



MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY

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November 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians;

Our fall term is more than halfway complete and students are actively involved in a wide variety of learning activities. There is such enthusiasm in classrooms for learning! Students are exploring with math manipulatives, using technology (laptop learning in the intermediate grades, use of the computer lab from Kindergarten to Grade 5), collaboration in science activities, having guest presenters in, using their oral language skills for small group and school wide presentations....your children are thriving in their classrooms! It is such a pleasure for me to spend time in classrooms observing the wide variety of learning styles that are incorporated. If you haven't been into the school, but have a few minutes sometime next week, come in and take a peek at one of numerous bulletin boards. While they are only a small sample of student learning and school based activities, you will likely be impressed by the creativity of Mundy Road students.



Our grounds were kept in tidy shape by three thoughtful students; Hannah F and Alison A - current Mundy Road students and Isabel A, a former Mundy Road student. They took it upon themselves to tidy up the school grounds after Hallowe'en weekend. We are very appreciative of their community spirit and extend a BIG thank you to all three girls. Their random acts of social responsibility have a positive effect for everyone here at Mundy Road and we appreciate their dedication to improving our school grounds.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

If you were able to join us for that we had an outstanding array have served our country. Mrs. thoughts on 'War and Peace', Mrs.



The World', and presented the wreath, Ms. LaFleur's class read "In Flanders Fields' and all 4 of our grade 1/2 classes recited "See The Poppies". Mr. Porter's technology skills allowed us to have the video of the 'Last Post' displayed. Thank you to all of the teachers and their students for taking the time to share their thoughtful messages of peace and to honour Remembrance Day.

ASSEMBLY

the Remembrance Day Assembly you will know of presentations that paid tribute those who Kroeker/Mrs. Mills' class (Division 1) read their Johnson's class sang 'Make Peace All Around

YOUR SUPPORT

Another HUGE thank you to the Magic Show amazing amount of work - and once again, our this event a great success. The Magic Show on 'grabbed' Mrs. Wood - who volunteered to be part of Mr. Bortignon for his willingness to be part of the act.



Committee! What an community support made October 23rd certainly the show! Thanks also to Every audience member makes

a difference to these events but it all could not happen without the time, effort, boundless energy and countless hours of our dedicated parent coordinators. A special thank you to Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Antunes, Mrs. Duncan, Ms. Babcock, Mrs. Meech, Ms. Meek, and Mrs. Battista and their helpers - many hands helped make this a very successful evening.

READY, SET, LEARN

'Ready, Set, Learn' is an event that is held each year and it is for 3 and 4 year olds. On **Tuesday, November 16th**, from **5 pm to 6:30 pm**, this event will be held at Mundy Road. This program is specifically for our preschool age children and their parents/guardians. There will be activities on literacy and physical development; a healthy snack; and information for parents/guardians to take home. We will have some public librarians here, as well as our fabulous StrongStart Facilitators. This is a perfect time to come and visit with all of us! Anyone with children this age is welcome to attend. Mundy Road is hosting the event for Cape Horn, Baker Drive, Meadowbrook, Mundy Road, Ranch Park, Riverview Park, or RC MacDonald and the school administrators will be here to meet you. We know that all of us have friends from all over the district -so if you wish to bring a friend from somewhere else in our district, that's fine too. We hope to see you here!

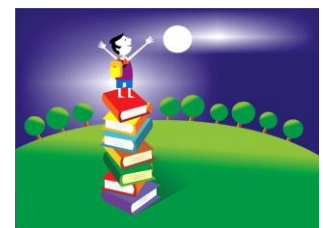


REPORT CARDS FOR TERM 1

During the week of November 29th to December 3rd, the first formal report cards will be sent home. This report indicates how your child has progressed through the learning outcomes for this first term. Some students also have Individual Education Plans which are being sent home during the next few weeks. These Individual Education Plans are for students with special learning needs and they are updated every term, with the report cards. We have scheduled parent/teacher interviews for December 8th and 9th. Please note that both days are **early dismissal days**. Students are dismissed at 1:50 on both the 8th and 9th. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's educational needs prior to this time, please contact your child's teacher directly. By working together, we can support your child's learning and strengthen the home/school educational bond. We thank you for being involved and being proactive in this partnership with your child's teacher and Mundy Road.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are having the Scholastic Book Fair this year on **December 7th to 9th**. Students and parents can shop ahead for gift suggestion- books make such wonderful presents for children of all ages! The book fair requires volunteers - if you can help out, please contact the Book Fair Coordinator, Mrs. Fowler. We will have the book fair open one evening, on the 8th, and this does coincide with Parent/Teacher Conferences - so if you are a few minutes early, or have a few minutes after your Parent/Teacher appointment, we invite you to come by and see the vast selection of both fiction and non-fiction literature. There is truly something for everyone!





