



# 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.

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Now that the bulk of our construction work has been completed at Summit and we have full access to all exit doors, we are placing a focus on practicing a variety of evacuation drills with our students and staff.

To being with, Teresa Ascoli, our Acting Vice Principal, has done some outstanding work on updating and publishing our evacuation spaces (classrooms, gym, MPR, etc). With Mrs. Greissel's expertise with graphic design, we were able to create professional-looking, easy to read maps to be posted in every instructional space.

Further, we have set dates (one per month for the remainder of the year) for fire drills, earthquake drills, hold and secure (formerly Code Yellow) and lockdown (formerly Code Red). For the fire and earthquake drills, we will practice evacuating the building and returning to the building after the drill.

Please note that we will no longer be holding the "Alternate Pick Up" days that were previously scheduled for April and May. Following discussion with staff and with our PAC members, we felt that the walk to the church parking lot for pickup could be a safety concern for students (inadequate supervision). Also, the traffic snarls and challenges with communication for families seemed to make the exercise feel counterproductive. Instead, we will be focusing on the drills as outlined above.

Finally, our PAC Chair Jane Freeman and Teresa Ascoli are working hard to ensure that all of our emergency preparedness supplies are up-to-date and accessible in the event of an emergency.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our school-wide focus on safety drills over the next few months.

*Glenda Speight*

Principal



## Lost & Found Items

Thanks to our Tech Ed teacher, Mrs. Greissel and some of our talented students, we now have an attractive wooden coat rack installed just around the corner from the General Office. The coat rack was built by students under Mrs. Greissel's direction/supervision and installed by our district maintenance department.

We now have a central location in which to display clothing items. 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.

At the end of each month, 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.

## CURRICULUM DAY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

This upcoming Tuesday, all schools in School District 43 will be taking part in planning for the implementation of the redesigned curriculum. The implementation of our new curriculum is mandated for September 2016. All grades from Kindergarten to Grade 9 will be implementing the new curriculum this fall.

If you would like further information on some of the ways in which curriculum delivery has been redesigned please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>



We will be continuing to invite our teachers to make presentations at our monthly PAC meetings. Please consider joining us for upcoming PAC meetings throughout the spring if you would like to learn more. Also, your child's teacher(s) will certainly be able to answer your questions as well.

## REMINDER - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Monday, February 8th BC Family Day Holiday**

**Tuesday, February 9th Curriculum Day**

**There are no classes for students  
on these 2 days**

**ENJOY YOUR LONG WEEKEND!**



**REPORT CARDS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

**April 6th 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Term Two report cards will be issued on **Thursday, March 10th**. We have planned an early dismissal at 2 p.m. for **Wednesday April 6th** which will allow an opportunity for parent-teacher interviews. Some of our teams are considering using a slightly different format, and are planning to work with students to prepare for Student Led Conferences. Please watch for information coming home with your son or daughter regarding either interviews and/or Student Led Conferences as a follow up to the Term Two reports being issued.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

Recently we seem to be inundated with requests for copies of official documents that families require for attendance information or a variety of different applications, or government requests. When you receive your child's report card or IEP reports, please remember they are Official BC Ministry of Education documents. They should be kept in your home with all other government or other important documentation. Should you be requested for these documents, make a copy for submission to whomever is asking, and keep the originals secured with your important papers.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Thanks to our PAC members, we will be hosting our second fair of this school year. This Book Fair will run from April 1st to 13th, and will be open for parents during our early dismissal day on April 6th.

We received a generous profit of \$1500 worth of Scholastic Books from our Book Fair held last fall. Our librarian Mrs. Elkan has processed the books and they are available for students to sign out.

**Traffic Club**

As you may have noticed there are some new traffic club members directing cars before and after school. Thank you to all parents for being patient with our new trainees and maintaining the flow of traffic in the drive through. We still need your help with a few things, one in particular to do with the crosswalk area. Please remember to drop your child off past the crosswalk; avoid stopping in or on the crosswalk. We appreciate your ongoing assistance and cooperation with helping our staff, student and parent community stay safe at drop off and pick up times.

**EASTER HAMPER DRIVE**

By Spring, donations during the Christmas season are depleted and SHARE is in need of food and supplies once again for those in our community who are less fortunate. Summit PAC will be organizing a food drive from March 3rd to 8th, involving all students to collect a variety of food items. Stay tuned for more information in the next couple of weeks about our upcoming Easter Hamper Drive.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016**

**FEBRUARY 2016**

08	<b>BC Family Day</b>
09	<b>Curriculum In-Service Day (District)</b> <b>School not in session</b>
19	<b>Pro-D Day (District)</b> <b>School not in session</b>
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	<b>Spring Break</b>
25	<b>Good Friday</b>
28	<b>Easter Monday</b>
29	<b>School Re-Opens (Tuesday)</b>

**APRIL 2016**

04	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
06	<b>Parent-Teacher Interviews or Student Led Conferences</b> <b>Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.</b>
15	<b>Pro-D Day (District)</b>
18	Grade 5 Parent Information Night

**MAY 2016**

04	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13	<b>Curriculum In-service Day (District)</b> <b>School not in session</b>
18	Grade 6 Immunization
23	<b>Victoria Day Holiday</b>
30	<b>Pro-D Day (School)</b> <b>School not in session</b>

**JUNE 2016**

03	Grade 6 Immunization (make up)
06	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
16	Year End Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
28	Grade 8 Leaving Event
29	Final Formal Reports handed out (9:00-9:30 am)
30	Administrative Day <b>school is not in session</b>