

Back to School



# Central community School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Hello All,

Well, they are finally in classes. The students came to school this morning eager to find out where they landed. Teachers are keen to connect with their students and start getting into the class routines. The excitement in the building is palpable.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences & Early Dismissals

These are scheduled for Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal time will be 1:45 on both days to accommodate meetings.

### Lunch Green Waste and Recyclables

Those of you who are returning are aware of our green waste and recyclables policy. However, I will review the expectation we have at the school. The municipality has mandated the all homes, businesses and community entities (eg. Schools) green waste and recycle the appropriate materials. At Central we require that students take all their green waste and recyclables home at the end of the day. We are unable to affective manage the collection and disposal of all the materials that students bring and leave. Here are some helpful hints as to how to manage the transportation of materials and limit the materials:

Use plastic containers for sandwiches that student bring back and forth

Keep a large ziplock bag in the lunch to transport green waste like banana peels and apple cores

Students can have water in their water bottles and drink that for lunch as opposed to juice in juice boxes.

Educate your children as to why recycling is important and about the negative environmental impact of litter.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this regard. It is a great opportunity to help the next generation be environmental aware!



### Mission Statement

*Working together at Central school,*

*our mission is to foster life long thinking, learning, and caring*

*while promoting*

*responsibility*

*in a safe and nurturing*

*environment.*

This is an important document. Please arrange to have it translated

此為重要文件,請翻譯成中文.

이것은 매우 중요한 서류입니다, 정확한 번역을 부탁드립니다.

این مدارک از اهمیت ویژه ای برخوردار است لطفا ترجمه شده آن را در خواست بفرمایید.

ESTE ES UN DOCUMENTO MUY IMPORTANTE.POR FAVOR, TRATE DE QUE SE LO TRANSLADEN AL ESPAÑOL LO MAS PRONTO POSIBLE.

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

## EFORMS

We require parents fill out various forms to provide us with information. Specifically:

- School Policy Form
- Emergency Release Form
- Medical Form (if required)

If you wish to volunteer and/or drive you are required to fill out the:

- Volunteer Form
- Driver's Abstract

These can all be accessed on our school webpage and submitted on-line. If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use one at the school or get paper copies to fill out at home.

## NEW STAFF

### New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Central

- Ms. Kehler grade 4/5
- Ms. Nickason grade 4/5
- Ms. Borsbey Language Program on Wednesdays only
- Ms. Oun grade 3
- Ms. Lafond/Ms. Heuchart grade 2/3
- Ms. Osier Kindergarten
- Ms. Kopf Counsellor
- Ms. Pankratz Student Services on Tuesdays only
- Ms. Mobilio Student services

## FAMILY E-MAILS

We like to send out newsletter every one or two weeks via email. Please ensure that we have your correct email by emailing the information below to Mrs. Hein at shein@sd43.bc.ca. Please include the following information when you send the Email.

### Email Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM

KEV is a new payment system which allows parents to pay for all things school related on-line. We would like to utilize this payment opportunity to pay for planners and for those who want to take part in the Lunch program. You are required to create an account. Once you have created the account the required payments should be list for you. Please see the attached information to learn more.

For your information the cost of the planner will be \$10.





## FOCUS ON SAFETY

We share your concern about the safety of our children, and we appreciate parents walking students onto the playground each morning. We also recognize the very limited amount of space available for parking, and that the movement of vehicles in the parking lot and on the street can pose dangers for children. We need your help in the following ways:

1. Do not leave your unattended vehicle running. Please shut off the engine and remove keys before leaving your vehicle.
2. Students have been advised to enter the school yard across the west playground, or on the sidewalk at the east end beside the parking lot only, as walking through the parking lot is a safety concern. Thanks for reinforcing this with your children.
3. We ask that parents walking with their children use the east sidewalk only, and do not cross the parking lot, for safety reasons. Thanks for modelling this safe practice for our children.
4. A pylon barrier will be set up daily to prevent vehicles from entering the front parking. Thanks for respecting that barrier.
5. Please remain alert and aware that children are crossing the street, and are moving along sidewalks near the school. For the safety of our kids, please make an extra check before moving your vehicle.



