

Westwood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Westwood Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Chinese New Year, a Happy Valentine's Day, 100 Day, and enjoyed some of the cool, clear late-winter weather. Whew, February was a very busy month! We are now in the home stretch to Spring Break, but still have a few important items to share with parents – Report Cards!

Report Card time can be an anxious time for everyone involved: students, parents, and teachers. Students are working hard (between all the exciting events). Teachers are spending time assessing student progress in a number of academic, social, and emotional areas. They use a variety of formative assessment methods, adjusting instruction as needed to meet the learning needs of their students, and summative assessments to determine the learning that has taken place. Performance Standards, criterion-referenced assessment, observations and quizzes are all instruments teachers use in this process. Pulling all this information together can be a daunting task, sometimes involving teachers getting together to collaborate to assess learning. The Report Card itself is not a cumulative record, but is intended to be a snapshot of where the child is at, at the time of the report. It is a challenging task to encapsulate student progress in a concise written report and to include all the details that are so individualized for each child. Should you have any questions after receiving your child's Report Card, please contact your child's teacher to book an appointment.

The Term 2 Formal Report Card will be going home with students on March 14th.

Another way that students can demonstrate their learning is through the Student-Led Conference. We will be having an Early Dismissal on **Wednesday, April 13th** to facilitate the conferences. We hope you can attend so that your child can share their learning with you!

As the year progresses, additional events are being added to our calendar. One such event is Literacy Week. **Literacy Week will run April 4 – 8**, and details will be available soon - stay tuned! However, we encourage every-

one to use the Westwood website for important and up-to-date information and dates of events. Check it out at www.sd43.bc.ca/westwood.

Finally, due to budgetary reasons, Spring Break this year is a two week event and runs (**March 21 – April 1**). Westwood Elementary will re-open on **Monday, April 4th**. I hope that all families have some time to enjoy this pause in the school year so that students can return in April feeling rested and rejuvenated.

Happy Spring Vacation!

As always, if you have any questions about any item mentioned in the newsletter, or just a question about the school and what going on, please call me or the school office.

Sincerely,

Brian Leonard

Principal

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REMINDER TO PARENTS

Report Cards Home - March 14th

Hot Lunch - March 18th

Gr. 5 Carnival — Mar 18th

Spring Break - March 21—April 1

WESTWOOD CALENDAR	
MARCH 2011	
3	PALS Alphabet Skills 1— 2:30 pm (Library) PAC Meeting 7pm
14	Report Cards Go Home
18	Hot Lunch Grade 5 Carnival Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
21	Spring Break March 21 — April 1
APRIL 2011	
4	School Re-opens after Spring Break
4 — 8	Literacy Week
7	PAC meeting 7pm
8	Assembly
13	Student Led Conferences Early Dismissal 2pm
18	Staff Appreciation Day
20	Class Pictures Como Lake Relays
21	Pro— D Day School Closed
22	Good Friday — School Closed
25	Easter Monday — School Closed
28	PALS Numeracy 1 - 2:30 pm (Library)
29	Hot Lunch Day Assembly
MAY 2011	
5	PAC Meeting & Elections
9 & 10	Book Fair
10	Parent Tea
16 & 17	Saleema Noon Presentations
20	Assembly Hot Lunch Day
23	Victoria Day - School Closed
27	District Elem Track Meet
JUNE 2011	
2	K Orientation 9:15 or 10:45 PAC Meeting
3	Pro-D Day - School Closed



AT THE OFFICE

Our office phones will be answered between 8:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. Please be sure to call in any student absences/lates before 8:50 a.m. or leave a message on our answering machine in the evening or early morning. Changes in personal information i.e. phone numbers, address, please report to the office ASAP. Thank you.

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

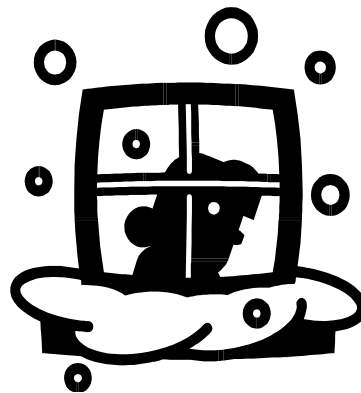
In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day.

Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca

beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m. Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back

The district website posting is official – there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing.

Tune in to **CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM** or **CBC 690 AM** for updates.





COMMUNITY NEWS

SWAP MEET AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Need new kids items? Love a good deal?
Then come out and shop!
Have too many toys/books/clothes?
Need some extra money?

Then book a table and sell it!

WHEN: Saturday, March 12th from 9am until 1pm

WHERE: 2260 Central Ave, Port Coquitlam

COST: Entrance is a donation to the food bank

OVER 50 TABLES TO BE SOLD!

To book a table, contact Natasha by phone at 604-941-6445 or by email at centralschoolfundraising@gmail.com
Tables are \$25.



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SEAVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

THE "SCHOOL OF WONDERSTANDING"

The Professional Development Program at Simon Fraser University is excited to offer 4 days of hands-on, action-packed activities this Spring Break from Tuesday, March 22nd through Friday, March 25th, 2011 for students from grades K-5, at Seaview and Central Community Schools. The 4 days of activities will run from 9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. each day.

This unique opportunity is part of a partnership between Simon Fraser University and School District 43. During the four days of our "School of Wonderstanding," students will participate in six different activities such as cooking, crafts, indoor/outdoor games, dance/sports, science experiments and drama. All sessions are fully supervised by Student Teachers in the Professional Development Program, as part of their teacher training program, working along side certified teachers. Each session is designed to excite and delight participants with hands-on, creative learning opportunities to strengthen the connection of "wonder" and "understanding" for the world around us.

The cost for all 4 days of activities is \$50 per student, which includes supplies and materials. Participants will need to bring a bag lunch, dress comfortably and come ready to have fun!

Sincerely,

Holly Stibbs

Steve Brown-John - Seaview School

Armin Samiei

Heather Roemer - Central School

Patrick Robertson

Community School Coordinators

Shannon Leddy

School District 43

Faculty Associates

Simon Fraser University

Please fill in the registration form and return by Monday March 7th, 2011.

You can access registration form on the Seaview Elementary website under publications.

FINE TUNE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS

Once again, two different parenting programs will be offered this term. As this is only offered in one Zone– make sure you register quickly to assure a space.

How to Talk so Kids Will Listen...How to Listen so Kids Will Talk

6 Week program begins Wed. April 6th and ends on May 11th at

Alderson Elementary:

Time: 9:30 – 11:00

Book cost: \$20.00 (payable first class)

Steps to Effective Parenting.

7 week program begins on March 29th and ends May 10th at

Rochester Elementary:

Time: 7pm. – 9pm.

Book Cost \$25.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

To Register: Email:
[**momichinski@sd43.bc.ca**](mailto:momichinski@sd43.bc.ca)

Phone: 604-313-8902

