On April 27 and 28th, we invite the Walton community to share the success of our accomplishments.

Two years ago, our school selected a Social Emotional Learning Goal. This goal set out to improve our students’ abilities to manage their emotions, which would reduce behaviours and consequently improve the focus on learning.

Part of our plan was for each class to create a Class Charter this year.
This is huge.
This is epic.
In order to celebrate this success, we’d like to invite parents to our Class Charter Gallery and to watch an 11 minute video that documents all 24 Class Charters.

The Gallery and Video will be on display during Student Led Conferences on April 27 and 28th. Remember that we dismiss at 1:45pm on both days!

The Class Charter Gallery:
Stroll through images of all 24 Class Charters. Look at how similar they are. Look at how different they are. The Gallery will be hosted in the library.

Sit in our gymnasium to watch the 11 minute video that documents our work on Class Charters. Each division is represented in the video!

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

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Revised Curriculum Information Night, May 19

The staff of Walton Elementary will host a Parent Information Evening on the Revised Curriculum on Thursday, May 19th, 7:00-8:00pm

This will be presented in a workshop manner so parents can receive the same experiences and information that our staff has undertaken.
The purpose is to inform parents of the upcoming new curriculum!
Plan on your babysitter now! This event is only intended for parents!

Watch your email inboxes for more information.
Walton Elementary will be part of the School District #43 Emergency Release Drill on Wednesday, May 4th. We will simulate a real emergency to test our school community’s response to a large scale disaster. We are asking parents to make every reasonable effort to participate in this drill.

The drill will end at 2:45pm. Any child remaining will dismiss from the field.

Please ensure that your emergency contacts are updated at the school.

We cannot release your child to anyone NOT listed as a contact.

Parents will need to make sure either they or their emergency contacts are available to pick up their child. In order to ensure a safe and orderly environment, we are asking parents to follow these procedures:

Procedure:
- Students will duck/cover and then evacuate to the field. (See map.)
- Announcement made through Twitter.
- Parents/Contacts will line up in front of their child’s division in order to retrieve him/her.
- If a parent has more than one child, he/she will have to get in line again.
- Once the child is retrieved, parent/contact/child should vacate immediately.
- If the teacher does not have your contact info, the contact is to report to the Information Table for assistance.

Walton Elementary Emergency Evacuation

School Building

Gravel Field

Information Table

Parents or Designate Line Up in Front of Class Division Sign.

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News from Around Walton!

Track and Field season has begun.
We kicked off our season with a one day Track Attack Day on April 14th for students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. The purpose was to expose our students to the different track and field events. Track practices will begin on the week of April 25th. Make sure the permission forms are returned. A copy of the schedule is on the last page of this newsletter. Walton Elementary will participate in the District Track Meet on Wednesday, May 25th.

Student Led Conferences, April 27 & 28
As part of our reporting process, students will be sharing their learning with their parents. Please do not bring younger siblings into the room as it can be distracting. Teachers will be communicating a schedule of available times with parents. All students will dismiss at 1:45pm on both days.

Gifted Testing
There will be no gifted testing at Grade 2 this year. The reason? The district has changed the test used to assess children in their gifted abilities. We are no longer assessing children at Grade 2. One of the changes is the age at assessment. Students in Grade 3 will receive the COG AT test. The older CTCS was administered to last year to the Grade 2s. Therefore there will be no testing this year.

Looking Ahead to 2016-2017
Parents are able to submit requests for their child’s placement for September 2016. Requests should outline educational reasons for the child’s placement. Requests that specify a teacher or other students will not be accepted. We cannot guarantee that requests can be accommodated. Please submit requests in writing no later than April 29th.

Congratulations Ms. Suen!
We are happy to share that Ms. Suen had a baby boy over Spring Break! Welcome baby Kayden!
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2016 ONLINE Registration for . . .
Elementary Skill Building opens 6AM,
Tuesday, April 26th

▲ Students must have an account with our online system
   BEFORE registering for courses.
▲ Please visit our website and create/update your account now.
▲ To create an account you will need your child’s PEN number,
   which is available at your home school.

We are offering courses in Fine Arts, French Immersion,
Montessori, Reading & Writing, Math, Science,
Kindergarten-to-Grade 1 Transition and more.

**Dates:** Tuesday July 12 to Friday July 29
**Times:** 9 AM to 12 PM  Monday to Friday
**Locations:** 7 elementary locations - see website.

See website for full details!

www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca
Hearts and Mind Index: A Parent’s Perspective is now complete! Thank you for completing the surveys. 50% of our population completed a survey for their child!

The teachers will be completing the same survey shortly. The survey is part of our Action Plan for Learning.

This will give us a more complete picture of the children at Walton Elementary.

The survey will help us set our plans for next year. The results will be shared soon!