## SAFE ARRIVAL OF STUDENTS

For your child's safety, we are required to check attendance and place safe arrival telephone calls, at 8:45 am (beginning of the school day). Please assist us by giving us a call or sending a note or email to the teacher when your child is away from school. We do have an answering machine at school for your convenience. If you are unable to call during office hours please leave a message on our answering machine (include your child's name, grade and reason he/she is absent). If the school is unaware of why a child is absent, calls will be made to your home, place of work, or to your emergency contact until we can verify the absence. This is done for your child's safety. Thanks for keeping us informed at school!

## WHEN YOU VISIT THE SCHOOL ...

At the request of our District Office, I have been asked to remind families of school policy about visiting the school and playground, which is put into place for the safety of all children, and to ensure that learning is not interrupted. Please read this important message below.

Who is a visitor? At Central and all schools in School District 43, a visitor is anyone who does not attend class or is not paid to work with students in our building. That means you are a visitor if you are a parent, family member, community member, volunteer, service provider or salesperson. We always welcome parents and visitors to our school, either planned or informally.

### In the School:

1. We do require that all persons (except students and staff) enter by the front entrance only, and check in with the office upon your arrival. This is to ensure the safety of everyone in the building, and to confirm who is on our premises, as per our School Safety Plan.
2. If you have something for your child (forgotten lunch, homework, message), please leave it with us at the office, and we will see that your child receives it in a timely fashion. This minimizes the interruptions to curriculum and your child's learning.
3. If you need to speak with a staff member while you are at the school, please have the office page them.

We appreciate your understanding as we strive to maintain high standards of safety and classroom instruction for your child.

### On the Playground:

1. We appreciate the many parents and caregivers who accompany their children to school, and deliver them safely to our playground each day. Thank you for dropping them off in a safe area, on the sidewalk or at the edge of the playground.
2. Parents are welcome to stand at the edge of the play areas or near the doors to watch their own children at play. It's important to note that if you, as an adult, see an issue, you need to report it to the staff on duty, or the principal, so that we are fully informed and can deal with it. Only staff members have the authority to supervise and have address behavior issues.



Thank you to our school community, our families and our school council for working closely with staff to ensure the safety and learning of all children.

## CALENDAR

Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 22
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 9
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 20
School Not in Session	
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, Nov. 13
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, Nov. 24
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 22

Check out the website for news and announcements!  
[www.sd43.bc.ca/central](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/central)

**Important Notice**

## ATTACHED

Attached to the end of this newsletter is a personalized verification sheet that pertains to your child. Please look them over and change anything that does not apply or is not current. We use these sheets to contact parents (and emergency contacts if we cannot contact the parent) if your child is ill or needs to speak to a parent so it is very important that they are accurate. The emergency contacts are able to pick up the child so please make sure you check with them.

Please take time to make changes in RED pen if possible.



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September 11, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I warmly welcome returning and new families to our school district. I hope your summer was enjoyable.

School start-up and the month of September are busy and exciting times of year for students and parents. Every year staff process enrolments, plan class lists, and organize classrooms, among many other important tasks required to get students settled into classes as smoothly and quickly as possible.

As you may have already heard, districts across the province were to adhere to class size and composition requirements starting this September. District leadership, administrators, teachers and staff have worked diligently over the past several months to prepare the schools for your children, especially in light of the changes for this year.

To meet the requirements, SD43 has hired many additional teachers. The district has also been working for several months and throughout the summer to convert rooms to needed classrooms with several added at various schools.

Our district prides itself on being a top-performing district with some of B.C.'s highest student achievement levels. This year, as we implement the redesigned curriculum and innovative approaches to teaching and learning, we continue to strive to help every child achieve individual success.

Again, welcome back. I wish your family all the best for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Patricia Gartland'.

Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent of Schools  
School District No.43 (Coquitlam)



**Length of your school day: 8:44 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

## 2017–2018 Calendar

Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 5
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 22
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 9
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 20
School Not in Session	Friday, Nov. 10
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, Nov. 13
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, Nov. 24
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 22
Winter vacation period	Dec. 25 – Jan. 5
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 8
School-based Pro D Day	Monday, January 29
School Not in Session	Friday, Feb. 9
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 12
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 23
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 16
Spring vacation period	Mar. 19 – 29
Good Friday	Friday, Mar. 30
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr. 2
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, Apr. 3
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 20
School-Based Pro D Day	Friday, May 18
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 28
Administrative Day	Friday, June 29