SNOWY WEATHER

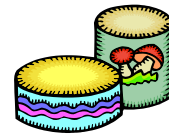
In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day. Parents and caregivers, please check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m. and be sure to hit the 'refresh' key when checking back. The district website posting is official - there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing. You can also tune in to **CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM** for updates.

STRONGSTART CENTRE

If you didn't know already we're very proud to say that Mundy Road has a StrongStart Centre (Room 114). Our StrongStart Centre is in its 2nd year and participation continues to grow - and we invite anyone who has children from newborn to 5 years of age (prekindergarten) to come and join us! Ms. Rayna Conn is our early childhood Education Facilitator and she is incredible. Our centre is open from 12:45 to 3:45, Monday to Friday when school is in session. Whether your child enjoys participating in music, creating art, exploring building centres, listening to stories, working on puzzles, or are keen for physical movement (in the gym or outside) - it's all there for your child. Please see the information at the end of this newsletter, or contact Ms. Conn at rconn@sd43.bc.ca

MUNDY ROAD WE CARE - WE SHARE

We are once again collecting for SHARE's Food Bank. Beginning on **Monday, November 29th** Mundy Road will be gathering donations for the SHARE Food Bank.



LOST AND FOUND

We have many items in our Lost and Found that would like to find their home! Lost mittens, boots, scarves, lunch kits, sweaters.....if your child is missing something from their closet, please come by the table in the front of the foyer. You may wish to label your child's clothing ahead of time, as we do check and endeavour to return it to the owner whenever we can.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Please join me on Tuesday, November 30th from 9 am to 10 am. Everyone is welcome!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER	
16 th	Ready, Set Learn – District Event for 3 and 4 year olds – Mundy Gym
22 nd	Hearing Screening at School
23 rd	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
23 rd	PAC Meeting – Everyone Welcome – 7 pm - Library
DECEMBER	
1 st	Christmas Market in the gym starting at 10:30 am for classes
3 rd	1 st Term Report Cards go home
7 th to 9 th	Scholastic Book Fair – Volunteers Needed ☺
7 th	Popcorn day coordinated by the PAC
8 th & 9 th	Early Dismissal for students at 1:50 pm ~ Parent/Teacher Interviews
14 th	Concert – Dress Rehearsal 1:00 pm at Mundy Road
15 th	Concert at Montgomery Middle 6:30 pm
17 th	Pancake Breakfast coordinated by the PAC
17 th	Last day of School before the Winter Break
JANUARY 2011	
4 th	School Re-Opens
14 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
21 st	PAC Meeting – Everyone Welcome - 9 am - Library
25 th	Popcorn day coordinated by the PAC
28 th	Pro D Day – Non Instructional Day for Students
FEBRUARY	
8 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
14 th - 25 th	FSA to be given to grade 4's during this time
16 th & 17 th	Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal at 1:50 on both days
18 th	Pro D Day – Non Instructional Day for Students
22 nd	Popcorn day coordinated by the PAC
23 rd	'Wear Pink' Day – Anti-Bullying Day
24 th	PAC Meeting – Everyone Welcome – 7 pm - Library
MARCH	
13 th	Daylight Savings Begins
18 th	2 nd Term Report Cards Go Home
18 th	Last Day of school before Spring Break
APRIL	
4 th	School Re-Opens
12 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
13 th	'Fizzle Fissicks' Fine & Performing Arts Performance 1 pm - Gym
15 th	PAC Meeting – Everyone Welcome – 9 am - Library
21 st	Pro D Day – Non Instructional Day for Students
22 nd	Good Friday – Schools Closed
25 th	Easter Monday – Schools Closed
26 th	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
MAY	
10 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
23 rd	Victoria Day Holiday
30 th	PAC Annual General Meeting – Everyone Welcome – 7 pm - Library
31 st	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
JUNE	
29 th	Last Day of School for Students
30 th	Administrative Day for Teachers

Mundy Road PAC News

November 2010

Letter from the PAC Chair

Thank you to all the Mundy Road Families who have worked hard to support our fundraising efforts through selling Entertainment Books and Tax Deductible Donations. Your hard work brings us closer to meeting our projected budget for spending on all the little things our children benefit from throughout the year.

