

**Walton  
Elementary**

# Walton Elementary School

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## The Importance of Remembering

I'm careful to refer to Remembrance Day as a day to thank our veterans and honour Canadians who served our country, many of whom lost their lives in war.

Remembrance Day is not a holiday.

Last year, I shared a story about my uncle who served with the Canadian army during the Second World War.

He was trained as a sapper and stationed in Burma. His role was to disrupt enemy transportation and communication lines. Fortunately, he returned to Canada.

I remember each Remembrance Day when he would march to the cenotaph with his fellow veterans.

My father was in training to join the Canadian Air Force

just before the war ended in 1945.

Chinese-Canadians were granted the right to vote in Canada because of the service of these soldiers.

Remembrance Day is a special day for my family because of our connections to the Second World War.

I'm sure many of our Walton families have a connection to Remembrance Day.

Let's share those stories.

Mr. C. Mah



## Walton Remembers

We'd like to dedicate our display cabinet to "Walton Remembers". We would like to engage the Walton community by sharing our connections with Remembrance Day between November 2-16.

We are asking families to consider sharing an artifact (Could be a photograph of a relative who served our country; a newspaper article, etc.) that connects their family to Remembrance Day.

The items will be on display in our locked glass cabinet, next to the gym. Items should be appropriate for elementary children to view.

Please label the item with your name and leave it at the office. We will place items into the display cabinet daily, beginning November 2nd. All items will be returned after November 16th.

**School  
Closed**  
**Wednesday,  
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**&**  
**Friday,  
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**Remembrance Day Assembly,  
Tuesday, November 10th**

Parents are welcome to join our Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:40am.

**School will be closed on Wednesday,  
November 11th to honour Remembrance Day.**

# Walton Charity: A SEL Practice

Parent Jennifer Sing has arranged through her company Chimp, to allocate \$3000 to Walton Elementary for a charitable donation. Each class engaged in conversations about which charity they would like to support. Each class had \$125 to donate. Thanks to Mrs. Sing for making this generous opportunity available to our students! Below are the listings of each class' choices.

We are weaving this opportunity with our Social Emotional Learning work at our school.

Mrs. Friend:	Children's Hospital
Mr. Finlay:	SPCA
Mrs. Rajwani/Ms. Bentley:	Humanitarian
Ms. Ji, Syrian	Refugee Crisis
Mrs. Creightney/Mrs. Johnston:	Make a Wish Foundation
Ms. Zhou:	SPCA
Ms. Sedlacek:	BC Children's Hospital
Mr. Ross:	BC Children's Hospital
Ms. Wegrich:	SPCA, Juvenile Diabetes, BC Children's Hospital
Mrs. Palmer:	Critter Care and BC Children's Hospital
Mrs. Thompson:	SPCA
Ms. Zhang:	Critter Care and BC Children's Hospital
Mrs. Dane/Mrs. Sluis:	Wildlife Rescue
Ms. Evans:	Children's Hospital and SPCA
Ms. Howells:	SPCA
Mr. Chiang:	BC Children's Hospital
Mrs. Vanderliek:	Strong Kids Campaign YMCA
Mrs. Dupuis:	Covenant House
Mrs. Hoang/Ms. Bentley:	BC Children's Hospital
Ms. Cui:	BC Children's Hospital
Ms. Biedka:	SPCA
Ms. Thiara:	SPCA
Ms. Dittrick:	SPCA
Ms. Suen:	SPCA

# Trick or Treat! Halloween at Walton



## The Walton Wildcats in Action!

The Walton Wildcats hosted the first game of the season on October 29th. Aspenwood Elementary visited! The players had a great time!



# Litterless Lunch beginning Nov. 30

Walton Elementary is moving towards a "Litterless" lunch practice.

Children will be asked to bring home all of their litter, including juice boxes and food scraps, on a daily basis. In short, kids pack home what they pack to school. It's like camping in the woods!

Our goal is to reduce the amount of recycling, garbage and resulting fruit flies and odours in our building.

With 540 students, our school is overwhelmed with the amount of waste generated daily that includes juice boxes and food scraps. The management of the compost and recycling program is also occupying a lot of instructional time. In short, it has been very difficult maintaining a clean learning environment. The Metro Vancouver composting program has been particularly challenging for our school.

Beginning Monday, November 30th, Walton will become a "Litterless" Lunch place. Students will bring home their food scraps and recycling for disposal on a daily basis. This will greatly help alleviate the issues within the classroom and school.

For example:

- A child brings a thermos of noodles; a Ziploc bag of fruit; a juice box; and a banana to school.  
The child will bring home the empty thermos; Ziploc bag containing the empty juice box and banana peel. These items are disposed at home.
- Another child brings a plastic Tupperware container with a sandwich, a Ziploc bag of cookies, an apple and a juice pouch.  
The child will bring home the uneaten cookies, Ziploc bag with the apple core and empty juice pouch in the Tupperware container. These items are disposed of at home.

Staff will spend the next few weeks working with the children on how to take home their recycling and compost. Our goal is to fully implement our practice on Monday, November 30th. Thank you in advance for your support.

This also gives parents an opportunity to monitor how much of their child's lunch is eaten at school. We've noticed lots of half eaten sandwiches in the compost bin.

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*Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am*

*Remembrance Day. School Closed*

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*PAC Hot Lunch*

*School Closed*

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*Litterless Lunch Begins!*

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13	14	15	16	17 <i>Winter Concert Time TBA</i>	18 <i>Last Day before Winter Break</i>	19
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*A Learning Community*

[www.sd43.bc.ca/walton](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/walton)

### Stay in Touch

- School Website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/walton](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/walton)
- PAC Website: [www.waltonpac.ca](http://www.waltonpac.ca)
- School Twitter: @waltonSD43
- PAC Twitter: @waltonSD43PAC
- Check your email daily!

# Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

**Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>