

Bring school supplies on Wednesday!

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SCHOOL DISTRICT
43 (COQUITLAM)

WALTON ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

NEW!

WELCOME BACK



New Bell Schedule for 2014-2015!

8:50 First Bell
10:25 Recess
10:40 Recess Ends
11:55 Lunch-Play First
(20 min)
12:15 Eating Time
(27 min)
12:42 Clean Up
12:45 Classes Resume
2:45 Dismissal

It has truly been an unusual Spring and Fall. The school year ended abruptly in June and look a bit of time to get started this fall. We are now back together again.

I have been very excited about the upcoming year. In a few pages, I will introduce our new staff. It's exciting to have them join our Walton Community. We also have some familiar faces in new roles and we were also lucky to have some of our teachers return.

I would like to thank the wonderful staff of Walton Elementary for all of their work getting our school underway. It truly is like building an airplane in flight! The staff have expressed how much they missed your children and how they missed doing what they love: teaching.

I would like to thank the great parent community for their pa-

ience and support during this time. The Walton PAC hosted a wonderful Welcome Back coffee reception on the first day of school. It was so nice to have everyone in the building!

Class Organization

Your child has now been assigned to his/her 2014-2015 classroom. Our staff began the process of building classes back in May and we completed the work last week.

Class building is one of the most complicated process a school community faces. We strive to create balanced classrooms that take into account:

- Academic/Intellectual Development.
- Social/Emotion Needs of the Child.

- Gender
- Behavioural Needs
- Class size limits.

In an amazingly short amount of time, we have created the best learning situations possible for the children.

Away we go!

Sincerely,

Mr. C. Mah

**Picture Day,
October 22nd**



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DENTON, OUR NEW VICE-PRINCIPAL

Hello, my name is Mrs. Cari-Lee Denton and I am a long term Coquitlam resident and SD43 teacher and vice principal. Thank you to the students and families for making me feel so welcome! I look forward to working with you in the Walton learning community.

**Watch
for the
eForms**

2014-2015 Calendar

Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2014
Non-Instructional Day(District/Provincial Day)	Friday, October 24, 2014
Schools Not in Session	Monday, November 10, 2014
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2014
Winter Vacation Period	December 22/14 - January 2/15
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2015
BC Family Day	Monday, February 9, 2014
Non-Instructional Day Common District Day)	Friday, February 20, 2015
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 6, 2015
Spring Vacation Period	March 9 – March 20, 2015
Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 23, 2015
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2015
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 17, 2015
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Friday, May 15, 2014
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2015
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Monday, June 15, 2014
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 25, 2015
Administrative Day	Friday, June 26, 2015

MANDARIN BILINGUAL UPDATE

Welcome Miss Ji to Walton Elementary. Miss Ji has the great opportunity of working with our pilot Mandarin class as they enter Grade 5. Joining Miss Ji is Mr. Finlay! Mr. Finlay has previously taught in the regular neighbourhood program and has joined our Mandarin Bilingual Program.

We'd like to congratulate Ms. Katie Suen for taking on the role of Mandarin Bilingual department head.

This is a new role at Walton and a first for the Coquitlam School District.

Ms. Suen will be working with the Mandarin Bilingual teachers in further developing the program.



The Lunar New Year Dance!

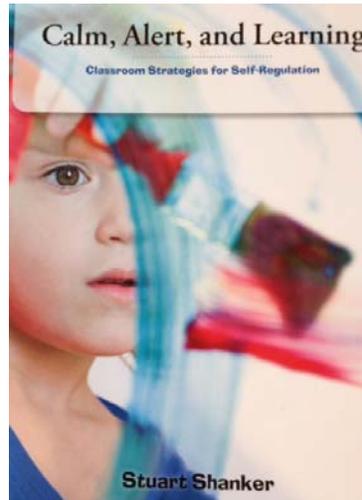
ACTION PLAN FOR LEARNING

Our school is embarking on a journey to improve student growth in social emotional learning. We theorize that improving our students' ability to regulate their emotions and bodies will lead to greater academic success. As we go through the year, we will publish tips and info for parents to support their child at home!

Much research comes from

Dr. Stuart Shanker, York University. His book "Calm, Alert, and Learning" has been used by many educators to better understand social emotional learning and self-regulation!

You can also follow Dr. Shanker on Twitter @stuartshanker



**Walton
is 25
years
old!**

COMMUNICATION AND eFORMS

The school office will use email to communicate news and other updates.

Be sure to complete the forthcoming eForms email Permission form again.

Back in February, Mr. Mah invited parents to provide an email address to the school.

You will receive an email

inviting you to complete the eForms.

Each family must complete these forms that cover school policy and photo permission.

More importantly, the forms also seek your permission to continue with the email distribution lists. The new Canadi-

an Anti-Spam Laws that came into effect this summer dictates that we ask for your permission to continue email contact with you.



