



SCHOOL DISTRICT 43  
(COQUITLAM)

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# WALTON ELEMENTARY

APRIL 9, 2014

## 21ST CENTURY LEARNING

**Professional Day, Friday, April 11th**  
**Students do not attend school.**

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Class Photos, Thursday, April 17th!**
- **Sip 'n Savour Event is Friday, April 25th!**
- **Find out more at [www.waltonpac.ca](http://www.waltonpac.ca)!**

Back in 1981, the 21st century seemed like a long way in the future. If you asked me in 1981 what I thought a classroom would like in 2014, I might have described the bridge of the *Starship Enterprise*.

You've probably heard much about "21st century" learning.



There is no single definition of what this looks like; but a recognition that skills needed in a global community are changing. As I wrote last month, the education I received in the 1970s could not have prepared me well enough for the future. The British Columbia curriculum is also undergoing changes and the drafts are now on-line.

Progressive education isn't necessarily connected with technology. Technology is certainly a component because our students will need to utilize some form of technology in their career or trade.

To me, "21st century" involves:

- Critical thinking
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity

The technology is already here, we just have to learn how to use it in powerful, effective and ethical ways.

Walton is an example of a school moving in this direction.

Back at my Grade 8 Open House in 1981, in front of hundreds of parents, my dad stood up in the packed cafeteria and asked, "Do the kids still learn Latin?"

*Latin?*

I slipped under the table to hide.

My father, growing up in Nanaimo in the 1930s and 1940s learned Latin in high school. Latin was a relevant subject seventy years ago.

In the 1980's, we could only learn French as our second

language.

Now the canvas has broadened to include many different languages. Of course, Mandarin is offered at Walton.

Learning Mandarin in the Greater Vancouver area makes great sense. We are such a multicultural community. Our students can use their Mandarin language skills in many practical settings around our city.

Think of the world that our students are entering in several years where critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity are needed.

What countries may emerge as the next economic powers, if they haven't already?

What skills will our students need in fifteen or twenty years?

"21st Century" learning is a recognition that the skill sets and knowledge needed today and in the future are much different than the past.

Regards,

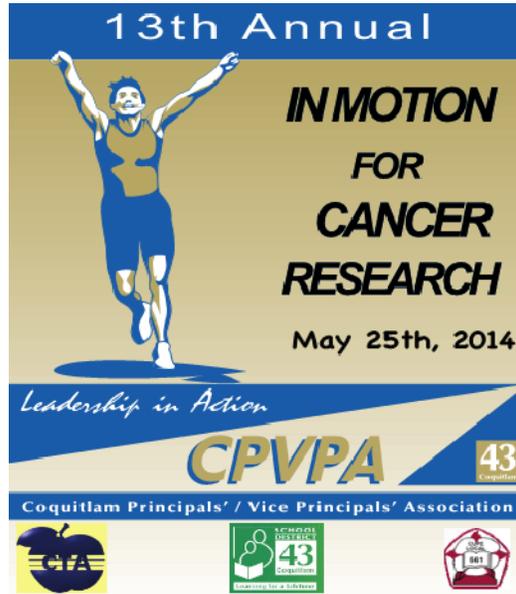
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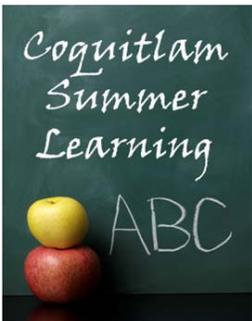
## CPVPA CANCER RUN

Walton Elementary will be supporting the Coquitlam Principal and Vice-Principal's Association Cancer Run this year. Families are welcome to join Team Walton on Sunday, May 25th at 9:00am at Terry Fox Secondary School! Contact Mrs. Rae for more information on joining Team Walton!

More information can be found on the last page of the newsletter.



## SUMMER LEARNING



**SUMMER LEARNING 2014 ONLINE Registration Dates**  
(6:00 a.m. Opening)

Elementary Skill Building: May 29<sup>th</sup>

Students must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please visit our website and create/update your account **now**.

We are offering courses in Fine Arts, French Immersion, Reading & Writing, Math and Science! See website for full details!

Program Dates: July 8 to July 25

Visit [www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)

School Closed  
for Good Friday  
(April 18) and  
Easter Monday  
(April 21)

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT WALTON?

### Timberline Ranch

The Grade 5s will celebrate their final months at Walton by spending the day at Timberline Ranch on Friday, May 9th.

### Thanks Clinton!

Thanks to Gr. 3 student Clinton L. for donating \$250 that he collected at his birthday party to our school! Clinton's donations will be used to buy new books in our library. Thank you very much for your generosity Clinton! We will let you know which books we buy with Clinton's donation.

### Rainforest Café



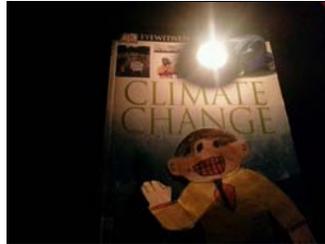
Mrs. Vanderliek's K/1 class has been learning about the rainforest. The class has been setting up a fun Rainforest Café project in their classroom!

### DPAC Chair

Congratulations to Mr. Craig Woods on his nomination as District Parent Advisory Council chair. Mr. Woods is currently a co-chair of the Walton PAC.

