



BLAKEBURN ELEMENTARY



A caring, creative, intelligent school!

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<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/>



SHARE Donations

The donations are piling up for SHARE. The local Firefighters are coming by to deliver our food items to Share on December 17th.

Card Making



Mrs. Hartl and Mrs. Harris organized our whole school in card making for **SHARE**, starting off the spirit of giving.

“Blakeburn Cares”



SWATZ

Once again, Blakeburn is fundraising money for SWATZ, Students Working Together for Zimbabwe. We have been part of this charity for the past ten years. One hundred percent of the money raised is taken to Zimbabwe by a local teacher to buy things like shoes and supplies for orphans and vulnerable children. We also pay for school fees. We thank everyone for their generosity. We raised \$582.88 with our concert collection.



Hampers

Thank you for your generosity in sending in items, gifts, and gift cards for our three families. The response was overwhelming and the hampers will be delivered next week. Our community has provided essential items and cheerful gifts for these families.



Register Online for Electronic Permission Slips & Payment

You can register your online payment account for upcoming fees.

We are currently collecting online for our Tennis program that starts in January.

Here's how to get started today:

Go to:

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>

1. Register your account.
2. View and pay fees online.

It is important to register even if you are not using the online payment option as this is how permissions for field trips will eventually be communicated.

Beyond the Bell

Kids in the Kitchen on Mondays
Jan. 18 – Mar. 7th from 2 :45 – 4 :45pm.

Art Attack (Self Portraits)
Tuesdays Jan.19 - Mar. 8th 2:45-4:15pm.

Register : www.experienceit.ca or 604.927.PLAY

Lost & Found

Please come and check the lost and found. During the Winter Break any items left behind will be donated to charity.

Link to the Calendar

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

Calendar Items

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
14	15	16	17	18 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 Gathering 10:30
January 4 th School District 43 (Coquitlam) Re-Opens	Tennis Begins			

Please note that many families take their children home following the gathering on Dec. 18th. If you do, please sign your child out with the teacher or the office. If you are allowing your child to home with another family please send a letter giving permission so we can ensure the safety of all of the children.

Parking Lot

Our parking lot is simply not large enough to have every parent be able to park and go in and retrieve their child. Nobody should leave their vehicle if you are in the pick-up and drop-off zone. We have people blocking the through traffic.

There are several things you can do to make our parking lot run more smoothly:

- Arrive at 2:50 instead of before 2:45.
- Do not park in the bus zone.
- Do not block traffic; you can loop around and come in again.
- If you have to come into the school, you need to find parking in the neighborhood and walk.

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 am** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 am via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and on CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Pancake Breakfast - Friday, December 18th (in the morning)

The PAC is organizing the annual Pancake Breakfast for the last day of school before winter break. On Friday, December 18th, the Lions Club will be coming to make pancakes for the kids in the school and we appreciate their generous donation of time and skill.

Upcoming PAC events:

Friday, Dec. 18 - Pancake Breakfast

Community Information

City of Port Coquitlam

It is that time of year and we are running Winter Day Camps for 3-5 year olds and 5-10 year olds – see below:

http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/Recreation_and_Culture/Children_Youth/Children_s_Services/Children_Service_s_Winter_Day_Camps.htm



Adult Learning Opportunities

Want to Graduate?

Call our Learning Centre (CLOC) at 604.945.4211 to book an advising appointment – You might be closer to graduation than you think. We have **tuition-free** courses for non-graduates*.

Need a Course or Want to Upgrade a Mark?

Class-room based and self-paced courses are available: Accounting 11/12, Biology 11/12, Communications 11/12, Chemistry 11/12, English 11/12, Geography 12, History 12, Math 11/12 (all) Physics 11/12, Planning 12, Social Studies 11 and more!

High School course registration opens online on December 15th for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is on-going. Visit www.ce43.com for account creation and registration information.



Want to Learn English?

We have free* Foundations classes to support you. Language Assessment is required prior to registration. Visit Montgomery Centre Thursday nights from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Visit www.ce43.com for documentation requirements.

Are you New to Canada?

We have Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes to help improve English Language skills (beginner to intermediate) and provide settlement information and support. These are free classes funded by the Canadian Government through a grant provided by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Daytime and evening classes are available, and child-minding is available for daytime classes.



Government of Canada

Looking for a New Career or Want to Improve Your Skills?

We offer **Continuing Studies Courses**: Accounting, Bookkeeping, Business Communications, Computerized Accounting, Digital Photography, Employment Preparation, Keyboarding, Microsoft Office, Payroll, Photoshop, Records & File Management, Special Effects Make-up & Beauty Make-up, Ten Key Number Pad, How to Get Better Grades in School, Introduction to Medical Terminology for ESL, and Spanish.

We also offer **Diploma & Certificate Programs**: Administrative Assistant, Building Service Worker, Computerized Accounting, Community Support Worker, Dental Receptionist, Games Studies, Health Care Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, and Beauty & Special Effects Make-up. Visit www.vocationalprograms for more information.



Visit www.ce43.com for locations and more information on all of our programs.

*Subject to Canadian status and BC residency requirements.