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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,

I am pleased to advise you that Mr. Martin Bozic has been appointed to the position of Vice Principal at Summit Middle effective July 1st, 2016. Mr. Bozic comes to us with a great deal of teaching experience at the middle school level. He has served as a teacher and Team Leader at four middle schools prior to joining us. Most recently, Mr. Bozic has been teaching at GOAL, an alternate program within our school district.

We have invited Mr. Bozic to attend several school functions that are scheduled to take place between now and the end of this school year. He is looking forward to meeting students, their parents and our staff, and, to joining our school community.

Mr. Daren Fridge, who served as our Vice Principal for a year and a half and has been appointed as Principal of Lord Baden Powell Elementary. Mr. Fridge has been serving as Acting Principal at LBP since late November of this school year. We thank him for his many contributions to our school community and wish him continued success in his new school.

Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to Ms. Teresa Ascoli for her leadership and dedication in her role as Acting Vice Principal. Effective July 1st, Ms. Ascoli will return to her teaching position in our school. Her contributions, while serving as Acting Vice Principal at the office, have made a positive difference in our school community.

Sincerely,

Glenda Speight

Principal



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Emergency Release Drill - May 4th, 2016

Thank you so much to ALL of our Summit families for your support in helping us stage a very successful Emergency Release Drill last Wednesday.

Our drill ran so smoothly! Almost all of our 709 students were released to parents/alternates prior to 3:00 p.m. In addition, we are appreciative of the fact that 99% of our students have returned their Emergency Release forms. These forms from families are critically important because we will rely on the information shared in the forms in the event of a real disaster/emergency.

For next month's newsletter, we will provide you with detailed information regarding our emergency preparedness supplies on hand and plans in place in the event of an emergency. Our PAC Chair, Jane Freeman, and Acting Vice Principal, Teresa Ascoli have done a monumental job with and for us in ensuring we are as well prepared as we can be, should we be faced with an emergency situation. ~ G. Speight

Saleema Noon Sexual Health Presentation

As part of our Health and Career Education curriculum, Summit students will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation from "Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators", based in Vancouver. This year the presentations will be facilitated by Dr. Brandy Wiebe, who began working with Saleema several years ago and has presented at Summit in the past. The sessions focus on providing safe, inclusive and practical information to youth in a manner that will quickly engage, captivate and inform. Over the period of June 6-13, Brandy will meet with all of our classes--two classes at a time for 75 minutes each. The presentation is tailored to each grade level, with possible topics including reproduction, anatomy, healthy relationships, body image, emotions, sexually transmitted infections, contraception and decision making.

Prior to the commencement of the student sessions, Brandy will hold a **parent information evening**. During this session, Brandy will cover practical tips for answering the questions your child may ask, and help you become familiar with the community resources available in your area. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Brandy will show how easy it is to convey healthy, meaningful messages about sex and growing up to your child. We encourage all interested parents to attend this informative and helpful presentation. **The parent evening is Thursday June 2nd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Summit library.**

If you require any additional information or have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our school counsellor, Victoria Butterfield, at 944-8273. You may also find further information about Saleema Noon's team at www.saleemanoon.com.

PAC News: Scholastic Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair brought a grand total of \$2000 in gross sales! That translates into roughly \$1000 in books and teaching resources for teachers to choose for the school. Thank you students and parents for supporting the Book Fair, and special thanks to our volunteers who worked all week to make it our most successful Book Fair yet: Bonnie Chung, Tom Cox, Dawn Davidovic, Katell Duret, Ana Da Silva and Georgette Van de Bovenkamp!



PAC Meeting and Pot Luck

On Monday, June 6th, all parents are welcome to come to the final PAC meeting of the year! We will have a guest teacher speaking, PAC Elections will take place, and then we'll celebrate the end of another great year with a little pot luck celebration. All parents are welcome. If you have a grade 5 coming to Summit in September please come along, we'd love to give you an early welcome to the school! Time and place: 7:00 p.m., Summit Staff Room. Save the date!

Staff Appreciation

On May 30th (Pro-D Day) the Summit PAC will be hosting a Staff Appreciation luncheon. This gives parents and students the opportunity to thank staff for their hard work and commitment in enriching our educational experience at Summit. Staff will enjoy a fully catered luncheon, complete with decorations and a small thank you gift. A notice was sent home last week detailing how you can help make this occasion a special one.

