

WALTON ELEMENTARY

MAY 2, 2014

THANK YOU WALTON COMMUNITY!

CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

- Each year, schools need to review their Code of Conducts. The Code of Conducts are found in your child planners. We have been revising the Code of Conduct with a new look. You can view it at our School Website at
- <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/walton/About/COC/Pages/default.aspx>
- Please email feedback to Mr. Mah (cmah@sd43.bc.ca) by May 12, 2014



The Walton PAC Sip 'N Savour event was a huge success! On Friday, April 25th, 150 people came together to enjoy an evening of refreshments. The event raised close to \$10000!

The event was attended by parents, neighbours, community leaders and staff. We were honoured to have Coquitlam Mayor Stewart and Port Moody Mayor Clay join our event. Both mayors helped PAC Chair Craig Woods draw the raffle prizes towards the end of the evening.

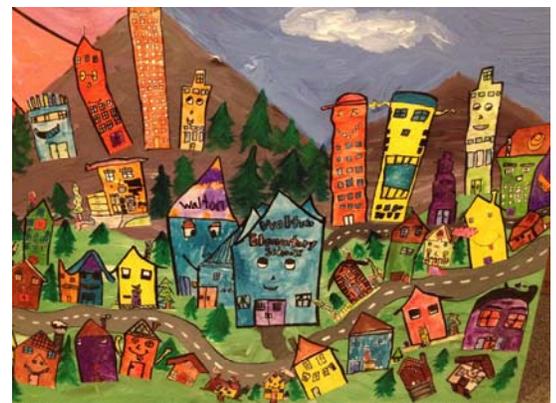
There were many parents who were instrumental in pulling off this evening. A big thank you to Nicola Ho and Yvonne Chow for leading the organizing committee. A big thank you to the staff and students of Walton for producing the beautiful art that was auctioned off over the night.

Mayor Clay and his friend Mr. Ramsay, won the 'Happy Houses' painting. They donated it back to Walton Elementary!

Great job Walton Community!

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah



WHAT'S GOING ON AT WALTON?

Track and Field



We have had an outstanding turn out for our Track and Field program this year. You can find our practice schedule on our school website. Our students are preparing for the District Track and Field Event on Friday, May 23rd. The students are trying out for 100m, 400m, 800m, long jump and high jump. Our intermediate students also have shot put and discuss. More news to follow!

Kinder-Garden

Mrs. St. Pierre, one of our EAs, has been working with our kindergarten classes on maintaining a garden. This was part of their Earth Day celebration last week.

Aquarium Trips

Close to half the school visited the Vancouver Aquarium this month! The Kindergarten and Grade 2 and 3 classes participated in this unique learning opportunity! Thanks to the Walton PAC for funding the buses needed to

transport our learners!

Eye Glass Collection

Thanks to all the Walton families for the overwhelming donation of used eye glasses for the Third World Eye Care Society during Burnaby author Suzanne de Montigny's visit to our intermediate classes.

Stone Fox Projects

Mrs. Rajwani and Mrs. Korbel's Grade 4/5 class have created dioramas based on the novel Stone Fox.

Stone Fox was written by John Reynolds Gardiner about a boy who enters a dog sled race to win money to save his grandfather's farm.



West Coast

Recess

Walton Elementary is moving towards a "West Coast Recess" philosophy. Unless we are facing heavy rainfall, the children will be expected to go outside to play.

The reason is simple. It rains so much that we would miss too many play and exercise opportunities if we stayed inside. Recess is only 15 minutes long. Lunch playtime is 20 minutes.

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather!



COMO LAKE RELAYS

Walton Elementary participated in the 4x1.2km race on Wednesday, April 16th. It was one of the wettest races in recent memory but our students persevered! 18 of our students competed and we were thrilled by their sportsmanship and positive attitude. Thanks to Mrs. Sadowski, Mrs. Korbely, Mrs. Dane and Mrs. Miller for coaching our team!



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014-2015

Walton Elementary is still formulating plans for class organizations. Parents are able to submit requests regarding their child's placement until May 9.

The process of building classrooms is incredibly complex and must take into account a balanced approach. Class building requires much

thought as we strive to create an optimal learning environment for all children.

The requests must be in writing and outline the educational reasons for your request. As such, letters requesting a specific teacher will not be accepted.

Class placement will be driv-

en by the teachers' knowledge of the child; class size/staffing level; and considerations for gender balance, academic and social/emotional needs. Parental requests are used as supplemental information. As such, we cannot guarantee that parent requests can be accommodated.

Also, if your family is not returning to Walton, please notify the office as soon as possible.

It is important that we have the most accurate enrolment numbers as possible.

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2014-2015 Calendar

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

School Calendar 2014-2015

WELCOME TO
WALTON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, WHERE
WE STRIVE TO
CREATE A CARING,
RESPECTFUL
COMMUNITY OF
LEARNERS. THE
SCHOOL
COMMUNITY IS
FOCUSED ON
CREATING A
SOCIALY
RESPONSIBLE
SCHOOL CLIMATE

DESIGNATION	
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 2
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept 19
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 13
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 24
School Not in Session	Monday, Nov. 10
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, Nov. 11
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 19
Winter vacation period	Dec. 22 – Jan. 2
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 5
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 9
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 20
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 6
Spring vacation period	Mar. 9 - 20
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, Mar. 23
Good Friday	Friday, Apr. 3
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr. 6
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 17
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 25
Administrative Day	Friday, June 26

**** Please note: an additional 2 school-based non –instructional days will be set by each school.**

School District No. 43 Safe Schools Steering Committee
An Invitation to the School District Community
Thursday, May 15th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Dr. Charles Best Secondary, Coquitlam, B.C.

Parenting our Kids in the 21st Century

Presented by Kevin Cameron
Director: Canadian Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response

The 3rd of a Three Series Event sponsored by The Ministry of Education,
School District No. 43 and the partner groups listed below.

The factors that can negatively influence child and adolescent behaviours are far more prevalent now than when most parents were children themselves. Recently the McCreary Centre Society of B.C. identified a **set of factors which support youth** and their physical and mental health. These include:

- School connectedness – ensuring all students felt welcome and involved in schools
- Positive family relationships
- Ability of youth to look for help, with teachers in a crucial role
- Positive peer relationships
- Good nutrition
- Feeling engaged and valued
- Stable home
- Adequate sleep (9 hours)
- A safe neighbourhood
- Cultural connectedness.

Building on this work, research and practice, the district is pleased to welcome Kevin Cameron back to the district on May 15th. Please plan to attend this event at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School, 2525 Como Lake Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. Seating is limited to 700. Child minding will be provided.

Please note that Kevin has requested questions from parents. If you have questions, please email them to Myra Crosley, mcrosley@sd43.bc.ca.



May 2014

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4	5	6	7	8 <i>Gr. 5 Photo at 11</i>	9 <i>Gr. 5 at Timberline</i>	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 <i>PAC Meeting</i>	13	14	15	16	17
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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<i>15</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Gr. 5 Leaving Ceremony</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Last Day of school. 12:00 dismissal</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Admin Day</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>					