Coquitlam schools will be affected by rotating strikes on Friday, June 13th. Parents are asked to keep their children home.

I would like to thank the Walton community for their patience and support of the school and the people who work in this building. These are turbulent times. Any level of job action or government lock out will create uncertainty. We all hope for a speedy resolution to this labour dispute.

When I look at the classroom level, I see our teachers caring for our students and our school. That relationship is still there and I cannot express my gratitude to our staff for carrying on within the confines of the current situation. We were able to pull off Track and Field, Welcome to Kindergarten and Sports Day.

I thank the parents for their patience with the situation. We recognize it is a scramble to find child care of the days of strikes.

I have worked at Walton for five months and I can state that this is a strong school; and we will all come together again when the matter is resolved.

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah
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New School Goal for 2014-2015!
Walton Elementary is embracing a Social Emotional Learning goal next year. What does SEL have to do with academics? In short, we know that children who can better manage behaviour, emotions and relationships are stronger learners. There research in this area that develops the connection of SEL and learning.

On April 11th, our staff was asked the question, “What is a single goal that would benefit all learners at Walton Elementary?”

Unanimously, our staff selected SEL. There was rich and deep discussion about the needs of each classroom.

On May 20th, teachers from Seaview Elementary shared their journey in SEL and inspired our staff to try new ideas.


Again, we believe that SEL will lead to improved learners. We will continue to develop our goal in Fall 2014 through a collaborative process.

You can view Walton’s Action Plan for Learning on our school website!

Congratulations Martina!
Our student, Martina Y., won a Mandarin speech contest and donated half of her winnings to the school! $75 will go to our library! Thanks Martina for your accomplishment as well as your generosity!

Rainforest Café
Mrs. Vanderliek’s class invited their parents and other classes to participate in the Rainforest Café. Not only were there wonderful Kindergarten and Grade 1 hosts, but also a fantastic kitchen crew and servers! The students also gave speeches about the rainforest! Well done!

New Bell
Schedule for 2014-2015!
8:50 First Bell
10:25 Recess
10:40 Recess Ends
11:55 Lunch-Play First (20 min)
12:15 Eating Time (28 min)
12:43 Clean Up
12:45 Classes Resume
2:45 Dismissal

What’s Different?
By starting our day three minutes earlier, the students receive additional eating time at lunch! Currently students receive approximately 20 minutes to eat. Next year, they will have 28 minutes! The savings in time comes from the 3 minute earlier start and shifting our instructional blocks up by 5 minutes.
Walton Elementary has been affected by the district budget issues this year. The school district faced a large shortfall and had to reduce its staffing.

Walton will look a little different next year.

Sixteen teachers and three support staff received lay-off notices this spring. Our Teacher Assistant positions have been eliminated. There is always a chance that these talented teachers will be brought back to Walton through the recall process, especially our Mandarin Bilingual Teachers.

It has been an honour to have these fantastic professionals at Walton Elementary and we wish them all the best in their future assignments.

We would like to say farewell to:
Mrs. Smith, Grade 3
Mrs. Cimaglia, Grade 2/3
Mrs. Stoody, Kindergarten (English)
Mrs. Thiara, Grade K/1
Mrs. Howey, Grade 4/5
Mrs. Pilling, Student Services
Mrs. Davies, Teacher Assistant
Mrs. Boey, Teacher Assistant
Mrs. Ironside, Education Assistant
Miss Zhou, Grade 4 Mandarin
Mrs. Shum, Grade 3 Mandarin
Mr. Chiang, Grade 2 Mandarin
Miss Cui, Grade 1 Mandarin
Mrs. Suen, Kindergarten Mandarin
Mr. Craik, Counsellor
Miss Krgovich, Grade K/1

Mrs. Vanhulsen, Student Services
Ms. Regan, Grade 4/5 and Grade 2/3

Happy Retirement

We wish Mrs. Campbell, our morning caretaker, all the best in her retirement. Mrs. Campbell has worked at Walton for many years. I’d like to thank Mrs. Campbell for all that she has done for Walton.

More staffing news will be made as they develop! Watch for announcements regarding new staff members joining the Walton community for September.

We will also have a new department head structure including a Mandarin Bilingual Department head. More announcements coming soon!
THANKS TRAFFIC SAFETY PATROL

Thanks to Mrs. Putzhammer for her work with our Traffic Safety Patrol Program this year.
Thanks to Jack W., Miriam C., Anna T., Nicole C. and Trinity H.
Mrs. Putzhammer has already been training the next generation of Traffic Safety Patrol for next year!

MANDARIN BILINGUAL UPDATE

Watch for regular news and updates on our Mandarin Bilingual Program next year.
Walton Elementary has been in touch with Mandarin schools in Edmonton. Our hope is to reconnect with those schools. Walton hosts the only Mandarin Bilingual Program in Coquitlam. It has been exciting to pioneer this new program and it is important to connect with schools who have great experience.

Our teachers have been developing a scope and sequence for each grade. We have also been discussing the percentage of Mandarin that should be spoken.
We had a great Track and Field season this year! We also had a rainy Track and Field day. Congratulations to all of our participants! The only event that was cancelled was high jump. We thank our high jump athletes for their patience!

Thanks to Mrs. Sadowski for organizing the event for the school!
We had a fantastic Sports Day on Friday, June 6th. Thanks to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jeanneau, Mrs. Howells and Mrs. Regan for planning an exciting Olympic themed Sports Day. Thanks to the Walton PAC for hosting a great concession stand! Scott Creek Middle school sent 15 volunteers to help the day! The day began with 12 activity stations and ended with a traditional Tug of War.

We appreciate how the school community came together to pull off a memorable Sports Day!
Friends, Neighbours...
Lend us your ears
(and eyes) to
REDUCE VANDALISM!

Do you live near a City of Port Coquitlam park, community centre or a School District 43 public school? Are you a regular walker or facility user at one of these locations?

Join the Vandal Watch network of citizens who look, listen and make an anonymous call to the Vandal Watch tip line when there is a problem forming, before the vandalism occurs.

Interested? Please send an email with the name of your school, park or community centre and we will send you the details on how to get involved.

vandalwatch@hotmail.com
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School Starts, Gr. 1-5, 8:50-9:20am  
K, 10:30-11:00

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Regular Kindergarten starts full time.  
Mandarin Kindergarten starts full time.

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Open House Details to be announced.

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