Numeracy News: Helping with Math Homework

Parents often ask how much they should be helping with their child's math homework. As students grow, we want to help them become more self-reliant. This means our support should be in the form of "nudges" towards strategies they can use anytime they get stuck, rather than full-scale rescues where we end up doing the work for them. Encourage your child to re-read the question – language in math can be tricky, so re-reading questions and instructions is a good study habit for all students. Having a closer look at any diagrams that accompany the question can also be helpful, as can working through any examples provided. You might also look up similar examples or resource material on the internet – sometimes a little video clip or interactive applet might help your child see concept in a way that clicks for them. Finally, if you yourself are very anxious about math and worry that you might transfer that fear to your child, let your teacher know – he or she can arrange for your child to get extra help at school. ~

Farewell to Grade 8 Students

On Tuesday, June 28th Summit will be having the 'Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony' to celebrate the Grade 8 students moving onto Secondary School. Each Grade 8 student will receive two tickets to give to family members to attend the event. The day will begin with the ceremony; continue with a lunch provided by PAC, and end with a school dance. The day's outline is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Summit's parking lot will be closed to all traffic.
- 9:30 a.m. Grade 8 students arrive and report to the MPR or Band Room for attendance (this is a later start for Grade 8s only)
- 9:45 a.m. Parents/Family members are invited to enter the gym (please find alternate parking at the Northside Church)
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
- 11:45 – 12:15 p.m. Lunch provided for Grade 8s
- 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. School Dance

If you have any questions, please contact Jody Pope at jopope@sd43.bc.ca.

As many of you may have noticed, there are many flags hanging in the foyer of the bottom floor, near the gym. These flags are representative of the multitude of countries that our families come from.



We would like to ensure that all cultures are represented so please email Ms. Ascoli if your country is not on the list below. Ms. Ascoli's email is tascoli@sd43.bc.ca

Afghanistan	India	Russia
Argentina	Iran	Scotland
Australia	Ireland	Singapore
Bosnia and Her- zegovina	Italy	Singapore
Canada	Japan	Slovakia
China	Malaysia	South Africa
Croatia	Mexico	South Korea
Czech Republic	Netherlands	Sri Lanka
Egypt	Netherlands	Switzerland
England	New Zealand	Syria
Fiji	Nigeria	Taiwan
France	North Korea	Tanzania
Germany	Pakistan	Ukraine
Greece	Peru	United States
Honduras	Philippines	Vietnam
Hong Kong	Poland	
	Portugal	

COQUITLAM YOUTH ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

May 28 & 29, 2016

Junior Orchestra - Ages 9-12

Intermediate Orchestra - Ages 12-14

Senior Orchestra Ages 14 - 22

Strings, Winds, Brass, Percussion

Go to www.coquitlamyouthorchestra.ca

for more info and to

REGISTER FOR THE AUDITION

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016	
MAY 2016	
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.
22	Talent Show - 11:00 a.m.
28	Grade 8 Leaving Event
29	Final Formal Reports (9:00-9:30 am) *handed out
30	Administrative Day school is not in session

City of Coquitlam Summer Programs

Summer program registration is on now! Register for summer camps, outdoor swimming lessons, hiking programs, fitness classes, and more. Summer camps for kids include outdoor adventure camps, sports camps, swimming camps, computer animation camps, and more! You can view the guide with all the available camps and other programs at coquitlam.ca/programguides. Register online at coquitlam.ca/registration, call 604-927-4386, or visit a Coquitlam recreation facility in person.



School District No. 43 Calendar 2016-2017	
SEPTEMBER 2016	
06	Schools Open
23	Pro-D Day (District-wide) School not in session
OCTOBER 2016	
10	Thanksgiving Day
21	Pro-D Day (District/Provincial) School not in session
NOVEMBER 2016	
11	Remembrance Day - School not in session
14	Ministry Curriculum Implementation Day School Not in Session (District-wide)
DECEMBER 2016	
16	Schools Close for Winter Vacation
Dec 19 Jan 02	Christmas Break/Winter Vacation Period
JANUARY 2017	
03	Schools Re-Open
20	Pro-D Day (School-based) School not in session
FEBRUARY 2017	
13	B.C. Family Day
24	Pro-D Day (District-Wide) School not in session
MARCH 2017	
10	Last Day of School prior to Spring Break
13-24	Spring Break
APRIL 2017	
14	Good Friday School not in Session
17	Easter Monday School not in Session
21	Pro-D Day (District-Wide) School not in session
MAY 2017	
22	Victoria Day School not in session
29	Pro-D Day (School-based) School not in session
JUNE 2017	
29	Last Day of School for all students
30	Administrative Day—school is not in session