



## *Walton Elementary – A Learning Community ---*

### 沃尔顿小学 - 学习型社区

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#### **SPORTS DAY 运动日**

All Walton students will be participating in our annual school Sports Day on Friday, June 7 from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Special Lunch Lady order forms will be coming home soon. Parents and siblings are welcome to order lunches for that day as well. All lunches will be delivered to your child's classroom. Our wonderful Walton PAC will be having a concession stand throughout the festivities.

Sports Day will take place indoors if the weather is inclement and will conclude at a slightly earlier noon time. This noon ending time will apply only if Sports Day is held indoors. Please come and join in the fun!



#### **PARENT AND STAFF POTLUCK LUNCH 家长和学校人员午餐聚餐**

We look forward to sharing great conversations over wonderful food at our annual parent and staff potluck lunch on Wednesday, May 29 from 11:30 – 1:00.



**GRADE 5 LEAVING CEREMONY**  
**五年级升学仪式**

Parents of Grade 5 students are invited to attend the Leaving Assembly on Friday, June 21 at 11:00 am in the school gym. This occasion is not suitable for pre-schoolers.



*Lunches are enjoyed on the hillside on sunny days.*

**CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW**  
**行为准则检讨**

The Walton Code of Conduct is often referred to as “BUGS”; Be responsible, Use

respect, Go with pride, Show safety. These simple phrases provide all Walton staff and students with a daily framework for interacting with each other. As we enter the final weeks of the school year, our daily morning messages will focus on reviewing our Code of Conduct. Longer evenings and cumulative fatigue can often make this time of year especially challenging for both children and their teachers. Together we will find extra doses of patience and kindness in order to continue to learn and grow in the weeks to come.

**CANUCKS SUPPORTERS**  
**加人队支持者**



*Walton students cheered on the Canucks during their short stint in the playoffs. Good luck wishes were collected and sent to the team before their games in San Jose. Unfortunately, our efforts didn't help. Next year...*

**ARTICULATION FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

**年度重点**

At the end of each year, the leadership team at Walton meets formally with each classroom teacher to discuss the needs of each child prior to organizing classes for the upcoming school year. There are some

foundational beliefs and understandings with which this process begins. First, all teachers at Walton Elementary are competent and capable of providing an appropriate learning situation for every child. Second, as with all reflective professionals, the teachers at Walton make changes in their approaches and strategies of teaching to accommodate the students they serve. Third, a team approach is applied to working with children. Your child works with a number of teachers who support each other and work together to meet the needs of your child.

While logistics prevent us from including parents in this lengthy process, we would like to provide you with this opportunity to be apprised of the many facets that go in to this process.

As you are likely aware, most students in BC may expect to be in combined classes several times during their elementary and middle school years. As well, there are laws (regarding class size and the placement of special needs children) that must be adhered to when organizing classes for learning. The school leadership team will do its utmost to provide the most positive, productive learning environment possible for all students within these limits.

The following are some of the factors considered in the class building process:

- ✓ Classroom teacher and school based team recommendations
- ✓ The overall make up of the class being created
- ✓ Learning styles
- ✓ Intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development
- ✓ Behavioural issues
- ✓ Need for student services such as learning assistance
- ✓ Female/male balance
- ✓ Pre-existing supportive relationships between children

While each factor is important, each is weighted differently depending upon the individual circumstances under discussion. Decisions will always be made with the child in mind and the more global view of the class composition and school organization.

The following are NOT factors considered during the class building process:

- Child's previous placement in a combined or single grade classroom
- Parent preference for a specific teacher

Most parents will not need to communicate anything to the school regarding placement, as the teaching staff is knowledgeable about your child and their learning needs. In the unlikely event that you would like to share some health or learning information about your child which we might not be aware of, please note the following procedure:

*Come to the office and pick up an information sharing form so your thoughts are in writing. Helpful information includes information about the learning environment or medical concerns. Please do not state which teacher you do or do not wish your child to be placed with next year.*

Naturally as parents you want what you perceive to be in your own child's best interests. We respect your role as advocates for your child, but we have the difficult job of ensuring the best possible learning environment for **all** children in the school. As you can see by the process outlined above, the staff at Walton works very hard to create classes that meet the many diverse needs of our students.

Unfortunately with the many changes that occur over the summer and early into the fall, it is impossible for us to let families know now, what class their child will be in

next year. The classes will be finalized during the first or second week of school in September.



*Despite the dreadful weather, the Annual Como Lake Relays were a huge success. Well done Walton teams!*

## **THE FENCE IS COMING DOWN 围栏将被取下来了！**



The grass on the new hillside below the portables is doing remarkably well. The fence will be coming down in the next few days. Staff members will remind students to stay off the hillside to really allow the grass to take hold. Please assist our community by keeping yourselves, your children and pets off the hillside after hours. We look forward to playing on the hill, and sliding in the snow, during the next school year!

## **FINAL REPORT CARDS 期末成绩单**

Report cards will be issued at 12 noon on Thursday, June 27. If your child will not be present at that time, please leave a 9 x 12 self-addressed stamped envelope at the school office and your child's final report card will be mailed.

## ACTION PLAN FOR LEARNING

### 行动学习计划

All school communities work collaboratively to identify school goals to improve student learning. At Walton, staff members are working together to plan a specific academic focus for the upcoming school year. This plan will be shared with, and approved by, the three parents who comprise our School Planning Council. The complete plan will be available on the Walton website in the fall.



*Recess shared with stuffies on a sunny day.*

## DATES TO NOTE 重要日子

Monday, May 20	Victoria Day (school closed)
Tuesday, May 21	Pro-D Day (no classes)
Wednesday, May 22	Welcome to Kindergarten 5:30- 6:30
Friday, June 7	Sports Day
Monday, June 10	PAC Meeting

Friday, June 21

Grade 5 Leaving

Assembly 11:00 am

Monday, June 24

Grade 5 students visit

Scott Creek Middle

Tuesday, June 25

Grade 5 fun day

Thursday, June 27

Last day of classes

Final Report Cards

issued at noon



*The Strong Start "parking lot".*