### Flat Stanley on CTV

Congratulations to Lucas F. for having his Flat Stanley Earth Hour photo featured on CTV News!



### CTV Studio Visit

Mr. Finlay's Grade 4/5 class will be visiting CTV studio on Thursday, April 10th. The class has been studying meteorology and will go down to watch a weather broadcast and also practice with a green screen. We expect to see them on Thursday evening and perhaps Friday morning!

### Como Lake Relays and Track and Field

Walton will once again participate in these annual events.

Students in Grades 4 and 5 will form relay teams of four student. Each runner has to run 1.2 km around Como Lake! Walton participates on Wednesday, April 16th.



Walton will also be sending athletes to the District Track and Field Event on Friday, May 23rd. More information regarding practices and training will be coming soon!

### Litter Heroes

Over Spring Break, Renee Y. and her mom helped pick up litter from our gravel field. They noticed the amount of garbage on the field and wanted to do something about it! Thanks to Renee for helping to keep our school grounds clean! We want all Walton students to be responsible for their litter. Not only do we want our school looking great, but we don't want to attract bears! Thanks Renee and Mrs. Yang!

### Welcome Back Mrs. Boey

Mrs. S. Boey returns as our new Mandarin Teaching Assistant. Mrs. Boey worked at Walton many years ago and has returned. Welcome back Mrs. Boey!

### Gymnastics at Walton

The large gymnastics apparatus is now at Walton. Classes have been rotating through the equipment, building their gymnastics skills. The equipment is here until the end of the month.





**Date: Friday, April 25, 2014**  
**Time: 7 pm to 10 pm**  
**Cost: \$25**  
(ticket includes dishes from 10+ tasting vendors, chocolate fountain with a selection of fresh fruit, and a chance to win door prizes)

## *Walton's Sip 'N Savour A Tasteful Evening*

(Age 19 & older)



Have fun while supporting Walton Elementary fundraising efforts for new readers and technology. Walton PAC and local businesses are, for the first time, working together to provide you an elegant evening of tastings and prizes.



Win auction and raffle prizes - more than 30 prizes including, spa packages ( massage, manicure...), golf packages and a Cactus Club dining package worth \$500!

Taste food - over 10 vendors, including TEO Sushi, Originals Mexican Cafe, Browns Social House and Caffe Divano!

Wine and beer available with purchase of drink tickets.



Be a part of Walton's first Sip N Savour event - the community has really come together to support our school and our students.

On the evening of April the 25th, tour the fabulously decorated gym while enjoying live music. Bid on your child's art or other auction prizes, try your luck at the raffle and visit tables from local businesses offering tidbits and tastings from all over the Tri Cities.

**Buy tickets before they sell out!**  
**Purchase online @ [www.waltonpac.ca](http://www.waltonpac.ca)**  
A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the  
CKNW Orphans' fund and Share Society!

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**For More information: follow us on Twitter @SipNSavour or go to [www.waltonpac.ca](http://www.waltonpac.ca)**

Please be responsible, don't drink & drive.

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<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>PAC Meeting</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Como Lake Relays, 3-5</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Class Photos by MJM</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Sip n Savour</i>	<i>26</i>
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18	19 <i>Victoria Day</i>	20 <i>Pro. D.</i>	21 <i>Welcome to Kindergarten, 5:30-6:30</i>	22	23 <i>District Track and Field Meet</i>	24
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# June 2014

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*Gr. 5 Leaving Ceremony*

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*Last Day of school. 12:00 dismissal*

*Admin Day*

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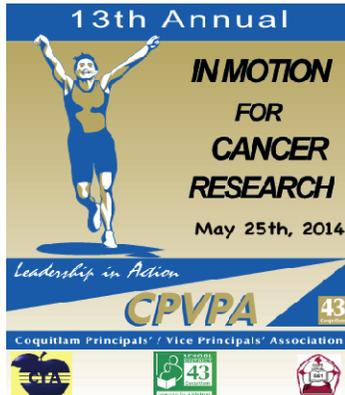
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## Coquitlam Principal's and Vice-Principal's Association

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual *In Motion* Event for Cancer Research Dedicated to Tom Davies

The Coquitlam Principals and Vice Principals Association 13<sup>th</sup> Annual *In Motion* for Cancer Research event will be held Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Terry Fox Secondary School. There are three routes for participants: 2km, 5km, and 10 km

Come run, walk, ride or roll with us!

This 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary year's event will be the best yet, with individuals and teams participating on behalf of members of the School District 43 family who have been affected by cancer. We have always enjoyed good staff and student participation and are hoping for another large turnout this year. In 12 years we have contributed over \$100,000 to the **Canadian Cancer Society**. Individual registration forms will be available soon at any school site/website or at the board office. Donations received at the door or online (site address announced soon) will be matched by Scotiabank up to \$5000

Feel free to join a school team or for more information about forming your own team contact Darlene Proulx by e-mail at [dproulx@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dproulx@sd43.bc.ca) or by phone at 604-941-3408

*For 75 years, the Canadian Cancer Society has been with Canadians in the fight for life. We have been relentless in our commitment to prevent cancer, fund research and support Canadians touched by cancer. From this foundation, we will work with Canadians to change cancer forever so fewer Canadians are diagnosed with the disease and more survive.*

