

Summit E-News

November 2, 2017

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

As you are aware all schools in our district will be using a new report card format beginning this school year. There is a new report card for core classes, exploration classes and for band.

Last year, some of our teachers “piloted” the reporting template, as did other schools in the district. The teachers and parents were asked for feedback and some changes were made as a result.

For most of our school community, the format will look and feel very different from the previous report cards that were prepared to report students’ progress.

Over the past year and a half as we have been implementing the re-designed curriculum, we have offered information sessions to our parents at PAC meetings and through Coffee & Conversation sessions. We, as educators are still working through and learning about the new format for reporting and we are happy to assist our parent community in understanding not only the changes that have been made in reporting, but communicating “why” we have made the changes.

Our report cards will be issued on December 7th. Prior to you receiving the report card, we will send home a “blank” template with some explanatory notes attached which we hope will assist you in making sense of the changes.

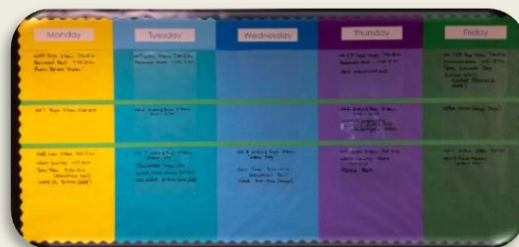
Your child, of course will be familiar with the “new” language, as our teachers have been working with students in incorporating a variety of assessment strategies into the day to day learning that takes place in the classroom. As always, please feel welcome to be in touch with us at school should you have questions around reporting and communicating student learning.

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight, Principal

Vice-Principal's Message

Incredible! November already?! A lot has gone on since our last newsletter. Our athletic teams are still running full swing, the Beginner Band played its first concert of the year, Jazz Band and Choir have weekly practices, we’ve had Spirit Assemblies, the grade 7’s completed FSA’s, interim reports went home, and so much more. To help students keep track of all that happens each week, we created a large, colorful Week-At-A-Glance displayed on one of our bulletin boards on our main floor.



Also, this week we began implementing our new ‘late arrivals’ sign-in system for students to use in the morning should they arrive past the *Welcoming Bell*. Using their Student ID cards, students simply scan the unique barcode displayed on their personal card – just like at the grocery store – and voila! They’ve signed in! This new system is a huge timesaver for all as it speeds up the process of taking attendance, and allows students to get to their classes sooner. Plus, it’s fun to use. ☺



Author Visit – Shane Peacock

Shane Peacock, a Canadian author will be visiting Summit on Nov. 3rd. In preparation for his visit teachers are reading aloud a variety of books to students, and through book talks to classes the librarian is encouraging them to read the series, The Boy Sherlock Holmes. We have a Question of the day that students answer to win books, or have lunch with the author. Students in the Reading Club and Library Monitors discuss the books, and will greet the author at the presentations and meet the author at lunch. As well as a language arts project a class is studying Eye of the Crow. Their class wide activities include making bookmarks, posters and a large welcoming banner. Thank you to the PAC for your continual support of the library. I also would like to thank the parents who help the library prepare new books to be shelf ready, shelve books and organize the lit kits. I appreciate all your help Sabrina, Angela, Grace, Amy, Christine, and Mariechan.

Donations – Thank you

We reached out to our Parent Community last week regarding a one-time donation to support activities, events and items that enhance learning for our students. Thank you for your generous donations, very much appreciated. Contributions of \$25.00 or more will be issued tax receipts by our board office early next year.

*On behalf of the students and
staff
Summit Middle School PAC
thanks you!*

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.

Last Friday (October 27th) we had a number of parents join us as Ms. Careen White (Grade 8 teacher and Team Leader – School Goal) shared information regarding the implementation of our redesigned curriculum. Specifically, Ms. White presented on the topic of “Core Competencies” and student self-assessment in these areas.

The competencies are sets of proficiencies that all students need in order to engage in deeper learning. Specifically, the core competencies are;

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Positive personal and cultural identity
- Personal awareness and responsibility
- Social responsibility

Please check our school website for a copy of Ms. White’s power point if you missed the Coffee & Conversation session!

Nov. 3rd – Team COLOR Day

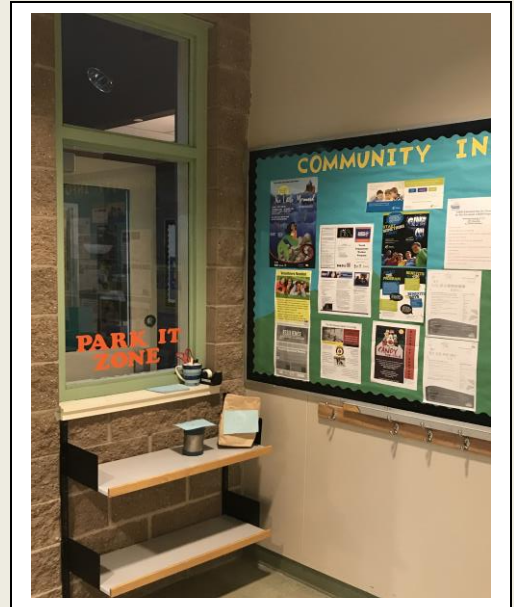
Students – show your **TEAM SPIRIT** and wear as much of your team’s color as you can, tomorrow November 3rd 😊

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.



Parent E-forms

If you haven't had the chance to complete the online Parent E-forms (School Policy, Emergency release, volunteer forms etc.) please click the following link; <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/summit/Pages/default.aspx> to complete them as soon as possible.



Remembrance Day Assembly

We would like to invite all parent and guardians to attend our very special and solemn assembly held in our school gymnasium on Thursday, November 9 at 10:30 am. Please join us!

We will be providing a poppy for each student to wear to our assembly. We are requesting that students bring a donation for the poppy which will be passed along to the Canadian Legion in support of our service members, active service members and our veterans.



School Cash online

As you may know, we have an online payment system that allows you to view and pay for your child's school activities such as activity fee, fieldtrips, etc., safely and conveniently. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to register your account online.

Here's how to get started:

- 1) Go to <https://sd43.schoolscashonline.com>. Click on "Get Started Today"
- 2) Create your account
 - a. Enter first and last name; click continue
 - b. Enter fields: address, phone number, email address; click continue
 - c. Choose a password and security question
 - d. Make sure to OPT IN to receiving email notifications for updated school information



Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email that you have registered your account. You will then have to go back into the link in that email to attach your child/ren to your account. You can attach ALL your children, no matter what school they are in in the district, choosing the appropriate school from the dropdown for each child. You will be required to enter their legal first and last name and date of birth.

Thank you for registering your account online as soon as possible.

Our PAC – Executive Members

Chair: Shermin Rajwani
Vice Chair: Christine Wooldridge
Treasurer: Nitasha Naicker
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.



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 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!



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| | SUMMIT MIDDLE Calendar |
| | 2017-2018 |
| | November 2017 |
| 2 | Grade 6 Immunizations |
| 3 | Author visit—Shane Peacock |
| 9 | Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am |
| 10 | District Closure (No School) |
| 13 | Stat Holiday—Remembrance Day (No school) |
| 24 | Ministry Curriculum Implementation Day (No School) |
| 28 | Grade 5 Volleyball Jamboree 3:15-5:30pm |
| | 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 |

