm shift in education. I invite you to view this short clip of Sir Ken Robinson talking about just that. Maybe what he talks about resonates with you as well.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybs8a5ur>

Summit Middle students enjoy a 45 minute lunch break each day. During the first 20 minutes, students are given the opportunity to eat and socialize within the school if they choose. A bell tone is sounded at the 20 minute mark, at which time students are expected to put away their lunch containers and choose an 'approved' location to enjoy the remainder of the lunch break. The hallway portions allocated to classrooms are to be clear of any student activity during the last half of lunch break. Students are not to be wandering or hanging out in main hallways or washrooms. Simply put, students are to **choose, not cruise**. In fact, we've recently adopted the saying *Choose! Don't Cruise!* as a way to remind students of lunch time expectations. That way they get out and about more often and socialize with friends and peers.

Thank you,
Martin Bozic

Welcome Ms. Winterlik

We are so pleased to welcome Ms. Cindy Winterlik as our third clerical staff member in the office. She joins our Head Secretary, Mrs. Hamed and our Student Records Secretary, Ms. Borisoff.

Ms. Winterlik will work with us every morning and her primary responsibility will be handling attendance.

I know that you will make her feel most welcome as she has just joined our school community this week!



School Attendance – Thank you!

Our school office team would like to thank you!

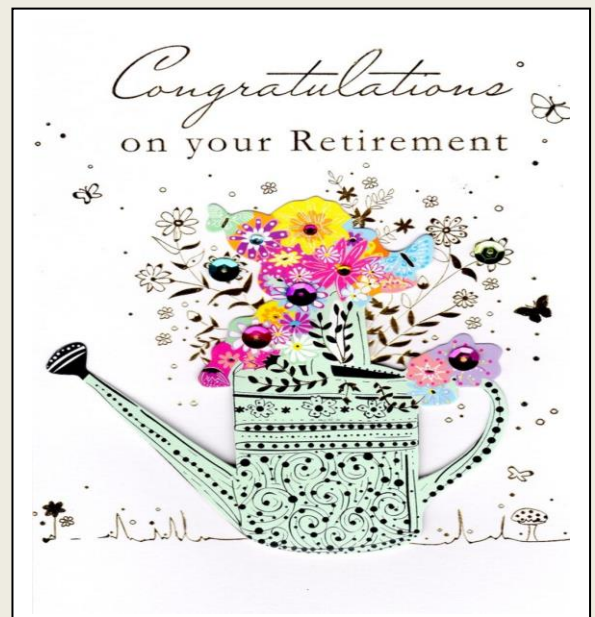
Within our February newsletter, we attached our attendance procedure displaying how we all play an important role in notifying the appropriate individuals to ensure our student body are all accounted and to ensure each students safety. Since that newsletter has gone out to our parent/guardian community, we have noticed a large difference in our phone calls home to parents and for this we thank you. We appreciate your efforts.



Congratulations Ms. Elkan

Ms. Elkan, our Teacher-Librarian will be retiring effective April 30th. Ms. Elkan has made a difference in our school community for several years. As a Teacher-Librarian, she has not only inspired young readers, but she has also shared her expertise and love of literature with us as her fellow educators.

We are sorry to see Ms. Elkan leave us, however, we wish her continued good health and happiness as she enters what we hope will be a long and enjoyable retirement.



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 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



Community Outreach Dinner

This school year we are continuing our partnership with Boyd Automotive in Coquitlam (located behind Pasta Polo).

Along with other schools and organizations in the tri-cities, we have “signed up” to provide a hot meal to members of our community. We will be providing dinner three times this school year. Boyd is the venue for the dinners. Under the leadership of some of our parents and teachers, students have an opportunity to prepare a hot meal (i.e. chili, salad, buns, dessert) at school. After school, parents and/or staff transport the meal to the venue and serve up the food, students are also involved in this step. The meals, and company are appreciated by the recipients.

Our second dinner was held on February 22nd and again, was a great success.

Our final dinner for this year is scheduled in May. Please watch for an invitation from our PAC asking for your support with helping to cook, transport or serve!

Please let us know if you would like to help out with this wonderful event by emailing us at;
infosummitpac@gmail.com

Thank You,
Summit PAC



Dress Code

We would appreciate your support, as parents in reviewing our Summit Middle School dress code with your child. As warmer weather approaches we find this a good time for a review!

The dress code published for the year is currently being reviewed with input from our students through “Student Voice”.

We like to have discussions with students each year regarding the dress code as fashions change and we want to remain up to date.

The current dress code, as published here, is in effect for this school year.



