



SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
(COQUITLAM)

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WALTON ELEMENTARY

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DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION

**Wear green
on Friday!**

**Happy
Spring
Break!
School
Re-Opens
Monday,
March 31st!**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Walton PAC Sip 'n Savour info can be found on Pages 4 and 5.**
- **Event is Friday, April 25th!**
- **Find out more at www.waltonpac.ca!**

I got into a philosophical dinner conversation a few weeks ago. A friend was visiting and he stated that school was “way better” when he was in elementary school. He is not connected to education, nor does he have kids in school. His position was based on his memory that children were more disciplined; that school work was harder; and kids were expected to learn. He reminisced about sitting in rows; adding/subtracting for arithmetic; writing a report about Bobby Orr; learning the ‘ph’ sound and how he feared “the strap”.

I quickly jumped in and added to his list.

Perhaps he truly missed the purple mimeograph ink; chalk dust under the fingernails; getting rejected when he asked a girl to dance at the Grade 7 sock hop; using a World Book Encyclopedia; and his David Cassidy haircut.

The education we received in the 70’s and 80’s could not have prepared us for the chal-

lenges that our students will face in 10 years. There are emerging jobs and technologies now, that did not exist 30 years ago, or even 5 years ago.

There are some tried and true methods of teaching that have been around for a long time; but there are also new approaches that tap into our understanding of the brain. There is research about how the brain learns and processes information. We know that students are more visual learners than auditory learners. Learning can be expressed in multiple ways, aside from just pencil and paper.

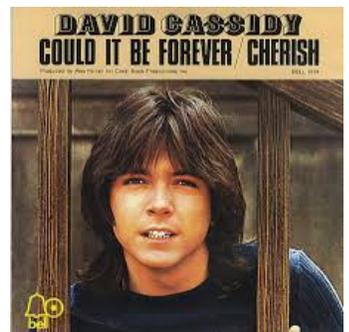
At Walton, I try and pop into each classroom daily or every other day. I am excited by the activities that I see. I see a mix of critical thinking along with collaboration.

Our conversation concluded with my summary that education today should be preparing our students for their future. Our current kindergarten students will graduate in 2025.

We must look at getting our students ready to enter a global community that is connected in ways that we could not have imagined in the 1970s.

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah



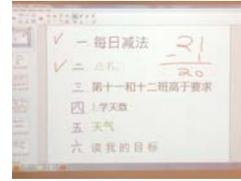
**Sports
Day!
Friday,
June
6th**

SMARTBOARD ACTION

Interactive whiteboards can be a wonderful learning tool! Mr. Chiang and Ms. Evans use the Smartboard to enhance their lessons in Mandarin and English as shown in these photos. Mrs. Ho-

ang, Mrs. Vanderliek and Ms. Wegrich also use the smartboard effectively in their lessons! The white board's versatility al-

lows for instruction in both English and Mandarin.



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? WHO DO YOU CALL?

Any question or concerns regarding a child's progress at school should be directed to the classroom teacher. We want parents to be able to dialogue directly with the teacher to help resolve or

address any concerns.



LITTLE PEAR GARDEN PERFORMANCE, FRIDAY, MARCH 7

The Little Pear Garden Dance Company performed at Walton on Friday, March 7th. The group presented six dances, from different ethnic regions around China.

One of the important aspects of learning a language is learning the culture!



Guess what? Walton turns 25 next October!

Contact the teacher should you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT WALTON?

Aboriginal Education

The students in Mrs. Jeanneau and Ms. Zhou's class invited in the district Aboriginal Education department to create button blankets.



Hot Lunch

The Walton PAC hosted another successful pizza lunch on Wednesday, March 5th. The next PAC lunch will be Wednesday, April 9.



Art Auction

There is a lot of art going on at Walton! Classes are preparing wonderful artwork for the PAC Sip 'n Savour event. You can learn more about Sip 'n Savour in the pages of this newsletter, the PAC website or their @sipnsavour Twitter account!



Basketball at Scott Creek

The boys and girls teams will be participating in a Grade 5 Scott Creek basketball tournament on Thursday, March 12th. Thanks to Mrs. Smith for organizing our team! Thanks to Ms. Wegrich, Mr. Chiang, Mrs. Sluis, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Craik, and Mrs. Sadowski for coaching!

Como Lake Training

Mrs. Sadowski, Mrs. Korbely and Mrs. Dane are sponsoring our Como Lake Relay team this year. The team has started to train for the 4x1200m event held on April 16th. Schools from around the district send teams to participate in this event. It's great to see so many runners come out and train!

PADS in school

Mrs. Sluis and Mrs. Smith invited in the PADS program last week. The students enjoyed reading and interacting with the dogs!



Go Canada Go!

Mrs. McMeiken turned our gym into a cheering section for Team Canada! Many of our Walton students were able to watch our Canadian Women's team win the Olympic Gold Medal.



4 SQUARE RULES

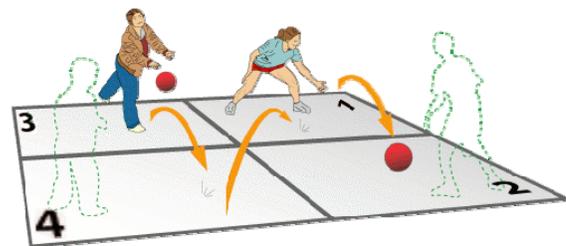
It is one of the most popular games on our playground. There are accepted rules at our school but some of our students will loosely interpret the rules. This leads to problems on the playground as children change the rules to favour themselves or their friends. 4-Square should be a fast moving and enjoyable

game.

4 Square Rules:

The ball can only be hit with the hands.

There is no grabbing or "Cherry bombing". When students "Cherry Bomb", the ball is thrown very hard and does not allow a fair chance of returning the ball.





Get your **Early Bird Tickets NOW!**

\$25

first 50 tickets sold online are ONLY \$20 each

Walton's Sip 'N Savour
A Tasteful Evening

(Age 19 & older)

**Walton Elementary School Gymnasium
2960 Walton Avenue
Coquitlam BC**

Friday, April 25, 2014

Time: 7pm -10pm

Buy tickets at: www.waltonpac.ca

*****Please bring a non-perishable food item to the night of the event for the Food Bank and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to CKNW Orphans fund.*****

Walton's Sip 'N Savour – A Tasteful Evening Ticket Order Form

Name: _____ **Child's name:** _____

Tel No.: _____ **Div/Teacher:** _____

Email: _____ **We accept "CASH ONLY" with Order Form**

General Admission Tickets: _____ **x \$25** **\$** _____

Please detach order form with "CASH" in an envelope addressed to Walton PAC. Tickets will be sent home in your child's planner. Thank you for supporting Walton PAC!

For More information: follow us on **Twitter @SipNSavour** or go to www.waltonpac.ca



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SPRING BREAK IS COMING – PLEASE LOOK AFTER THE SCHOOL

The school in your neighbourhood will be empty during spring break between March 15 – March 30, 2014. Empty schools can provide an inviting target for vandals. You can help keep the school safe.

What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds. Signs of trouble include late night trespassers and the gathering of unorganized groups of people.

Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

***Call immediately when something raises your suspicions.
Do not wait for the damage to be done.***

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.

***KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE THE PHONE
NUMBER IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.***