A big thank you as well to all the families and parents who worked so hard to make our 2010 Stage Fright Magic Show a success! What a wonderful night it was and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of all of you! Stage II of the playground replacement plan is well on its way!

There are so many jobs around the school that need volunteers! If you are interested in helping out in any way big or small please let one of us know!

Take Care and have a Wonderful November!

Teresa Battista
PAC Chair

Magic Show Update

The Mundy Road Elementary Kaplan's "Stage Fright: The great way to kick off Halloween you is given to the organizing Shannon Antunes! The event fund!!!



Playground Committee's presentation of John Thrill-usion Show" on October 23 was a and much fun was had by all. A huge thank committee led by Suzanne Clements and raised just under **\$5000** for the playground

Entertainment Books

Thank you for your support with the Entertainment Books. 134 books were sold making a profit of \$1653.18.



Tax Deductible Donations

We are still accepting tax deductible donations as we are still far from meeting our \$7900 goal for the year. Please see the donation form on our website that went home at the beginning of the year for more information. Cheques can be made out to Mundy Road Elementary School. These donations go directly to making the school a better place for our kids!

Scratch 'n' Donate Booklets

Scratch 'n' donate booklets are due back now. This fundraiser has brought in \$1000 so far and the playground committee would like to thank everyone who has donated and collected money.

Holiday Market

This year's well-loved a chance for families to Christmas shopping. All wouldn't be having a notice that went home last week as well as posted on the PAC website.



Holiday Market will take place on **Wednesday, December 1**. This is donate items to be purchased by their children as they start their proceeds go to providing a Christmas to a Coquitlam family that "Christmas" without our help. All the details on this event are in the

Teacher's Wish List

Every year PAC uses some of its funds to purchase items from the Teacher's Wish List at \$50 per class. This includes a wide range of items identified by the teachers that directly benefit your child's learning, such as Math Manipulatives or a ghetto blaster. This year, in addition, each class will try to make more of the teachers' wishes come true. Your class liaisons will be in touch with parents soon to see what they can help with, whether it is a donation of an item or cash donation to purchase these items. Of course, this initiative is entirely optional.

Cut for Cancer

Several students attending Mundy Road Elementary have shown interest in donating their hair for the purpose of making wigs for those people living with cancer that lose their hair as a result of cancer treatment. Allegria Hair Salon has offered to come to the school in the spring to help with any hair donations to the cancer society. The sign-up sheet for this is available at the office now. In order to donate, you must have a length of 8 inches, and it cannot have been bleached, permanently coloured, relaxed, permed, highlighted or otherwise chemically treated.

Smile Cards

Our Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising Program is underway! As of October 31st we have earned...**\$343.45** This money is going towards our Playground Fund and we have until June 4th, 2010 to make this grow! Last year we earned **\$2,194.41** and I think we can surpass that...maybe even reach our maximum amount of \$3,000!

And *it's not too late to begin the program*...if you (or your friends, family & neighbours) would still like to receive a Smile Card, please contact me, Dalene Schulz, Playground Committee: Direct: 604-970-8174 or Email: dalene-schulz@shaw.ca

Spirit Wear Coming in November

Spirit Wear is now available to order. Sample sizes are available at the office. Please check out the sizes and fill in the order form which was sent home or can be downloaded from our PAC website. Samples will be available until Friday, November 19 and the order forms are due **Monday, Nov. 22**.

At the same time, there are **Grade 5 Shirts** available that are special commemorative t-shirts and hoodies with the unique Mundy Road class of 2011 design. Sample sizes are also available at the office this week and orders must be in by **Monday, November 15**. No late orders will be accepted.



Ice cream Sale

The first ice cream sale of the year will be at recess on Thursday, November 18. Money raised goes towards the Grade Fives School Leaving Celebration. All ice cream is \$1.

Campbell's Soup Labels

Keep saving those Campbell's Soup Labels as donation boxes will be set-up in classrooms shortly. This year, classes will be participating in a contest to see which class can collect the most labels! Don't forget to visit

www.labelsforeducation.ca for a complete listing of eligible products and more information about the program. Also, a colour-photo chart of eligible products is available on our PAC website.

PAC Communication

The easiest way to keep parents informed about PAC news is through email. There are still about 40 families at Mundy Road who have not provided an email address to PAC to send out information such as minutes or reminders of ice cream sales. If you find you are missing things, please email mundyroadelementarypac@gmail.com to make sure you are on the list!

