



Birchland Elementary School

E-News

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VSO – Meet the Maestro

On Thursday May 8th, @ 11:10 A.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.

COMMUNITY MURAL DAY

In replacement of the final Community Forum for our mural project we will be hosting a community interaction / paint afternoon from 3:00 – 4:00 on Wednesday May 14th. Anyone who wishes is invited to show up and be a part of the project. Depending on the number who show up there may or may not be an opportunity for everyone to help paint, however this will present an opportunity to chat with our artist, Todd Polich, and view the mural as it takes shape. Please note that although students are more than welcome to attend this event, this is not an opportunity for students to paint (this will be done during class time) and any students who attend will need to be under parental supervision. As you can see below, the mural has begun!



Birchland 40th Anniversary BBQ and Mural Unveiling

On Wednesday, June 4th, we will host the official unveiling of the Birchland Mural and celebrate our 40th Anniversary. Please mark your calendars now, to ensure you keep this date open. The BBQ will run from 4 – 6.

In preparation for this event I am looking for a few parents who want to help out with a Time Capsule Project for the school. The first order of business will be designing and building a time capsule that we can use to store the items we chose for the next 25 years. If you are interested in helping out please let me know (fpearse@sd43.bc.ca or 604-941-3428)

Track and Field Information

With the nice weather we have now begun track and field practices at Birchland. Grade 3-5 students have been participating in Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shot Put, and running events. Weather permitting we will host our ‘Mini-Meet’ on the morning of May 13th. Following this, students who qualify, will be invited to participate in the district track meet on Wednesday, May 21st at Coquitlam Town Center. This event is rain or shine, and last all day.

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

Here are our upcoming events for the next few weeks

- Tuesday, May 6; Lunch Lady (optional)
- Wednesday, May 7
 - VSO – A Morning at the Office
 - Outdoor Ed Club
- Thursday, May 8; Aboriginal Ed & Bricks 4 Kidz
 - Meet the Maestro (11:10 A.M.)
- Friday, May 9; Gr 5 Swimming
- Tuesday, May 13; Lunch Lady (optional)
 - Mini Meet (weather permitting)
- Wednesday, May 14; **BPAC Hot Lunch - nuggets**
 - Outdoor Education Club
 - Gr 4/5 Soapstone Carving
- Thursday, May 15; Aboriginal Ed & Bricks 4 Kidz
 - Welcome to Kindergarten
- Friday, May 16; **Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL**

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Safe Schools Task Force

Unfortunately the “Parenting our Kids in the 21st Century” presentation by Kevin Cameron scheduled for May 15th has been cancelled. The Safe Schools Task Force looks forward to rebooking Kevin for next year.



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

Elementary Skill Building: May 29th

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

SD43 Summer Camp 2014 Information

Minnehada, Pitt River and Maillard Community Schools are again offering 6 weeks of Summer Day Camp programs at Central, Leigh and Montgomery Schools as well as 3 weeks of half day camps at Miller Park. These Camps are a lower cost option for parents and they are available for children age 6 to 12. 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 be able to register on-line and use the payment method of their choice. Please click here for the [registration](#) and [information form](#).

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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.

Junior Mountie “Boot Camp” is taking applications - Interested in dusting for fingerprints and catching drunk drivers? Applications are being accepted for the 4th 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.

Birchland Apparel!

Is available! Sample sizes are in the front foyer. Orders due May 20th. [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 Payments can be made online, or by cash or cheque payable to 'BPAC'

Upcoming Lunch Dates

- 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.

Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday, May 29th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Birchland's Library

Coffee & Tea will be provided

Hope To See You There!

on-sight childcare provided if needed, please RSVP to arrange Childcare to goncalves_stella@hotmail.com or sign up on the PAC Board