



Happy New Year!

Welcome back parents and students, we all hope you had a happy and healthy break. We look forward to a positive 2013 filled with great learning opportunities for all students at Central Community School. The second term is a real opportunity to focus on academic progress. We want to build on the

first part of the year and continue to challenge students to achieve their goals in the new year. We have a lot of positive opportunities available for our students in the New Year and we look forward to continued support from our outstanding PAC and parent community. Lets get going!



Central, home of the Chinooks

Digital Newsletters will save money

In 2013 at Central we will be publishing an electronic version of our school newsletter. We will email the newsletter and also post it on our Central Community School website. Please bookmark our website for

easy access to Central information updates. If you would send your email address to "anthomas@sd43.bc.ca" our wonderful secretary, Mrs. Thomas will create a mail out list to ensure you never miss an edition. If

we do not receive your email address we will provide paper copies at the office for you or your child to pick up. "e"-newsletters will help us reduce our paper and photocopying budget and will also help reduce waste in our environment.

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Welcome new staff

- *Ms. Spencer* Counselor
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- *Ms. Prasad* Youth Worker
Monday afternoons and every other morning

60 Minute Kids Club

Central students will get the chance to kick off their New Year with the 60 Minute Kids Club. This is a national school organization that promotes healthy living and exercise for youngsters across Canada. They will be visiting Central in January and encouraging our students to eat healthier, drink more water, increase their exercise to 60 minutes a day

and reduce the time spent in front of a computer or TV. This free program may help motivate some of our students, helps them track their progress and offers some fun incentives for participants. Schools and classes can participate in challenges against each other. Listen for more information about this later in the month. It promises to be a lot of fun.



You can find out more about their program at <http://www.60minkidsclub.com/>

Late French Immersion?

If you have a Grade 5 student who may be interested in Late French Immersion for Grade 6 you will want to attend the information night at

Pitt River. The information night at Pitt is on Feb 20th (7-8:30 pm).

On-line registration begins Feb. 21st at 9am.



Please Help Your Child Be On Time

Bell Schedule:

8:40 AM	First Bell
8:45 AM	School Starts
10:15-10:30	Recess
11:50-12:35	Lunch
2:45 PM	School Day Ends

Please help your child be ready for school. They should be lined up on their class "lollipop" at 8:40 when the first bell rings. If you have to deliver a message or a lunch to your child please bring it to the office. When you are picking up your child at the end of the day please meet them

outside to avoid disrupting classes before their day is finished.



Kindergarten Registration

Full Day Kindergarten Registration for September 2013 – February 5th, 6th and 7th:

Our office will be open to accept registration for Kindergarten children who will begin school in September 2013 from 8:45 am until 3:30 pm on February 5th to the 7th. Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2013 to be eligible to attend in September 2013. It is important that we register as many students as possible to assist us with enrolment projections for next year. Parents should register their children at the elementary school serving their neighbourhood. **Proof of citizenship for parent and child (i.e. birth certificate, PR Card, Passport) and proof of residency in B.C. (e.g. rental contract, property purchase agreement, or tax notice, utility bill, etc) is required.** We will need to see **original** birth certificates for all students who register.



Immunization records will not be collected at the time of Kindergarten registration. However, you may be contacted in the Fall regarding your child's record. Please share this information with families in our community who will have children attending school in September 2013.

Dressing for the Weather

Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for our winter weather. The Ministry of Education is putting greater emphasis on daily physical activity and outdoor play is an important component.

Unless it is really pouring, the children will go outside at recess



and at lunch so that they can get some fresh air and be physically active. Rainproof jackets with hoods or umbrellas are essential! As well, it would be helpful if children had a change of clothes kept at school in the event they get wet or muddy.

Student Safety

If your child is going to be absent please phone the office (604-941-0355) and leave a message clearly indicating your child's first and last name and who their teacher is. If a child is absent and we haven't been informed we will be calling home.

All visitors to the school must first check in at the office and receive a visitors pass. If you would like to meet with a teacher it is always a good idea to call or email and set up an appointment. Please remember to wait outside at the end of the day to pick up your child.





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Thinking, Learning, Caring

[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/
ELEMENTARY/CENTRAL/Pages/
default.aspx](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/ELEMENTARY/CENTRAL/Pages/default.aspx)

**Working together at
Central Community School,
our mission is to foster
life long thinking,
learning,
and caring.**

**We promote responsibility
in a safe and nurturing environment.**

**Next PAC Meeting: 7:00 Monday, January 21st in the
library**

Central
Community
School
Parent
Advisory
Council
Meeting



All parents,
guardians,
teachers and staff
are welcome and
encouraged to
attend.
Refreshments and
goodies will be
served as well.

Central Community School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Monday, January 21, 2013

Time: 7 PM

Location: Library (2nd floor – past reading row)

All parents, guardians, teachers and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments and goodies will be served as well.

7 PM – The meeting commences.

1. Chair's welcome and approval of the October and November 2012 Minutes.
2. Principal's Report
3. Treasurer's Update
4. Fundraiser's Update
5. DPAC Update
6. Parent Ed/Southside Update
7. Old/New Business

Next Meeting – Monday, February 18, 2013 at 7 PM

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Calendar 2012-2013**

Tues. January 15 Recognition Assembly 2:00

Thurs. January 17 Ready, Set Learn 9:00—11:30

Fri. January 25 School Based Pro-D (no school)

Wed., & Thurs. Feb. 6 & 7 Student LED Conferences/Early Dismissal 1:45 pm

Mon. February 11 BC Family Day

Wed. February 13 Recognition Assembly

Fri. February 22 District Pro-D (no school)

Mon. March 11 Reports Home

Fri. March 15 Recognition Assembly/ Last day before Spring Vacation

Mon. March 18-April 1 Spring Vacation

Tues. April 2 School reopens after Spring break

Mon. April 15 Recognition Assembly

Fri. April 19 District Pro-D

Wed. May 8 Kindergarten Orientation 9:30

Wed. May 15 Recognition Assembly

Fri. May 17 School Based Pro-D (no school)

Mon. May 20 Victoria Day Holiday

Fri. June 7 Fun Day

Fri. June 14 Lion's Park Picnic

Thurs. June 27 Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony/Last Day of School

Port Coquitlam South's 3 - 4 Year-Olds, and their families, are invited to a free *Neighborhood Ready, Set, Learn Event!*



School District 43 is pleased to offer a free **Ready, Set, Learn** event for families and their three-year olds in the Coquitlam South neighborhood of schools. Children will be able to participate in a variety of play based learning activities, listen to stories and have a healthy snack. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with local community agencies and school principals.

Each child will receive a free age appropriate book. Parents are encouraged to take the time to read it with their child, talk about the illustrations and have fun spending time together.

Parents will receive ideas for fun learning activities that promote the healthy development of young children, additional information regarding community services and neighbourhood schools. There will also be a fact sheet from the Ministry of Education website which includes a link to a parent booklet, **Ready, Set, Learn: Helping Your Preschooler Get Ready for School**, which offers parents helpful tips for supporting their preschooler's learning and development. Translations of the booklet are also available in 12 languages.

The **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative, sponsored by the B.C. Ministry of Education provides families with an opportunity to make positive connections with the school system and local community agencies.

The *Port Coquitlam South Ready, Set, Learn* event will be located at:

Central Elementary School
Thursday, January 17th, 2013
9:00-11:30 am

Port Coquitlam South Neighborhood Schools:

Castle Park Elementary
Central Elementary
Mary Hill Elementary

Hazel Trembath Elementary
Kilmer Elementary