



# Birchland Elementary School

## E-News

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### **Around Birchland – [fpearse@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:fpearse@sd43.bc.ca)**

#### **VSO – Meet the Maestro**



On Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, @ 1:30 P.M. Birchland will host Bramwell Tovey, the conductor of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for a session titled “**Meet the Maestro**”. I would like to encourage all members of our community who are interested to join us for this assembly.

A musician of striking versatility, GRAMMY® Award winning conductor Bramwell Tovey is acknowledged around the world for his artistic depth and his warm, charismatic personality on the podium. Tovey’s career as a conductor is uniquely enhanced by his work as a composer and pianist, lending him a remarkable musical perspective. His tenures as music director with the Vancouver Symphony, Luxembourg Philharmonic and Winnipeg Symphony Orchestras have been characterized by his expertise in operatic, choral, British and contemporary repertoire. [READ MORE](#)

#### **Community Forum – Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:15 P.M.**

Please join us in the Birchland gym for the final “Birchland Mural Community Forum”. At this session Todd Polich (artist) will present the draft mural design and provide an opportunity for community members to give feedback. If you are planning on attending please e-mail [fpearse@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:fpearse@sd43.bc.ca) or feel free to just show up.

#### **VSO – Kidz Konserts – **LAST CHANCE****

As part of our ongoing relationship with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Birchland has been gifted 50 tickets to attend the Mother Goose show on May 18, 2014. If you are interested in attending this concert with your child(ren) please send me an email at [fpearse@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:fpearse@sd43.bc.ca) (or phone message) with the number of tickets you would like. On Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> I will draw names until all of the tickets are given away. For more information about the show please [click here](#).

#### **Matt Hallat – Canadian Paralympic Athlete to visit Birchland**

On Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 A.M. Birchland will be hosting Canadian Paralympic Athlete Matt Hallatt. Matt has competed in Slalom and Giant Slalom on the international stage and recently at the 2014 Sochi Paralympic Games. He will present his story about having a dream, setting goals, and working hard to achieve your goals. His bio can be found [here](#). Parents are encouraged to join us for Matt’s presentation.

Frank Pearse  
Principal

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## Two Weeks at a Glance [\(Click for the full Birchland Calendar\)](#)

Please keep a close eye on the calendar as the next few weeks

- Tuesday, Apr 22
  - Newsletter
  - Track Attack begins – weather permitting (Gr 3 to 5)
  - Lunch Lady (optional)
- Wednesday, Apr 23
  - Matt Hallat presentation (para Olympian)
  - Outdoor Education Club
  - May Pole Dance Practice
- Thursday, Apr 24; Aboriginal Ed & Bricks 4 Kidz
- Friday, Apr 25
  - Grab & Gab
  - Fire drill
  - Birthday Club
- Tuesday, Apr 29
  - Lunch Lady – optional
  - VSO – Meet the Maestro
- Wednesday, Apr 30
  - THEME DAY – Beach Day!
  - BPAC Hot Lunch; Sushi (please order on line)
  - Outdoor Education Club
  - May Pole Dance Practice
- Thursday, May 1
  - Aboriginal Ed Program
  - Bricks 4 Kidz
  - BPAC Meeting – Library @ 6:30 pm
- Friday, May 2; May Day – Opening Ceremonies (May Pole, etc) @ 7:30 pm (dress rehearsal for dancers @ 9 am)

April						
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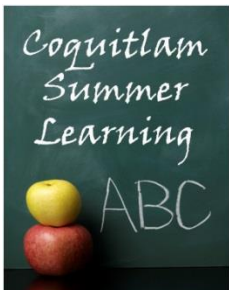
## Safe Schools Task Force

Our district's Safe Schools Task Force is pleased to inform you that Kevin Cameron will be returning to our district in the New Year to speak with parents and all other interested members of our community. This will be part of the three series events entitled "Parenting our Kids in the 21st Century". The date is; May 15th (Charles Best) from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please plan to attend these very useful sessions. [Click here for more information.](#)

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## Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods

We invite you to visit our [Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods section](#) of the District website, which can be found under the News & Events menu, to learn more about the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative, the community engagement process, and an overview of the four properties under consideration.



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### SUMMER LEARNING 2014 ONLINE Registration Dates (6:00 a.m. Opening)

Elementary Skill Building: May 29<sup>th</sup>

Students must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please visit our website and create/update your account **now**.

We are offering courses in Fine Arts, French Immersion, Reading & Writing, Math and Science! See website for full details!

Program Dates: July 8 to July 25

Visit [www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)

## THEME DAY

WEDNESDAY, April 30<sup>th</sup>

BEACH DAY ! – shorts, t-shirts,  
hats, Hawaiian clothes!

