

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

Kilmer Elementary School

Friday January 30th, 2015

9:00-11:30 am

South Port Coquitlam Neighborhood Schools:

**Castle Park Elementary
Hazel Trembath Elementary**

**Central Elementary
Kilmer Elementary**

Mary Hill Elementary

Ready, Set, Learn! 2014—2015

Program Details

The *Ready, Set, Learn* Early Learning Initiative, which welcomes three and four year-olds and their families to the school system, will continue to operate as a neighbourhood model for the 2014—2015 school year. To share the school district early learning opportunities for young children and their families, where appropriate the Ready Set Learn events will be held at StrongStart locations. We will be varying the times of the events to accommodate families schedules. We will continue to invite the Early Childhood community providers to participate in these events. New to the events this year will be the participation of the Tumblebus — the original gym on wheels! These events will be fully funded by the Learning Services Department.

For each Community of Schools the Early Learning Team will provide:

- A common event framework consisting of: StrongStart activities (intellectual/physical (fine and gross motor)/artistic aesthetic development); LEAP BC activities; public librarian story time; a healthy snack; distribution of RSL materials to participating families
- All required materials, supplies and snacks
- Advertisement of events in local newspapers
- Print advertisement materials appropriate for use in school newsletters and on websites

Participating schools will:

- Advertise events through school-based communication networks
- Coordinate 6-8 volunteer students to set up, facilitate LEAP Activities, and clean up
- Set up tables to share school-specific information; principals are to be present to answer parent questions regarding their schools
- School staff are invited to develop and offer learning activities for participants
- Complete the ministerial RSL survey electronically

Mark Your Calendar!

Ready, Set, Learn! 2014-2015

<u>Community of Schools</u>	<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Event Time</u>	<u>Event Location</u>
Port Coquitlam South- Castle Park, Central, Hazel Trembath, Kilmer, Mary Hill	Friday January 30th, 2015	9:00-11:30 am (set-up at 8:15)	Kilmer (Gym)
Port Moody- Glenayre, Harbour View, Miller Park, Moody, Porter, Seaview	Thursday February 5th, 2015	9:00-11:30 (set-up at 8:15)	Seaview (Gym and Library)
Coquitlam East- Baker Drive, Meadowbrook, Mundy Road, Ranch Park, RC MacDonald, Riverview Park, Cape Horn	Friday February 6th, 2015	1:30-3:30 (set-up at 1:00)	Meadowbrook (SS Centre and Gym)
Port Coquitlam North- Birchland, Blakeburn, Cedar Drive, Coquitlam River, Irvine, James Park, Leigh	Tuesday February 10th, 2015	9:00-11:30 (set-up at 8:15)	Coquitlam River (SS Centre and Gym)
Heritage Mountain- Anmore, Aspenwood, Heritage Mountain, Mountain Meadows, Pleasantside, Bramblewood	Wednesday February 11th, 2015	4:00-6:00 (set-up at 3:15)	Heritage Mountain (Gym)
Central Coquitlam- Eagle Ridge, Glen, Nestor, Walton, Westwood, Hampton Park, Panorama, Pinetree Way	Thursday February 12th, 2015	1:00-3:30 (set-up at 12:15 pm)	Nestor (SS Centre and Gym)
Coquitlam South- Alderson, Lord Baden-Powell, Mountain View, Parkland, Rochester, Roy Stibbs	Tuesday February 17th, 2015	1:00-3:30 pm (set-up at 12:15 pm)	Roy Stibbs (SS Centre and Gym)

Please note that the dates, are subject to change .