

**Walton  
Elementary**

# Walton Elementary School

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**September 23,  
2015**

**Pro. D.  
Friday,  
September  
25.  
School  
Closed**

## **Stay in Touch**

- eForms are now Live!
- School Website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/walton>
- PAC Website: <http://www.waltonpac.ca>
- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/@waltonSD43>
- Check your email daily!

## **Welcome Back!**

I hope everyone had a great summer! Walton Elementary is back for it's 26th year of operation! It's a much different year than last and I think we can all appreciate a quicker start up.

I have to start this newsletter by giving a little behind the scenes story of how we created classes. I do thank everyone for their patience for the first week of school.

We experienced some fluctuations in our enrolment last week that caused our school to reshape our classroom organizations. The first week is needed to ensure that we have an accurate headcount and that we have the appropriate levels of staffing. Although we enjoy seeing the students back with their former teachers, our staff also prefer to get the 2015-2016 school year going!

The more accurate and stable our headcount, the sooner we can move into classes. It's that

simple.

Walton Elementary is among the largest, if not the largest, elementary school in the Tri-Cities. We have 542 students in our building. We are larger than seven middle schools!

It creates a wonderful community environment but also creates some challenges in scheduling and facilities use. Every room is used every day at Walton!

The Mandarin Bilingual program continues to evolve as our first pilot class has moved on to Scott Creek Middle

school. The Mandarin Bilingual Program constitutes half of our population. We completed our first Youth Chinese Test assessment and we are still examining the data.

I'm looking forward to another exciting with your family.

Mr. C. Mah



## **Open House, Thursday, September 24, 5:30-6:30**

Let's get acquainted! The staff of Walton Elementary invite your family to our school on Thursday, September 24, between 5:30-6:30pm. This is a chance for your child to introduce you to his/her teacher!

Please note this is not a reporting session as the teachers are still getting to know the children.



Walton Elementary

2015-2016 Staff

Classroom Teachers

<b>Division</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Grade</b>
1	Mrs. Friend	5
2	Mr. Finlay	5 Mandarin Bilingual
3	Mrs. Rajwani & Ms. Bentley	4/5
4	Ms. Ji	5 Mandarin Bilingual
5	Mrs. Creightney & Mrs. Johnston	4
6	Mr. Ross	4 Mandarin Bilingual
7	Ms. Sedlacek (Ms. Choroba on leave)	3/4
8	Ms. Zhou	4 Mandarin Bilingual
9	Mrs. Wegrich	3
10	Mrs. Palmer	3 Mandarin Bilingual
11	Mrs. Thompson	2/3
12	Ms. Zhang (Mrs. Shum on leave)	3 Mandarin Bilingual
13	Mrs. Dane & Mrs. Sluis	2
14	Mrs. Evans	2 Mandarin Bilingual
15	Ms. Howells	2
16	Mr. Chiang	2 Mandarin Bilingual
17	Mrs. Hoang & Ms. Bentley	1
18	Mrs. Dupuis	1 Mandarin Bilingual
19	Mrs. Vanderliek	1
20	Ms. Cui	1 Mandarin Bilingual
21	Ms. Biedka	K
22	Ms. Thiara	K Mandarin Bilingual
23	Ms. Dittrick & Mrs. Cimaglia	K
24	Ms. Suen	K Mandarin Bilingual

Walton Elementary  
2015-2016 Staff

Student Services and Non-Enrolling Staff

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Mrs. Sadowski	Student Services
Mrs. Jeanneau	Student Services
Mr. Greveling	Student Services
Mrs. Korbely	Student Services
Mrs. Bentley	Student Services
Mrs. Augustyn	Library & Computers
Mrs. Sluis	Gifted & Drama
Mr. Marsh	Music
Ms. Lina	Speech & Language
Mrs. Wood	Counsellor & Student Services
Mrs. Gradiner	Secretary
Mrs. Gaucher	Secretary
Mrs. Prochazka	Educational Assistant
Ms. St. Pierre	Educational Assistant
Ms. Nicholls	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Gavin	Educational Assistant
Mrs. White	Brailist
Mr. Belfare	Caretaker (Afternoon)
Mrs. Cordoni	Caretaker (Morning)
Mr. Olpretean	Caretaker (Afternoon)
Mrs. Parish	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Eslami	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Hosseinzadeh	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Ip	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Denton	Vice-Principal
Mr. Mah	Principal

## Staff Update!

Walton Elementary welcomes new staff!

