



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,

On behalf of our staff at Summit Middle, I extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016!

It is hard to believe that by the end of this month we are already half-way through our current school year!

Things have "gotten back on track" very quickly this week since we returned to school on Monday. There is so much energy and enthusiasm throughout the school! Students and staff alike are keen to re-engage in all aspects of school life.

The school term between January through Spring Break can sometimes be a challenging one for students as expectations increase for both the quality and quantity required for assignments and projects. Please continue to support your son or daughter by remaining interested and involved in all aspects of school life. Our teachers regularly send newsletters and/or update their websites. Please do not hesitate to contact us should questions arise. We very much value our parents as partners in our students' education.

We will have a lot happening at school over the next few months. In addition to keeping up with correspondence from teachers and checking teacher websites, please also remember to check our school website for announcements and read our monthly e-newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Glenda Speight

Principal



Summit Traffic Heroes

We are very proud to welcome some new members to our Traffic Club. Club members have been training with Ms. Ascoli and are taking their responsibilities very seriously. As you know, our parking lot is extremely busy in the mornings and especially after school. Please remember to drop your child off on the side lanes rather than in the crosswalk area. Our traffic squad has a very difficult job and would appreciate your patience and cooperation with obeying their signs.

REAL LIFE MATH FOR PARENTS & KIDS

One way parents can help their middle school children with math to have them use it in real life situations. 1. Teach your child about money: opening and managing a savings account, and planning donations to worthy causes are all ways to become more financially literate. 2. Encourage your child to be a smart shopper: have them compare the prices of products at different stores. Have them calculate the prices of the different amounts of the same item. Is it always a better deal to buy a large amount? You might be surprised! 3. Cooking is another great way to apply mathematics. Not only are you measuring ingredients, but you can also convert recipes in order to serve more or fewer people. And, it's always fun to eat what you make!

Visitors from Jianjiakon, China

On December 8th, we were proud to host a delegation of 32 educators visiting our school district. The teachers were from Jianjiakon, China, host city for the 2022 Winter Olympics!

Special recognition goes to our 14 students who assisted Ms. Ascoli and served as "tour guides" for our guests. They were polite and gracious ambassadors.

The visiting teachers were with us for most of the morning and thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to spend some time in our school! They not only toured the school, but had the chance to visit core and explorations classrooms and speak with our students and staff. One of the highlights occurred at the end of the visit when Mr. Poirier led a group of new-Canadian students in the singing of a Christmas carol.

Some of our parents may recall a former administrator from Summit Ms. Jan Therrien. Ms. Therrien, who retired as an educator from Summit Middle, is doing some consulting work with International Education. She was responsible for setting us up with the group. It was a nice treat for those staff members still on site to re-connect with Ms. Therrien.

Our guests from Jianjiakon left us with a gift of a beautiful 'paper cut design' scroll. The scroll will be displayed in a prominent location so that we can all enjoy it!

Christmas Concert—Thursday , December 10th

We enjoyed a wonderful evening of music last month as our beginning, intermediate, senior and jazz bands performed for a ‘packed house’. It was literally ‘standing room only’ in our gymnasium as parents, family members, and guests came together as a community to celebrate the accomplishments of our students as well as celebrating the season. The gym was beautifully decorated, which helped to set the stage for a special evening.

Our musical director, Mr. Ray Faoro, once again did a masterful job in conducting all of the bands. His efforts in supporting so many young musicians in our school are appreciated, as are his own special musical talents. In fact, we were treated to a performance by FAT Jazz at the end of our concert. FAT Jazz (friends and teachers jazz band) shared some lively tunes to round out the evening. Mr. Faoro is a member of that band himself! It was inspirational for our young musicians (and those of us in the audience) to see adults having so much fun playing music together!

Thank you to our families who brought non-perishable food items to donate at the door. The donations helped to supplement our Christmas Hamper campaign.



Christmas Hamper Campaign

With much gratitude we thank our Summit families for your generosity in supporting our Christmas Hamper Campaign.

This year, we were moved by the tragedy experienced by many families in Port Moody who were displaced from their homes, and lost everything in an apartment fire that raged through a building late last fall.

Thank you for your donations of food, gifts, clothing and household items that went directly to the six families we supported. In fact, the amount of goods donated was almost overwhelming. As it came time to think about delivering the ‘hampers’ to Banting Middle School, we started to wonder how we might accomplish this! No worries though, because one of our families, Meshad and Farshad Abdolvahabi (and their daughter Neeka) came to our rescue! As owners of a moving company, they generously donated us not only the use of a moving van, but a professional mover from their staff to ensure that all donations arrived safely and in a timely manner. This was, of course, a wonderful gift in itself.

A special thanks to our PAC volunteers who worked with our WAFFLE-O kids to sort donations. Plus, a big thank you to everyone for your contributions, support, and for helping our students to learn the value in giving folks who have experienced tragedy a “hand up” when support is needed.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016

JANUARY 2016	
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	Grade 5 Parent Information Night
MAY 2016	
04	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13	Curriculum In-service Day (District) School not in session
18	Grade 6 Immunization
23	Victoria Day Holiday
30	Pro-D Day (School) School not in session
JUNE 2016	
03	Grade 6 Immunization (make up)
06	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
16	Year End Band Concert 7:00 p.m.