



# Birchland Elementary School

## E-News

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### BPAC

The second page of this E-News contains a lot of important information from the Birchland PAC (BPAC).

As I am sure you have noticed our parent group has been very active this year! Coming out to PAC meetings is a great way to get involved in the school and find out how you can help.

**PAC MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 PM**  
**Birchland Library**

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

Please keep a close eye on the calendar as the next few weeks are very busy!

- Tuesday, Oct 15
  - E News letter
  - Lunch Lady (optional)
- Wed, Oct 16; field trip to Pumpkin Patch: Mrs. Baruffa, Rutherford & Lloyd
- Thurs, Oct 17
  - Shake out – earthquake drill
  - Aboriginal Education
  - BPAC Meeting @ 7 pm library
- Fri, Oct 18
  - Grab & Gab; 9-9:30 foyer
  - Grade 5 bowling; 1:15 – 2:55 pm
- **Tues, Oct 22**
  - **PHOTO DAY; individual, class, grade 5 and panorama**
  - Lunch Lady (optional)
- Wed, Oct 23; BPAC Hot Lunch – booster juice
- Thurs, Oct 24
  - Grade 4/5's; field trip; Aquarium
  - Aboriginal Education
  - Birthday Club
- **Fri, Oct 25; Pro D Day = NO SCHOOL**

October						
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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, Upcoming activities and vote in our remaining PAC positions.

When: **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **7pm**

Where: **Birchland's Library**

Coffee & Tea will be provided

The Agenda will be posted to the PAC Board at 9am on October 16<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to have an item added to the agenda please email Brittany @ [Leavoldwall@shaw.ca](mailto:Leavoldwall@shaw.ca) or post it to the PAC Board by 3pm October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Hope To See You There!**

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

### 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 and Pizza from Freshslice! 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

- October 23– Booster Juice & Hot Dogs
- November 6– Sushi
- November 20– Pizza

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



## Bulldog Cinch Sacks!



**\$10**

Order online  
[www.munchlogin.com](http://www.munchlogin.com)



**Watch for our Next Fundraiser! Coming home**

## Fundraising

With First Aid Kits



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## E-Forms

If you have not already done so, **please take a few minutes to fill out our on-line e-forms**. The forms can be accessed from our school website or by clicking [here](#). Please note that these forms are in addition to the “Verification” sheets that were sent home and that the Emergency Release Form and Medical Alert Form must be printed and sent to the school in hard copy. If you would like a paper copy of any of the forms to fill out please contact the office.

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## After School Programs – Registration forms available on our website

**Science Alive** – Although this program started today there is still space to register (fees will be pro-rated)

Science Alive is a community outreach science program run by students in the Applied Sciences Department at Simon Fraser University. Instructors are trained to deliver a variety of hands on activities to school aged children. This program has been offered at a number of schools in our District and it is offered in other Districts as well. We are very pleased to welcome this Program to Birchland Elementary School and to offer it to your children in grades 2 to 5.

This Program is themed around a **variety of topics**. Each session combines theory and application with interactive hands-on activities, experiments, demonstrations and enquiry based discussions. All presentations will support the learning outcomes for Science. Students are able to explore science, engineering and technology in a fun and interactive manner. **Join us and see just how exciting science can be!**

**This program will run from 3:00 – 4:30 on the following Tuesdays: Oct 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 3**

**\$ 40 - 8 Weeks - Room 134 – pick up in foyer (20 seats available - Late registration accepted space permitting)**

**Young Actors Project** – This program is already running, but space is still available (fees will be pro-rated). Join your friends for after-school fun and learn the tips and tricks of your favourite movie and TV show actors!

**All About Me** – This session of All About Me is currently full. Registration for the January program will take place in December.

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## Get Active Card for Grade 5 students

The Tri Cities, in cooperation with School District 43, are pleased to continue the Grade 5 *Active Communities* Program for all School District 43 Grade 5 students. This program has been approved by the Cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody to promote youth involvement in physical activity. We are very excited about this community partnership and we hope that you will be able to take part in it.

A personalized letter was given to each student to take in to the closest Leisure Centre. If you require another copy, please contact the school office. Photo identification card (student must be present for photo to be taken) that you can use from September 16, 2013 to August 31, 2014, to access all drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium programs in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody, **all free of charge!**

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## Student Safety



As we are sure you have heard there have been numerous bear sightings around Birchland in the past week. We will continue to monitor bear activity and communicate with you when we believe there is a bear in the area immediately surrounding the school. As we did last Friday please be prepared in the event that we need to keep your child at school after dismissal until they can be picked up or safely transported home. As we have done in the past we will continue to use e-mail to immediately advise parents if there are bears on or around our school property.

Bear Aware provides excellent safety information about bears: <http://www.bearaware.bc.ca/>

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## School Meals Program

Once again this year School District 43 will be providing the School Meals Program at Birchland Elementary. All food preparation takes place within our school district and the meals are delivered to the school each morning. Order forms will be available on our website sometime this week, and we will send a note to parents when this happens.

The cost for each lunch is \$4, however, as this program does receive outside financial support, families can speak with Mr. Pearse to ask for this charge to be reduced or waived altogether.

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**“I always wondered why somebody doesn’t do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody!”**

- Lily Tomlin

## Our School Is a Healthy School!

The Lunch Lady provides a hot lunch service to your school on Tuesday's starting September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Order Online within 3 days of any lunch date at:**



**[www.thelunchlady.ca](http://www.thelunchlady.ca)**

**Offering families healthy lunch choices in our school!!!**

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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.

**Port Coquitlam Skate Club** – club information is available [here](#).

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

**Harvest Moon** – presented b Aboriginal Education on Friday, October 18. [Click here for information](#).

**Aboriginal Education** – [September Newsletter](#).

**SHARE** has recently launched the SHARE Bear Kids Club! The club is meant to recognize the great work done by our countless young fundraisers and to encourage others to join in! Here's an article recently published about one of these kids: <http://www.tricitynews.com/news/219813641.html> Please find attached a press release about the club and a registration form. You can also find out more information and download the form here:

<http://www.sharesociety.ca/WaystoGivetoSHARE/HowtoHostanEvent/tabid/328/Default.aspx>

**Parenting Wisely** is a course about managing the behaviour of elementary school children. This Parenting Wisely course is being presented by Stan Simister and School District 43. Classes start October 1, 2013 and end on November 12, 2013. [Click here for information](#).

**Fine Tune Your Parenting Skills (for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years old)** - 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. [Click here for information](#).

**City of Port Coquitlam** – celebrating 100 years! [Please click here for information](#).

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

**Fraser Valley Regional Library** - invites all children in kindergarten to come to their local public library and join the All Aboard for Kindergarten program! Watch for the train reading record coming home from school with your child this fall. Bring the train into the library to sign up for your child's FREE library card and a colourful lanyard and holder to keep it safe. Enjoy reading the 100 books that have been specially selected for Kindergarten students. Visit your library regularly to enter prize draws! You'll also receive colouring and activity sheets designed to help your child learn to read. Contact your local Fraser Valley Regional Library for more information about this program.

**Upcoming Events at Place des Arts** - [September 2013 School Newsletter Information](#)