

Central Community School

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Goodbye Mr. Watkins, Hello Mr. McCutcheon

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It is with mixed emotions that I say goodbye to the Central Community. I have been reassigned to RC MacDonald Elementary effective February 1st. It has been a whirlwind 5 months for me at Central. I have fond memories of my short time here and wish all the best to staff, students and families in the future. I have spent the past month meeting with and preparing your new Principal, Mr. McCutcheon, to ensure a seamless transition and

continued progress for Central.

Sincerely,
Mr. Watkins



Hello Central Community my name is Tristan McCutcheon and I am pleased to be named your new Principal. I look forward to working with the teachers and parents in providing the best environment and education possible for students. On the occasions that I have visited Central, I've come to see it as a dynamic, energetic, and exciting place to be. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I'll see you soon.
Mr. McCutcheon

**Student Led
Conferences**

February 6th & 7th
Early Dismissal 1:45 pm

**Scholastic Book Fair
is being held**

February 6 & 7th
from 2:00- 5:30

Digital Newsletters Available Now!!!

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 in-

formation 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 ad-

dress we will provide your child with a paper copy to take home. "E" newsletters will help us reduce our paper and photocopying budget and will also help reduce waste in our environment.

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten at Central next year? If you do, make sure you register your child. Kindergarten registration begins February 5th at 8:45. Mrs. Thomas has the registration forms in the office and they can

not be given out early. Thanks for helping us get an accurate idea of how many students we will have at Central next year. Please see information on Page 5.



Considering Late French Immersion?

If you are considering Late French Immersion for your child please see page 5 of this newsletter. There are two upcoming information meetings that you may wish to at-

tend:
 Pitt River's Info Night is Feb 20th at 7 pm.
 Banting's is Feb 19th at 7pm
 On-line registration starts at 9 am on Feb 21st.



Random Acts of Caring

Real Acts of Caring (RAC) Week is Feb 10-16th.

10 Ideas for Acts of Caring and Kindness

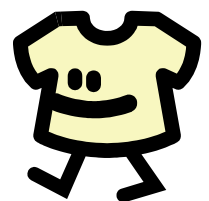
1. Deliver fresh-baked cookies to city workers.
2. Collect goods for a food bank.
3. Drop off flowers to the residents at elderly homes.

4. Adopt a student who needs a friend, checking in periodically to see how things are going.
5. Volunteer to tutor another student.
6. Extend a hand to someone in need. Give your full attention and simply listen.
7. Bring classmates or staff

members a special treat

9. Clean up a classroom for a custodian.

10. Buy a stranger a free treat.



Student Safety

Parents please ensure you are following posted signs when you are dropping off or picking up your children. The rear parking lot is for staff only, if you need to come into the school please park on Central Avenue at the front of the school. There is a No Parking zone directly in front of the school to allow taxis and our school bus to safely drop off

and pick up students. Please refrain from driving up to the front doors of the school to drop off your child. This area is used for deliveries and administration parking only. It is a dangerous place to try to drive during the busy times at the start and end of the school day. Thanks for helping make Central safe for our students.



Library Volunteers

We need volunteers to help shelve books in the library. We were so fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Jose and Mrs. Pathak help us out last year and they made the library look tidy and orderly. Unfortunately, with their schedules this year, they are not able to. The days and times are flexible.

A criminal record check is required. Please contact Jasmine Pilling, teacher librarian by email jdvpilling@sd43.bc.ca, by phone: 941-0355, or just stop by the library on Thursday and Friday.



Cross Catchment Process

Are you planning to register your child at a different school next year? Do you plan to have your Grade 5 child attend a different Middle School than Pitt River? If you are planning a cross

catchment move the process begins February 8 at 9:00AM and closes February 20 at 4:00PM. Schools need to know your plans ASAP in order to ensure the correct staffing numbers. See Pages 6/7



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Learning, Thinking, Caring



Be sure to check out Central's school website:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/central/Pages/default.aspx>

This is the best place to keep informed about activities and events taking place at Central and in our Community. Add it your favourites on your computer and visit regularly to keep up to date.

Next PAC Meeting: 7:00 Monday, February 18th 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.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2013

Kindergarten registration for September 2013 will be held throughout the district on February 5, 6, 7, 2013.

Parents should register their children at the elementary school serving their neighbourhood/catchment. Please bring the following documents:

Proof of citizenship for parent & child (one of): birth certificate; passport; PR Card; Canadian Citizenship Card.

Proof of BC residency for parent (one of): rental contract; property purchase contract; income tax statement; property tax statement; and **two** of the following documents: utility bill; BC driver's licence; BC vehicle registration; Canadian bank or credit card statement; BC ID.