Mrs. Creightney and Mrs. Johnston, Grade 4  
Ms. Bentley, Student Services, Grade 4/5 and Grade 1  
Mrs. Thompson, Grade 3  
Ms. Dittrick and Mrs. Cimaglia, Kindergarten  
Ms. Sedlacek, Grade 3/4 (Ms. Choroba's maternity leave)  
Ms. Zhang, Grade 3 Mandarin (Mrs. Shum's maternity leave)  
Mrs. Wood, Counsellor  
Mr. Olpretean, Caretaker  
Mr. Blefare, Caretaker  
Mrs. Cordoni, Caretaker  
Mrs. Gavin, Educational Assistant  
Ms. Nicholls, Educational Assistant

### Farewell

We wish Mrs. Parish a fond retirement! Mrs. Parish has been a noon hour supervisor at Walton for over 20 years!

She has gotten to know all of the children at Walton over the years and will miss them!

Mrs. Parish's last day at Walton is Friday, October 2nd.

## Reporting and Assessment at Walton

Interim Report, October 22nd  
1st Formal Report Card, December 4th  
2nd Formal Report Card, March 11th  
Student Led Conferences, April 27 and 28th  
3rd Formal Report Card, June 29th

## Preparing for a School Day

A few tips for the day. Please ensure your child has:

- A healthy snack and lunch.
- Dressed for the weather. The children will go outside rain or shine!
- Planner, backpack and any homework ready for the day. We suggest that students load their backpacks with all of their necessary homework and planners before going to bed! This helps ensure their backpack is ready in the morning.



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## New Playground

Thank you to the Walton PAC and all of the parents for our new Playground. The new playground was built over the summer!



## Communicating

Communication is very important. There are various ways to communicate with the teacher or the school. Please check with your child's teacher regarding his/her preference.

School news will come via email. This is a speedy and cost-effective method to deliver the latest news to your

**Please contact the teacher directly with any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress at school.**

family. The school also has an active Twitter account that also provides updates. Often, breaking news is Tweeted before it is communicated by email.

### Questions or Concerns:

Please communicate any questions or concerns regarding your child to the relevant professional. This will

help solve any concerns, questions or issues in a timely fashion.

## Parking and Traffic

- Daycare vehicles must show permit in order to enter our pick-up/drop off zone afterschool.
- Parents are not to park in the staff parking lot.
- In the mornings, vehicles can only drop off. Parents are discouraged from parking and then getting out of the vehicle to help their child out.
- Please use your turn signals when entering the pick up/drop off zone.
- Please respect the commands of our traffic volunteers or school staff that direct traffic.
- Parents are encouraged to legally park on the street and walk their child onto school grounds.



# September 2015

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*PAC Meeting,  
6:45-9:00pm*

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*Open House,  
5:30-6:30*

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*Terry  
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# October 2015

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4	5 <i>Picture Day</i>	6 <i>PAC Hot Lunch</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Election Day</i>	20	21	22 <i>Interim Reports</i>	23 <i>Pro.D.</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Halloween Dance in evening</i>	31 <i>Halloween</i>

## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

### School Calendar 2015-2016

DESIGNATION	
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 25
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 12
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 23
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11
School Not in Session	Friday, Nov. 20
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 18
Winter vacation period	Dec. 21 – Jan. 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 4
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 19
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 11
Spring vacation period	Mar. 14 – 24
Good Friday	Friday, Mar. 25
Easter Monday	Monday, Mar. 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, Mar. 29
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 15
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23
Last day of school for all students	Wednesday, June 29
Administrative Day	Thursday, June 30

#### Two School Based Professional Days

Professional Day, Friday, January 29

Professional Day, Monday, June 13

***A complete  
calendar featuring  
report dates, early  
dismissals can be  
found on our  
school website.***

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**WALTON ELEMENTARY**

*A Learning Community*

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• Division I performed at our Terry Fox Assembly, Wednesday, September 23rd.



## **Terry Fox Run, Wednesday, September**

Walton Elementary will participate in the Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, September 30th! We will begin with a Warm Up assembly at 1:45pm before going out for the run.

