



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

March	15	Last day of school before Spring Break
	18-29	Spring Break
April	1	School reopens
	4	Fruit and Vegetable Program
	5	Coffee with the principal (8:45-9:45)

Principal's Message

As we approach the final days before spring break, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Irvine staff, parents, and community. You have been very gracious in accepting me into the school and community. This has helped a great deal because there is an enormous learning curve when moving schools mid-year. It requires closing things at one location and starting over at another. It means connecting with students, staff and parents, while also learning about the processes that are in place. There is also a lot of contact that happens between admin from both the school that one is being moved to as well as with the admin from the school one has left. This all takes time and is part of the process required to build on the strengths of what we have and what we need to continue to move forward.

I cannot believe that it has already been six weeks. I am looking forward to many more. Thank you all and here's wishing everyone a happy, healthy spring break with friends, family and those you care about.

D. Shannon

Irvine Elementary Update

I will periodically (as information comes to me) update you on the progress of the building of our new school. Here is the latest information:

As you are probably aware, as a part of the Ministry of Education's Seismic Mitigation Program, École Irvine Elementary School is going to be replaced with a new building. The new school will incorporate a modernized learning environment for the students and staff as well as child care space for the community.

The planning for the new school is well underway. The architects are working on the final set of drawings and the school district is looking forward to submitting the Environmental Development Permit to the City imminently and submitting the application for the Building Permit in the late spring. Construction will follow as soon as the permits are approved.

In the meantime, there are two playgrounds (the ones closest to the gravel field) that need to be relocated prior to construction. The playgrounds are anticipated to be relocated further south on the property during the summer so there is no disruption at the school during the spring.

The permit submissions are later than expected due to cost escalations in construction as well as complexities around the adjacency to Hyde Creek; however, district staff and the architects are working diligently to expedite the project timeline as much as possible.

New Recycling Program in SD#43

The district will be implementing a new recycling / waste management program after spring break. There will be bins located at various points throughout the school. The bins will be arranged in groups of four and will be shared among classrooms. The four bins will include those for: mixed recycling (paper, plastic, cardboard, glass and metal), organics (food, food soiled paper, compostable products), refundables (bottles, cans, juice boxes / tetra packs); and waste (plastic wrap, Ziploc bags, wrappers, styrofoam, wax or foil coated paper). Classrooms will also have a smaller bin for mixed recycling (which will get dumped into the larger, communal bin).

We met and had an assembly last week to let the students know about these changes, and the district has adopted the saying, "Know where it goes, think before you throw." It is the district's hope that we will all start to rethink the way we look at recycling and adopt the 4 R's - rethinking - before buying something, we consider other options that produce less waste; reducing - we reduce the amount of materials that produce waste; reusing - we reuse products, such as shopping bags, to extend the life of materials; and recycling - we recycle as a last resort after rethinking, reducing, and reusing.

Each of the bins will be clearly marked and will have reminders about what can go in them. There will also be new dumpsters that will be delivered to schools for each of the different bins.

We will be having another assembly after spring break to remind our students about this new program.

Beyond the Bell (Port Coquitlam Recreation)

Information for Beyond the Bell can be found on our school SharePoint site. I have also included it as an attachment to the newsletter. For the next term, Indoor soccer will be offered (after school on Mondays) from 2:45-3:45pm and Art Attack will be offered (after school on Fridays) from 2:45-3:45pm. All registration information is included in the attachment.

Traffic Concerns and Safety around Irvine

I wanted to include this message again, but also wanted to add some other information about traffic safety. Students are making their way to the front doors of the school by walking through the parking lot. Please let your children know to walk around the parking lot rather than through it. Traffic can get busy in the mornings and we do not want to see any accidents. This is also true for students riding bikes.

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. The staff parking lot is not a drop off area.** Thank you.

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>

Summer Learning

Please refer to the attachment included with the newsletter, that outlines summer learning for 2019.

Power of Ideas Open House

Terry Fox Secondary is hosting our 3rd annual Power of Ideas Open House Event on Wednesday April 24th from 4-8pm.

All ages welcome to come and celebrate an evening of Science and Innovation. Fascinating, interactive exhibits are presented by BC's top science institutions like Science World, Triumph, UBC, SFU, Douglas College, Science Alive, Geering Up, Mad Science, BC Hydro and more. Play with Robots, make your own Ice Cream, weave your own Aboriginal Cedar Bracelet, vote our Fox Science Fair Finalists to victory and much more!

More info: <http://csukainnovation.com/csukapage/power-of-ideas/>

Grade 5 Get Active! Reminder

A reminder to the grade 5's to get their Grade 5 Get Active! pass if they haven't done so already.

Instructions to Obtain the Grade 5 Pass

The Grade 5 Get Active! pass provides free admissions throughout the school year to all drop-in activities. Passes are [valid until September 2, 2019](#). Please keep the Grade 5 Get Active! pass safe; if the pass is lost or damaged, replacement cards are available at a nominal fee of \$5.

To receive a Grade 5 Get Active! pass, please bring the following documentation to one of the facilities listed below:

- A letter of verification from School District 43 from the school's administration (not a teacher) identifying the applicant as a Grade 5 student.
- Birth certificate or Care Card showing the student's age as of December 31, 2018.
- Proof of Coquitlam residency ie. Phone, Hydro, Cable, Gas bill or Property Tax Notice. **(Note: Driver's license, Care cards and PO Boxes are not acceptable as proof of residency.)**
- Your child - to have their picture taken

Bring the above documentation to one of the following locations:

- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex - 633 Poirier Street
- City Centre Aquatic Complex - 1210 Pinetree Way
- Pinetree Community Centre - 1260 Pinetree Way

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