The Star Trek communicator is the original mobile phone! Seriously!

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Walton Elementary is very fortunate to welcome these professionals into our school community.

Mr. Brad Ross, Grade 4/5

Mrs. Cindy Ji, Grade 5 Mandarin

Mr. Paul Greveling, Grade 3/4

Mrs. Kerri Johnston, Grade 1/2

Mrs. Jen Sciascia and Ms. Michelle Ouellette, Kindergarten

Mrs. Priscilla Maki, Counsellor (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternating Thursdays)

Ms. Lauren Heath, Grade 1

Ms. Kim Haworth, Grade 3 (Mondays)

Ms. Deepa Gajjar, Fine Arts (Thursday afternoons and Fridays)

Mr. Jason Von Loenen, Morning Caretaker

Mr. Louis Paquette, Afternoon Caretaker

Mrs. Margaret Ip, Noon Hour

Mrs. Maryam Hosseinzadeh, Noon Hour

Ms. Lena Chen, Education Assistant

Mrs. Brenda Stephenson, Education Assistant

Congratulations

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Finlay all the best with the birth of their daughter Francesca on July 14th!

We also wish Mrs. Hoang and Mrs. Prochaska all the best as they continue their maternity leaves this year!



Welcome Back!

Ms. Suen

Ms. Cui

Mrs. Shum

Mr. Chiang

Ms. Zhou

Ms. Thiara

Mrs. Cimaglia

TOP TEN TRAFFIC TIPS FOR WALTON



10. Do not park in the staff parking lot.

your child out.

9. Use your turn signals to let other drivers know your intention.

6. The brake pedal is the short square pedal

8. Have your children exit the car on the passenger (right) side.

5. Obey the traffic control crew to allow children and adults to cross safely.

7. Move up as far ahead in line before stopping to let

4. No U-Turns on Walton Avenue.

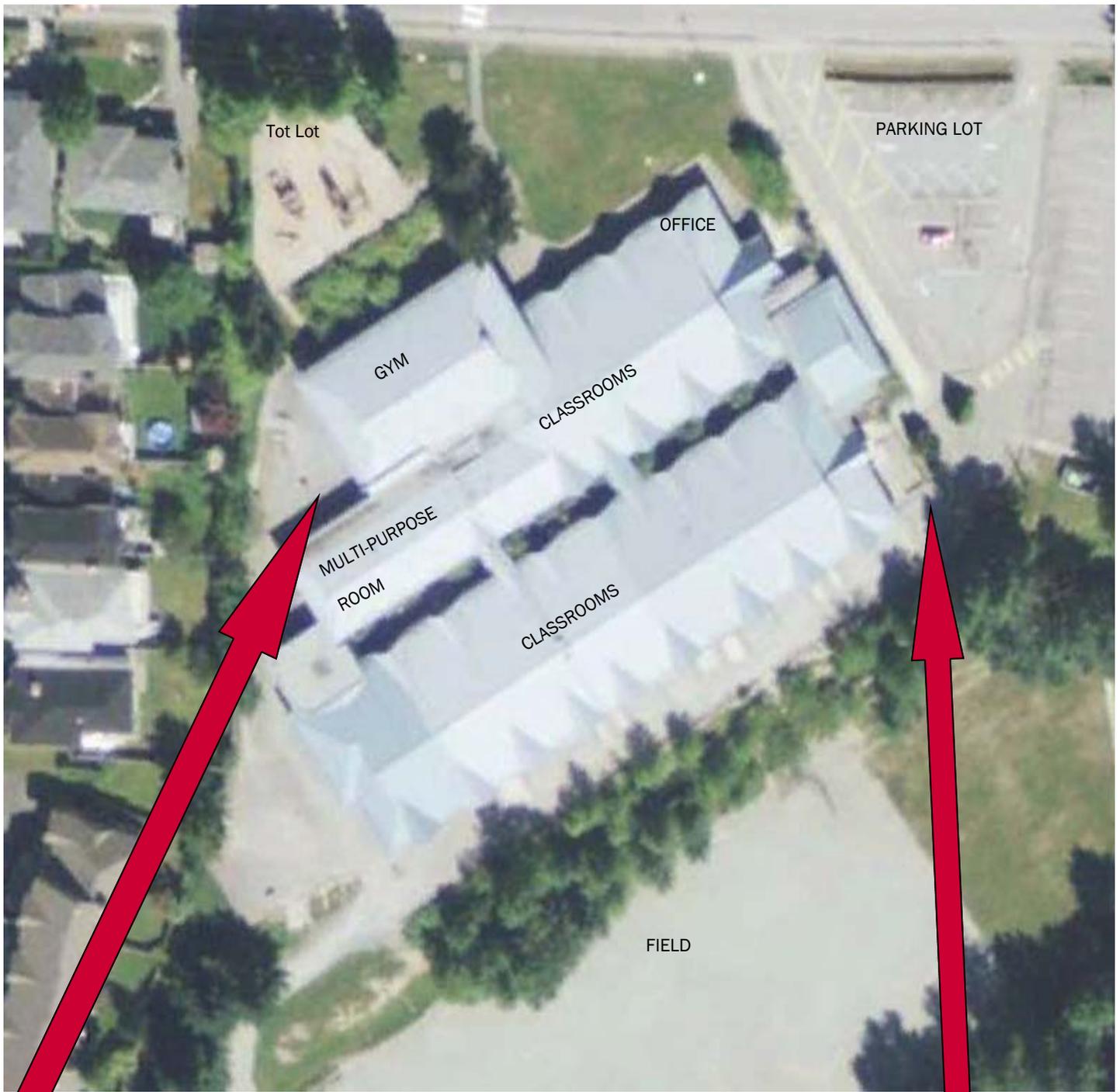
3. Be courteous and do not block our neighbour's driveways.

