



# CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

School District 43 (Coquitlam)  
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**MAY 2013**

## **Mission Statement:**

*Working together at Central Community School, our mission is to foster lifelong thinking, learning and caring while promoting responsibility in a safe, nurturing environment.*

## **Interesting Things to Come**

May is an exciting month. Read below for updates on the month.

1. This past Friday, May, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Central students participated in the Maypole Dance Festival. I proudly watch our students represent Central wonderfully throughout the entire evening. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Doris Wilcox and Mrs. Tracey Cunningham for their work preparing our students over the past month. Other special note, two Central students had specific roles in the celebration. Congratulations to the following:
  - Erin Upsdell – Flower Girl (extraordinaire)
  - Shailin Djavanmardi – First Princess (This comes with yearlong responsibilities at numerous events throughout the year)
2. Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> is National Teacher Day. Central is fortunate to have a committed and exceptional staff. Thank you to all the teachers for their efforts
3. Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is Kindergarten Orientation Day. Parents of the new Kindergarten group are invited to bring their child and attend a meeting at 9:30 in the kindergarten room. Riverside Secondary students will be on hand to run activity stations while parents are meeting with teachers. **Also, the scheduled Student Emergency Release at 1:50 has been cancelled.**
4. Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Central is a polling station. Get out and vote.
5. **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, is a Pro-d Day. Teachers are working but school is not in session for students.**
6. **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is Victoria Day holiday. No school.**
7. Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the district Track and Field competition. Central students have been working on their track skills throughout April and will continue during May. This all culminates in the opportunity to compete against other schools. Good fun!!

As you can see, lots going on and time is flying by. Hope everyone has a great month.

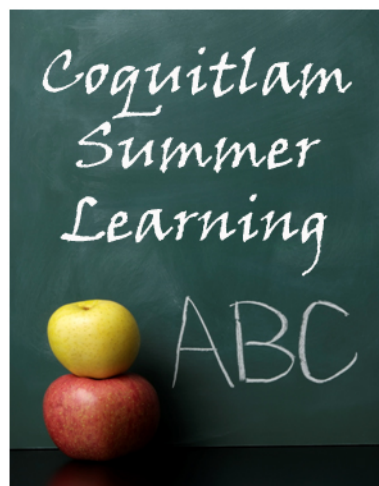
## **ATTENTION PARENTS**

If you are interested in **our tuition-free\* SD43 Summer Learning Program**, please visit [www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca) for information on how to create or update your online account. The student PEN number is required to create the account - please visit the school office for the number. You will need to create your account as soon as possible to make sure your account is approved before course registration opens.

### **Registration Dates (All start times at 6:00 a.m.)**

Elementary & Middle: May 28th to July 5th  
Secondary Remedial: May 21th to June 28th  
Secondary Skill Building: May 28th to June 28th  
Grade 10 Credit Courses: May 7th to June 28th  
Grade 11/12 Credit Courses: May 9th to June 28th

**Visit [www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca) to create an account.**



## **A message from the PEN Project organizers:**

Remember all those pennies you donated to the PEN (Providing Education Need) project last year? Central donated \$284.80 of the total \$11,000! This money has been donated to the organization **Free the Children**, to build a school in Sierra Leone. Thank you Central!

**Two Key Indicators for Student Success in School**

For some students, academic success comes naturally while for others it is a struggle. There have been copious studies trying to measure the elements of academic success. As you can image, the results have produced numerous theories and contributing factors. However, there have been some consistencies in the results of the research. These consistencies include attendance, both arriving on time and attending in general, and participation in extra-curricular activities enhances and improves student academic success.

Some might think that attendance is a “no-brainer”. Obviously you need to attend to learn. The part of attendance people often overlook is arriving on time. When students are late, they enter class missing part of a lesson. It’s like pulling out of your driveway right onto the highway. You can’t get up to speed quick enough and you’re constantly looking in the rear view mirror for information. This sets the tone for the day. Personally, I feel behind if I haven’t been able to wrap my mind around the day before it starts. Arriving to school on time allows students to become mentally prepared for the day.

Participating in the school’s extra-curricular events and programs is another way for student to be invested in school. Sports, clubs, and community programs provide students something exciting and engaging to look forward too. Central students are fortunate throughout the course of the year to have a multitude of possible activities in which to participate. I believe no other elementary school in the district offers the opportunities like Central. The staff provides numerous clubs and sports, currently in the ‘track attack’ season, while Heather Roemer plans and organizes community programs for after school. This all helps to engage students more fully in school which has a positive impact on their academics.

In the end, if you ensure that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time while participating in extra-curricular activities you will be helping your child toward greater academic success.

**Are you Moving?**

Are you planning to move over the summer? If so, this information would be helpful to us in our planning for the new school year. Please inform our office, as well as the school in your new neighbourhood, as soon as possible. As well, it is critical for our September staffing that we register all Kindergarten students who plan to attend Central in September 2013. **If you know of any families in the neighbourhood who haven’t yet registered their children for Kindergarten, please encourage them to do so.**

**PoCo Scouts** has openings for boys and girls in 2013-2014. Beaver Scouts (K-Grade 2), and Cub Scouts (Grade 3-Grade 5). Check pocoscouts.com and contact Mr. Brian Knight at [lknight@telus.net](mailto:lknight@telus.net) or 604-552-1473.

MAY		JUNE	
8	Emergency Release <b>CANCELLED</b>	7	Fun Day
9	Lunch Lady	14	Lions Park Picnic/Lunch Lady
13	PAC Meeting 7:00	27	Leaving Ceremony/Last day of school
15	Recognition Assembly		
17	School Based Pro-D		
20	Victoria Day Holiday		
21	District Track Meet		
23	Lunch Lady		
29	Panorama Photo		

**Central Community School Yearbook**

**Have you reserved your copy of Central’s 2012-13 Yearbook???**

This cool keepsake, which is \$20, highlights class life, clubs, teams and general fun at Central. If you are interested please see Mr. McCutcheon or Ms. Thomas in the office for an order form.

Thank you to Ms. Campbell and Mr. Huston for their efforts in maintaining this initiative as we are one of the only elementary schools in our district to have a yearbook. Get those order forms in as soon as possible and receive a yearbook at the end of the school year. Thank you.



**Central Community School  
Yearbook 2012-2013**

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## **We Need Your Help!**

Have you ever thought of volunteering for PAC?

Central Elementary PAC elections are taking place on May 13, 2013 at 7 PM. All positions are open for nominations at this meeting. We encourage all to attend, and very much welcome new faces.

Next year is our big 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. We are hoping to have many fun activities to celebrate, but need more help! Please consider coming out to help us.

Remember that all money raised by any PAC fundraiser goes directly back to our school and children.

Parents of children going into kindergarten next year are also encouraged to come and see what the PAC is all about.

We are looking into having child minding at our meetings, and will also accommodate different meeting times/days for new members of the 2013/14 PAC, so don't worry if our current days/times don't work for you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a PAC member.

Again, we hope to see many new faces. Please consider coming out to our **May 13** elections meeting and seeing what we are all about.

Sincerely,  
Irene Harrison, PAC Chair

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### **Central Community School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, May 13, 2013

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor – past reading row)

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

7:00 PM – The meeting commences.

1. Chair's welcome and approval of the April 2013 Minutes.
2. Principal's Report
3. Treasurer's Update
4. Fundraiser's Update
5. DPAC Update
6. Old/New Business
7. Elections for all Positions for the 2013-2014 School Year

**Next Meeting – June 17, 2013**