



Irvine Elementary

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Our Mission Statement at Irvine Elementary is, "Working together to create a safe and nurturing environment that challenges and motivates our students and promotes a lifelong joy of learning."

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February	25	Kindergarten Vision and Hearing and screening 9:00am
	25	Young Performers Workshop 3:00-4:15 in the library
	27	Pink Shirt day
	28	Volunteer information Session - Becoming a Coquitlam RCMP volunteer; City of Port Coquitlam Council Chambers, 2580 Shaughnessy St, Port Coquitlam, 6:00-8:00pm - see information below
March	1	Coffee with the principal 8:45-9:30 (please note the change in time as Mr. Shannon has to leave at 9:30, at the latest, for another meeting)
	4,11	Young Performers Workshop 3:00-4:15 in the library
	8	Kindergarten field trip to the VSO - 8:45-12:15
	8	Hot Lunch (PAC Sponsored) - Little Caesars
	12	Classroom and Panorama Photos
	12	TCBY - after school (by the cage outside) 2:45-3:15
	13	Term 2 reports home
	13	School traffic safety presentation (sponsored by SD43 DPAC); 7:00-8:30pm in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre (1100 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam); see information below
	14	Early dismissalal (1:43)
	15	Last day of school before Spring Break
	18-29	Spring Break
April	1	School Reopens

Principal's Message

Each year on Valentine's Day, a special thing happens. I get to go to our kindergarten classes and ask them about really important things. Here are some of their responses to questions about love, dating, and relationships. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did hearing them.

1. **Where is the best place to go for dinner on a romantic date?**

Div. 8 - White Spot, Orrange, Costco, a buffet, Walmart, a sushi restaurant, chocolate
Div. 9 - home, Subway, a taco restaurant, a restaurant with chocolate, McDonalds
Div. 19 - a pizza place, the supermarket - buy stuff and eat it, a bakery, Popeye's, IKEA
Div. 20 - somebody's house, The Keg, a cruise, McDonald's, Boston Pizza, Mario's

2. **What does it mean to fall in love?**

Div. 8 - when you see someone you like, to care about someone, to really like each other, when you get married
Div. 9 - you really like that person, get a heart,
Div. 19 - kiss, have a wedding, show you care and love someone, give a special card, go in a kiss buggy
Div. 20 - give something to someone to make them fall in love, ask someone to go to a concert, ask someone to go on a date, a wedding

3. **How much should one spend on an engagement ring?**

Div. 8 - \$200, \$1, \$50, \$3, \$1000, \$2000, infinity, \$6
Div. 9 - at least \$10000, \$5, \$100000, 2 million, \$10
Div. 19 - one million, \$1, \$2000, \$49, \$800, \$9900, \$99000
Div. 20 - \$6, \$50, \$7, \$100, \$116, \$70, \$191+\$191

4. **If someone could not afford an engagement ring, what could they get instead?**

Div. 8 - a teddy bear, wedding dress, earrings, something everyone needs for life, a bow, a TV, flowers
Div. 9 - just a normal ring, lego, a rose, go on a date, jewelry
Div. 19 - \$1, hair lotion, a luck charm, a charm bracelet, a present
Div. 20 - hair band, a crown, flowers, diamond necklace, fancy watch, fancy glasses, a rainbow bear necklace

5. **What do people do on a first date?**

Div. 8 - get married, buy presents, get something to eat, buy a rose, get a cat
Div. 9 - play, go to a special restaurant, go to the park, get a wedding dress, go to the beach, shop for toys
Div. 19 - go out for dinner, go on a car ride, have a kiss and hug, go to Costco, go to a nice restaurant
Div. 20 - kiss, go to a restaurant, give each other their wedding rings, go to a movie, go on a cruise

6. **What's the best thing about getting married?**

Div. 8 - giving somebody roses, seeing your family, watching all you family come over to your house, having a child, buying a new couch, going for sushi

Div. 9 - getting a ring, kissing, being in love, getting a purse

Div. 19 - having fun, having cake, getting presents, loving each other, dancing, playing, the diamond ring

Div. 20 - a stakeout, kissing, getting the cake, getting flowers, eating cake, getting a fancy watch

7. **What's the worst thing about getting married?**

Div. 8 - people watching you, saying bad stuff to people, fighting, kissing

Div. 9 - standing in front of everyone, kissing, if you can't find anyone to marry (another student sitting next to that student - "That's sad.")

Div. 19 - going home, being in a costume and nobody takes any pictures, having a baby

Div. 20 - singing, sitting on hay, putting pie in the girl's face, living in a barn, not getting a ring

PRICELESS!

Traffic Concerns and Safety around Irvine

One of the most important elements to a successful school is team work. As such, this means working together toward a common goal or vision, and when this happens successfully, the results are often greater than expected.

One of the most important issues that we all need to work together to improve is traffic safety in and around the school. I do not know of anyone who would object to making changes / decisions that would keep our kids safer. I have listened to parents individually as well as collectively (in our PAC meeting this past Wednesday) and there are some serious concerns about traffic in and around the school.

On both Wellington and on Renton, there is signage that is clearly visible that lets you know where you are not allowed to stop or park. On Wellington, this extends from the lower parking lot to Renton Ave. (on both sides of the road) and on Renton, the signage is in several places along the entire Avenue. On Wellington, stopping near the crosswalk to let your children out to come down the steps into the front doors of the school may just, "take a second," but when you do this, you obstruct the view of other drivers along Wellington and put anyone trying to cross the street at risk (because drivers may not see them). Add to this that cars are often speeding along Wellington (PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED IN ALL SCHOOL ZONES) and it makes things even more dangerous.

Traffic safety is (likely) an issue in all schools. I know that the vast majority of people obey the traffic signs. I also know that there are some days when, for whatever reason, we are in a hurry, late, etc. I ask that you take the extra time necessary to ensure the safety of your own children as well as the safety of the rest of the children that attend Irvine.

Two final notes: please do not park on any of the streets and block driveways. I know that this is something that should be straightforward, but it happens. Also please remember that the upper parking lot is for staff only. The only exception to this are the two spaces for those with parking permits. Please do not park in either of these spaces unless you have an appropriate permit. Thank you.

Traffic safety meeting

On this same topic, the SD43 DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) is having a school traffic safety session on March 13th at Winslow Center. It should be a good opportunity to see what DPAC, SD43 and the RCMP might have to offer.

TOPICS FOR THE SESSION WILL INCLUDE:

Driving today
Road rule refresher
Police reporting
Personal safety
Pedestrian safety (walking to school)
Transit safety

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Gallery Room, Winslow Centre, 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

Register: The event is FREE, but they ask that you please register.

Full information is here:

<https://dpac43.ca/school-traffic-safety-free-parent-information-session-for-all-parents-of/>

Coquitlam RCMP Volunteer meeting Feb. 28

As mentioned in the calendar section above, there will be an information meeting for anyone interested in becoming a Coquitlam RCMP volunteer. The session is FREE but the seating is limited. You are asked to register via email: coquitlam_cps@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or call 604 945-1586.

PAC News

PAC meetings are held in the school library and begin at 6:30pm. Our PAC Meeting Schedule is as follows:

April 17, 2019 (6:30pm-8:00pm)

May 15, 2019 (6:30pm-8:00pm)

June 19, 2019 (PAC Social 7:00pm-10:00pm)

District / Community News

Please feel free to check out the Publications and Community Listings and links on our district webpage at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/publications.aspx>