



Summit E-News

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MISSION STATEMENT: "A Journey to Success" Our motto captures our belief that our main purpose is to help students become responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and healthy, caring, ethical, and intellectually reflective individuals.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,



Mr. Fridge on the Move!

Our school community wishes Mr. Fridge, our VP, well as he moves to acting Principal at one of our district elementary schools. Effectively November 30th, Ms. Teresa Ascoli will be released from her classroom responsibilities to assist with Vice Principal duties in the office.

Remembrance Day Observance

Our school community came together to remember, during a school-wide assembly held on November 10th. The assembly was also attended by a number of family members who made time in their busy schedules to join us in remembrance.

Our Summit students demonstrated exemplary audience behaviour as they respectfully attended presentations. The honour guard, comprised of sea and air cadets, as well as girl guides and flag bearers, set the tone at the opening of the assembly. Summit's senior band, under the direction of Mr. Faoro, are appreciated for their thoughtful musical selections that were shared. The music helped wake the emotions we all felt as we viewed the powerful images projected on the screen. Jada Lynn and Alex as MC's, confidently helped us remember lives lost and service given to preserve our freedom in Canada.

Special thank you to our teachers who worked with students to prepare the assembly. The messages and student artwork on display helped us all pay tribute. Thank you to Ms. Hartigan, Ms. Asher, Mrs. Greissel, Ms. Shaw, Mr. Heinrichs and Mr. Elgaard for their guidance in making sure the assembly was created by students for students.

Christmas Band Concert

Please join us for an evening of music on **Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.** You will be in for a real treat as our senior, intermediate and beginner bands, under the direction of Mr. Faoro, perform for you. We will enjoy seasonal favourites, some Christmas music and other selections that will showcase our talented young

musicians. If you are unable to attend the evening performance, please feel welcome to join us for the "school performance" on **Friday, December 11th at 9:00 a.m.** Please plan to bring a non-perishable food item to donate at the door as you enter the gym for our concert. Families in the tri-cities will be supported by your donations to the food bank.



CHRISTMAS GIVING!

'Tis the season to spread love and the spirit of giving! Summit has adopted 6 of the 47 Port Moody families who lost everything in an apartment fire in early October. Many families have been without a home since the fire. Some have found a home, but have virtually nothing. Each team has adopted a family and the Waffle-O group is collecting and organizing the items for each family. Some supplies that are needed include:

- clothing items of all kinds – new or used, all ages, outerwear also.
- toiletries – toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, soap etc.
- toys – new or used
- kitchen items
- blankets, pillows, bedding

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

We have noticed that many of our students are not dressing for colder weather. Our weather is often unpredictable so your child should come to school with a warm coat, gloves, an umbrella, and footwear suited for the rain or snow. The outside lunch bell rings at 12:35 and the expectation is for all students to go outside for some fresh air. Often we find that students wear warm clothing to school but choose not to wear it outside. Please discuss this with your child, it would be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of our school staff, I extend Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy Holiday season.

Glenda Speight

Principal



Scholastic Book Fair

Many thanks to our nine parent volunteers (and one former student) who manned the Book Fair which was held in our Library this past October 29th to November 4th. With their support in keeping the Book Fair open at noon, after school and one evening, we achieved \$1673.21 in net sales. Our school will receive 60% of that value in books that we can choose for our Library! Our students were very keen to buy books, and the Book Fair generated a lot of excitement in our school. Thank you to all families who supported the Book Fair! It is great to know that the "love of reading" is alive and well at Summit Middle. Special thank you to our volunteers who "worked" at the Book Fair: Georgette Van de Bovenkamp, Alec Van de Bovenkamp, Tom Cox, Bonnie Chung, Cristina Nordin, Ana DaSilva, Katell Duret, Stephanie Chung, Christa Saito and Jane Freeman.



Performing Arts Presentation: Trent Arterberry

We would like to extend our thanks to our Summit PAC for their generosity in funding mime artist Trent Arterberry who shared the morning of **November 5th** with us. "My Impractical Life" was a funny and inspiring play of mime and monologue. The story recounts Trent's adolescent quest for a career. In the end, Trent's character recognizes what is truly important, and he summons the courage to follow his heart. The program encouraged students to explore the nature of relationships with others, their values, the consequences of their choices and how they respond to pressures around them. It helps students to see they can develop an authentic sense of themselves in the world, and to celebrate their individual struggle and capacity for creativity as a crucial part of learning and growing.

SD43 International I Baccalaureate Program (IB)

**Info Meeting for Grade 8 Students and Their Parents
Tuesday, January 5th or Wednesday, January 6th, 2016
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Port Moody Secondary School**

Students interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend one of these meetings to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask teachers and student's questions about the IB Program. **All registration information will be available at these meetings.** Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at pmsblues.net and www.ibo.org.

Grade 8 students will be bringing home a letter before Christmas vacation with important information regarding dates for articulation to Grade 9. This information will also be posted on the Summit website over the holidays.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016

DECEMBER 2015	
07	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10	Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m.
18	Last day of school before Winter Vacation
21	Christmas Break/Winter Vacation Period December 21 to January 01
JANUARY 2016	
04	School re-opens
11	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
29	Pro-D Day (School) School not in session
FEBRUARY 2016	
08	BC Family Day
09	Curriculum In-Service Day (District) School not in session
19	Pro-D Day (District) School not in session
24	"Pink Shirt" Day
26	Winter Activity Day (all teams)
MARCH 2016	
07	PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10	Second Formal Report sent home
11	Summit Talent Show
11	Last Day of school before Spring Break
14-28	Spring Break
25	Good Friday
28	Easter Monday
29	School Re-Opens (Tuesday)
APRIL 2016	
04	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
06	P/T or Student Led Conference/or Learning Fair Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
15	Pro-D Day (District)
18	Alternate Pick Up/Parking Lot Closure Drill
18	Grade 5 Parent Information Night
MAY 2016	
04	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13	Curriculum In-service Day (District) School not in session
16	Alternate Pick Up/Parking Lot Closure Drill