Be creative !



## Birchland Apparel!

Is available! Sample sizes are in the front foyer.  
Orders due May 20<sup>th</sup> . [Click here for form.](#)



### BPAC Hot Lunch Program!

*This year, BPAC is excited to offer online ordering for our Hot Lunch!*

BPAC lunches are planned to run every two-three weeks, and 100% profit of our lunches goes directly back into our school! We have already enjoyed Chinese Food from Ming&Sing, Pizza from Freshslice! And Sushi (sushi Shelter 101). We have also set up a Dairyland account which allows us to offer 2% or Chocolate Milk with most meals.

*Once your account has been created (click here to [create](#)), you can order online [www.munchlogin.com](http://www.munchlogin.com) Payments can be made online, or by cash or cheque payable to 'BPAC'*

### Upcoming Lunch Dates

- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Sushi
- May 7 - Chicken Nuggets (TBA, need help)
- May 14 – Booster Juice
- May 21- Ming n Sing (Chinese)

If you have not already set up an online ordering account for your child,  
please visit the [Munch Account Page!](#)



Notice of a meeting of the members

## BPAC Meeting

All welcome! Please help us plan our goals for the 2013/2014 school year! We will also discuss our Hot Lunch Program, Fundraising, and Upcoming activities.

**When: Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Where: Birchland's Library**

Coffee & Tea will be provided

**Hope To See You There!**

**\*Annual General Meeting - Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm \***

\*on-sight childcare provided if needed, please RSVP to arrange Childcare to [goucalves\\_stella@hotmail.com](mailto:goucalves_stella@hotmail.com) or sign up on the PAC Board\*

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## Spring Programming at Minnekhada – Grade 5 Students Welcome

Minnekhada's Spring set of Community After School Programs are now open for registration for grade five aged to grade 8 students in our area. Please find the Spring Programs listed in the brochure (link below). In addition there is also information about the Red Cross Babysitters Program available to all students who will turn 11 by June 3 or are older. This program is offered in partnership with the City's Youth Services Department.

We encourage parents to register online through our web page. Instructions are included on the first page of the brochure or they can simply access this information at [www.sd43.bc.ca/minnekhada](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/minnekhada). If parents wish to register by paper I have attached the relevant form. Also, as we have done in the past, we may be able to include some younger students for some programs however we must have an opportunity to speak with parents first.

Of special interest this time is a new active program, **Circus Arts**, offered by **ACRiX** out of **Club Aviva**.

As in the past we are delighted to have your students attend our after school programs when they are able to do so.

Should you have any further enquiries please contact me as below.

Thank you again we very much appreciate your ongoing support for the community children's activities we offer.

[Registration Form](#)

[Brochure](#)

[Babysitting course](#)

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## SD43 Summer Camp 2014 Information

Minnekhada, Pitt River and Maillard Community Schools are again, this year, offering 6 weeks of Summer Day Camp programs at Central, Leigh and Montgomery Schools. In addition 3 weeks of half day camps will be offered at Miller Park. These Camps continue to be a lower cost option for parents and they are available for all children from ages 6 to 12 years. The Camps are as follows: Central, Montgomery, Leigh - 6 weeks, July 2 – August 9 and the Miller Park Camps – 3 weeks, July 8 - 25 (Noon – 2:45). Camp Leaders will vary activities from week to week and they will be offered in age appropriate groupings. This year parents will again be able to register on-line and use the payment method of their choice. Please click here for the [registration](#) and [information form](#).

For additional information please contact: Heather Roemer at 604 464-0207 or [hroemer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:hroemer@sd43.bc.ca), Steve Brown-John at 604 230-1233 or [sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca), Paul Dondo 778 229-9273 or [pdondo@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:pdondo@sd43.bc.ca) or Dasha Belskaya [dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca)

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## Community Information

The following groups have requested that we distribute information regarding their community events. Although some of these activities may take place in School District 43 Schools we do not organize or endorse these groups or organizations, we simply pass along the information.

**HYDE CREEK WATERSHED SOCIETY "Open House"** - Saturday, April 26th 10 am to 3 pm where children place buckets of young salmon into Hyde Creek. For more information, please click [here](#).

**Junior Mountie "Boot Camp" is taking applications** - Interested in dusting for fingerprints and catching drunk drivers? Applications are being accepted for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Coquitlam Junior Mountie Police Academy...Applications are available at the Coquitlam RCMP main detachment (2986 Guildford Way, Coquitlam V3B 7Y5), any of the [Community Police Stations in Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam](#) or by sending an [email request](#). [Read more>>>](#)

**Coquitlam Express** – latest [newsletter](#) is available on line.