Only those students who are five years of age by December 31, 2013 can be accepted for September 2013.

Further information on the Kindergarten program may be obtained by phoning your neighbourhood elementary school.

Late French Immersion Registration (Grade 6 entry)

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS:

If you are considering **LATE FRENCH IMMERSION** in September, 2013 you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program.

Meetings will take place at:

BANTING MIDDLE SCHOOL

820 Banting Drive, Coquitlam

Tuesday, February 19th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

PITT RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

2070 Tyner Street, Port Coquitlam

Wednesday, February 20th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Please be advised that registration for Late French Immersion will be done online from Feb. 21-28, 2013.

Registration forms will available online only starting February 21 at 9:00 a.m.

For further information visit our website: www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

Cross Catchment Application Process 2013 – 2014

Parents can apply for a school outside of their neighbourhood catchment school. Should you want to choose a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school you must submit a "Cross Catchment Application" as outlined below. Approval of applications is based on availability of space and facilities.

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school on February 5th, 6th, or 7th **before** completing a Cross Catchment Application, **except** those students with siblings at the requested school (please see below).

Confirmation of Sibling Status: Grade 1-12 students, who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment, will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will be in attendance when the student begins at the out of catchment school). Parents need to complete the cross catchment application confirming sibling status.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance when the student begins at the out of catchment school) and are requested to register at the sibling's school. Therefore parents do not need to fill out a cross catchment application verifying sibling status.

Features of the 2013-2014 Cross Catchment Process:

- There are two separate applications:
 - Kindergarten Cross Catchment
 - Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment (including a section to confirm sibling status)
 - **Applications will be accepted starting February 8th @ 9:00 a.m. and close February 20th at 4:30 p.m.**
- The District is encouraging use of the electronic version of the application form accessed through the District website (www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning February 8th at 9:00 a.m.
- The school locator on the district web site provides a student's designated catchment area schools. Catchment is based on home address.
 - Paper forms will also be available at all schools as of February 8th at 9:00 a.m.
 - All completed paper applications must be returned **in person or by mail** to the School district Office at 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7 by the closing date. **Faxed or email copies will not be accepted.**
- Process details:
 - Applications will be processed based on the **availability of space in schools** and on a **first come-first served basis (in-district priority then out-of-district)**.
 - Approval of a cross catchment application is only applicable to the designated school requested by the student and assigned by the district. Changing levels (elementary to middle or middle to secondary school) outside of the student's assigned catchment school requires a further cross catchment application and approval.
 - The system will automatically mark the time we receive the application for the online process.
 - The receptionist will mark the date and time of all paper copies as they are received at the front desk in the School Board Office.
 - The District will then enter the paper applications into the online system and record the appropriate date and time.

- Principals will be able to access information about applications as they are received.
- The process will close off promptly at 4:30 pm on February 20th.
- The District response to cross catchment applications will be communicated in writing and/or email during the week of March 11-15, 2013.

Important Information about Schools at Capacity:

A number of schools have reached capacity and it is anticipated they will continue to be in this position for the next few years. Please be aware that the District can only approve cross catchment applications up to the available space in any given school and students within the catchment have priority for placement. The following schools are at capacity:

Aspenwood, Glen, James Park, Leigh, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Rochester, Walton Elementary Schools and Summit Middle School

While applications are accepted for all schools, please be aware that the District can only approve 'cross catchment applications' if space and facilities are available.

Southside Family of Schools for Parental Education

Proudly Presents

“Supporting School Success: Helping children develop independent and effective approaches to learning”

An Evening with

Dr. Nancy Perry, Professor, Human Development Learning and Culture, UBC

Thursday, March 14, 2013

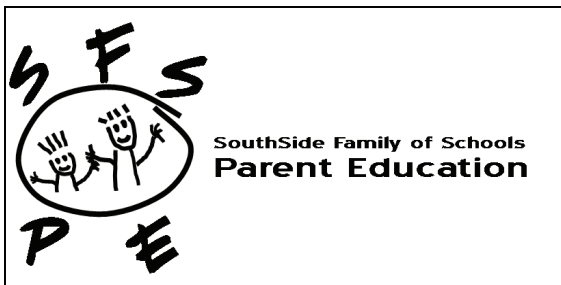
6:45 - 8:30pm

at Kilmer Elementary School

Cost: \$3/adult or \$5/couple

Free Child-minding available with

Advance registration at ssfspe@gmail.com



CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Calendar 2012-2013

Wed., & Thurs. Feb. 6 & 7..... Interim Reports/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

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Monday, February 18, 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 January 2013 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