Summit Middle School Dress Code

- dress appropriately for class and school activities. This requires that shorts, tops, skirts, jeans, etc. are long enough so that movement can occur comfortably
- dress and grooming may not create health or safety problems for the student or others who attend or work in the school
- hats (beanies, caps, toques) and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school hallways or classrooms
- backpacks are not to be carried through hallways, school grounds, or to be kept in classrooms
- t-shirts and tops are expected to fully cover the chest as well as the waist of skirts and pants (midriff not visible). Low rider pants are not to be worn. Under garments should not be visible
- shorts and skirts should be an appropriate length for school
- a student's appearance must not disrupt or interfere with the educational process
- clothing items, including accessories may not emphasize alcohol, drugs, tobacco, swearing, or anything else in poor taste (such as “school sucks”)
- clothing items, including accessories may not promote violence
- aerosol containers (colognes, perfume, mists, or hairspray, for example) are not permitted at school or on school grounds. Avoid the use of heavily-scented non aerosols and heavily-scented hand sanitizers

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!

Summit Middle School's spring production, The Dread Pirate Sadie, is a one act play about two all-female pirate crews competing for the most valuable treasure in the world! Or at least the map that leads to that treasure. The evil Blacklegs has sworn to defeat Sadie and take the treasure for herself. But unbeknownst to anyone else- mostly- Sadie has a secret: she is living a life that is not her own. Only one of her crew knows the mystery, Sadie's own sister! The action and the laughs never stop as Sadie's complicated life unravels on stage in The Dread Pirate Sadie.

A production like this takes a lot of work and a lot of people. We would like to invite any interested parents to help with costumes, set or props. If you are one of those interested parents- or perhaps two of them- please email mbalser@sd43.bc.ca.



Summit Sports

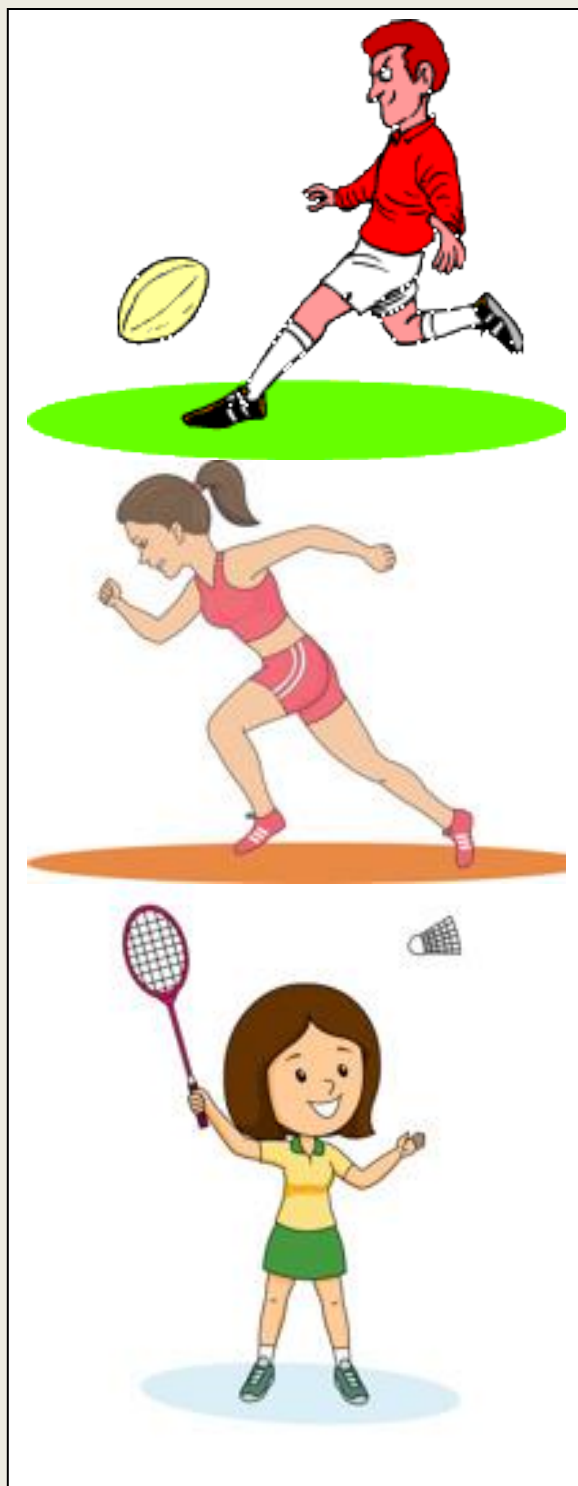
Our winter sports season will be coming to an end as Spring Break approaches.

Summit had almost 140 athletes participating in basketball and wrestling. Thank you to all of the coaches (teachers and community members), referees, players, parents and student volunteers who contributed to such a successful season.

After Spring Break, we will have new sports starting up. We are hoping to have rugby teams, badminton teams and a track and field team (running and field events). 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 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 or winter, 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 all sports




**KEEP
CALM
AND
PLAY
SPORTS**

	SUMMIT MIDDLE Calendar
	2017-2018
	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
	Pro-D Day (School-based) (School closed)
28	
	June 2018
11	PAC meeting 7pm
14	Music Concert 7-8pm
15	Music Concert 8:45-9:45am
27	Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
	Report Card pick up & Last Day of School
28	
	Administrative Day—school is not in session
29	