2. Watch out for the yellow gate!

1. Do not run over they guy wearing the reflective vest carrying a Furby.



WHERE ARE THE TWO NEW CLASSROOMS GOING?



**NEW
CLASSROOMS**



WALTON ELEMENTARY

2014 - 2015 STAFF

TEACHING STAFF

Division	Teacher	Assignment	Room
1	Mrs. Friend	Grade 5	148
2	Mr. Finlay and Miss Ji	Grade 5 Mandarin	125
3	Mrs. Rajwani and Mrs. Korbely	Grade 5	Portable 1
4	Mrs. Jeanneau	Grade 4 Mandarin	112
5	Mr. Ross	Grade 4/5	Portable 2
6	Ms. Zhou	Grade 4 Mandarin	107
7	Mr. Greveling	Grade 3/4	136
8	Mrs. Palmer	Grade 3 Mandarin	134
9	Mrs. Wegrich and Ms. Haworth	Grade 3	129
10	Mrs. Shum	Grade 3 Mandarin	133
11	Mrs. Dane and Mrs. Sluis	Grade 2/3	149
12	Mrs. Evans	Grade 2 Mandarin	135
13	Mrs. Howells	Grade 2	150
14	Mr. Chiang	Grade 2 Mandarin	137
15	Mrs. Vanderliek	Grade 1	130
16	Mrs. Dupuis	Grade 1 Mandarin	128
17	Ms. Heath (Mrs. Hoang's maternity leave)	Grade 1	151
18	Ms. Cui	Grade 1 Mandarin	127
19	Mrs. Johnston	Grade 1/2	108
20	Ms. Thiara	Kindergarten Mandarin	144
21	Ms. Sciascia (Until December) Ms. Ouellette (January onwards)	Kindergarten	147
22	Ms. Suen	Kindergarten Mandarin	142
23	Miss Biedka	Kindergarten	145

STUDENT SERVICES AND NON-ENROLLING TEACHERS

Mrs. Sadowski	Student Services	143
Mrs. Rae	Student Services	143
Mr. Finlay	Student Services	132
Ms. Ji	Student Services	132
Mrs. Augustyn	Library and Student Services	Library
Mrs. Cimaglia	Student Services and Art	143
Mrs. Maki	Counsellor	Counsellor's Office
Mr. Marsh	Music	Multi-Purpose Room
Mrs. Sluis	Gifted and Drama	Multi-Purpose Room
Ms. Gajjar	Drama, Music and Art	Multi-Purpose Room
Mrs. Lina	Speech/Language Pathologist	

SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs. Gradiner	Secretary
Ms. St. Pierre	Educational Assistant
Ms. Chen (Mrs. Prochaska's maternity leave)	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Stephenson	Educational Assistant
Ms. Giguere	Educational Assistant
Mr. Von Loenen	Caretaker (Morning)
Mr. Paquette	Caretaker (Afternoon/Evening)
Mrs. White	Brailist
Mrs. Hosseinzadeh	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Eslami	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Parish	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Ip	Noon Hour Supervisor

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Mah	Principal
Mrs. Denton	Vice-Principal

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You can learn more about Walton Elementary by:

Following us on Twitter!

<http://www.twitter.com/@waltonsd43>

Checking our school website frequently.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/walton>

Checking our Walton PAC webpage

<http://www.waltonpac.ca>

And of course by checking your email inboxes daily.

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 TO ENHANCE
STUDENT LEARNING

PHOTOS FROM AROUND WALTON



Ms. Evans and Mr. Chiang's Grade 2 classes went on a field trip to Grouse Mountain last week. They were able to see the two grizzly bears!



Construction of our newest classroom additions began at the beginning of September.