Do you remember 1989?
It’s funny what you remember. For me, it was the endless lineups around the block for the summer movies that included Indiana Jones and Last Crusade, Batman and Star Trek V. I recall watching the news about an earthquake during the World Series in San Francisco and protests in Tiananmen Square. It was also the summer that I moved away from home to go to university.

It was also the year that a certain school in Coquitlam opened its doors.

Every school that I have worked at has unique characteristics that make it a special place for children to learn. Over the years, schools develop cultures and memories. There have been thousands of students who have called Walton their second home over the last twenty-five years.

Watch for more information regarding our Walton's 25th Birthday!

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

**�การออกแบบ 25!**

Walton Elementary will celebrate its 25th Birthday on Tuesday, April 7th. We will connect our 25th Anniversary celebration with the Grand Opening of our two new classroom additions. The children are signing their names to plywood sheets that will be used in the construction of the new classrooms. Thanks to Mr. Wicks, our contractor, and Ms. Biedka and Ms. Thiara for organizing this special Time Capsule. More details to follow!
WHAT'S GOING ON AT WALTON?

Thanks Mastermind Toys
Thanks to Mastermind Toys in Port Coquitlam for helping the staff with discounted prices for classroom use. The store has also donated games and activities to several of our teachers. Thanks Mastermind Toys!

Public Speaking
Walton's Intermediate classes will be preparing speeches for our in-house festival on Wednesday, February 11th.

60 Second Fairy Tales in Grade One

Structures
Many of our classes have been engaged in activities involving structures. Mrs. Palmer’s Grade 3 class and Mr. Ross’ Grade 4/5 class have been interested in structures.

New Kindergarten Registration
Registration for families looking to start Kindergarten in 2015-2016 in our neighbourhood program will occur on February 3, 4 and 5.

PLAYGROUND
Since November, we have been using the Tot Lot that borders Walton Avenue. We have invited two classes of Grade Ones up to the Tot Lot Daily.
This has given our students more room to play. It has also noticeably reduced the number of playground issues!
Last November, Mr. Mah engaged the parent community with an impromptu, non-scientific survey about how they learn about school news. We'll reprint parts of the survey over the course of the year. The results are based on 100 responses.

How do you hear information about school news? (Please rank in order of preference. #1 being your primary source.)

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- Hot Lunch
- 2nd Report Card. Last day before Spring Break
- Earl; Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Interviews
The school will determine if there is enough snow to sled safely. To ensure a safe sledding environment, we will follow the above map. Students will have designated sledding and climbing zones.
Walton hosted an Information Session for prospective Kindergarten and Gr. 1 parents interested in the Mandarin Program on January 13th. These are some of the slides that were presented.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Application forms will be available at the information meeting at Walton Elementary School on January 13th and on this site on January 14th.

Completed application forms must be mailed or hand delivered to the Coquitlam School Board Office (350 Pinetree Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7), no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. No faxes or emails accepted.

**CRITERIA:** Applications for Kindergarten 1/Grade 1 is done by a random draw and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Late application forms will not be part of the draw.

**PRIORITY:** Siblings of students already enrolled in the Bilingual Mandarin Program at Walton will be given first priority.

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**Mandarin Bilingual Intake for 2015**

- **44 Kindergarten students**
- **4 Grade One students**

*Numbers are set by provincial class size limits.

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**Successful Applicants...**

...will be notified by the end of the month.
...will register at Walton during February 24, 25 or 26.

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**Wait List**

Families not selected will be placed on a wait list.
Register at your catchment school February 3, 4 or 5th.

*Active Wait List

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**A Unique Program of Choice**

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**Why Learn Mandarin?**

**CONFIDENCE** that Chinese can be learned in a public school.

**Language is CURRENCY**

Create an understanding of Chinese **CULTURE**

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**What Will They Learn?**

- British Columbia Ministry of Education Curriculum
- Chinese Language
- Chinese Culture

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**How do they learn?**

Students learn 50% in Mandarin and 50% in English daily.
The children will have two teachers.

Learning Mandarin is difficult. There will be challenges that children in a regular program will not face.

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**Program Supports**

- School District 43
- Confucius Institute of Coquitlam
- Walton PAC
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Welcome to Walton Elementary School, where we strive to create a caring, respectful community of learners. The school community is focused on creating a socially responsible school climate to enhance student learning.

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Hillcrest Middle School Gymnasium

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Faculty, Neufeld Institute

Colleen Drobot is a registered professional counsellor and parent consultant with a private practice in West Vancouver. She works with adults, families, and adolescents. She is also an educator with the Coquitlam School District and has over 20 years experience working with children in the regular classroom or in special needs settings. She is a faculty member of the Neufeld Institute and has worked with Dr. Neufeld’s approach for many years. Colleen is a mother of two and draws from her personal as well as professional experience to support parents and professionals in gaining insight, opening their hearts.