There is a main bulletin board at the front of the school which is meant for news and information that may be of interest to parents. Before posting anything on there, please check with the office for approval.

Check out the Mundy Road PAC website for the latest information and documents:
www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/mundyroad/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx



Important PAC Dates

Thurs, Nov. 18 Recess	Ice Cream Sale
Mon, Nov. 15	Grade 5 Shirt Order Due
Mon, Nov. 22	Spirit Wear Order Due
Tues, Nov. 23, 7 pm	PAC Meeting
Tues, Nov. 23	Popcorn Day
Wed, Dec. 1	Holiday Market

Kid's Christmas/Holiday Market Wed Dec 1st, 2010

Hello to parents and guardians of Mundy Road students!

The planning for the fourth annual Kid's Christmas/Holiday Market is well underway.

What is it? This event is meant to be an affordable, fun way for students to surprise their family members and other special people in their lives, with parent donated shopping items they pick out, pay for and have wrapped at school. This event cannot be a success without your help! The staff at Mundy Road has decided, with the help of interested parents, to sponsor a Coquitlam family this year that wouldn't be having a "Christmas" without our help. **All proceeds from this event will help sponsor this family at Christmas as well as others in need if funds allow.**

What do I donate as a parent?

Please keep in mind the kids will be shopping for mom, dad, grandparents, siblings and other special people, so a variety of gifts is appreciated for all family members. We are looking for new and **very gently used, CLEAN** items to be donated. Some examples of gifts are candles, candle holders, wine glass tags, Christmas/non Christmas mugs, individually wrapped specialty coffee/teas, hot chocolate, Christmas ornaments, bath stuff (soaps, oils, etc), golf balls, golf tees, chocolates, candies, adult/kids books, play doh, videos, cd's, cd cases, lego, comics, and toys/items that your own children have outgrown but are still in great shape and waiting to be played with by someone else. Please make sure that items are **clean and complete**.

This is a great time to clean out the closets, make some space for yourself, pass on some great items that others will be able to enjoy AND contribute to giving a Coquitlam family an extra special Christmas. That's more than a win/win situation.

We suggest you leave a box or bag somewhere handy and add items each day as you organize each room in the house. We all have items in the bathroom, kitchen, living room, "gift box" etc. that we do not use but would make great gifts for others. Ask your child(ren) for help and get them involved. They will enjoy passing on items they have outgrown or no longer play with as they clean up their room. This is the perfect time to "regift" any new items that you don't need.

With a little effort, you will be amazed at what you can dig up in your own home. Please try and send at least as many items as people your child(ren) will be shopping for. Some children might need "suggestions" ahead of time as to what they might look for a certain person, but please remember, it is their chance to shop and should be their decision. This event is meant to be a fun and affordable way for the children to surprise their family members at Christmas. **Most items will be priced at under \$5.00 with the majority of those at \$2.00 or less.**

Wrapping: So the children can bring home gifts ready to be placed under the tree, we are also looking for donations of **gift tags**(which are always in short supply) **gift and cellophane bags** are preferred but also gift wrap, tissue, small boxes, bubble wrap, **tape** refills for dispensers and plastic shopping bags. We have plenty of bows already this year. If you are donating breakables, a suitable box, it would be MUCH appreciated.

If possible, please send your **donations** to your child's classroom on **Friday Nov 26th or Monday Nov 29th**. We will continue to accept donations until the morning of Wed Dec 1st but would really appreciate the bulk of donations on Friday or Monday so we can start sorting and pricing these items.

When is the event? Wed Dec 1st during school hours. Students will participate at designated times (to be announced) throughout the afternoon and should bring smaller change ie: quarters, loonies, and toonies (no \$10's or \$20's please) to pay for their items. This is a good opportunity for the students to expand on their understanding of money.

Parents, older siblings not attending Mundy Road and staff are invited to shop **AFTER** the students have had first choice at all the treasures (ie: after school). **NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE** as this is an opportunity for students to shop for loved ones! **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to shop from approximately 2:45-3:15pm, however, giftwrapping will no longer be able. You will be amazed by what is overlooked by the students and still left at the end of the day.**

Teachers/Parents: Perhaps you could suggest that the students ask if they can do "extra" chores at home to earn some spending money for the market. Talk to your children about **who is going to be helped** by the money raised. See, it really is a win/win situation! Please **remind your children that they are NOT shopping for themselves but other family members and friends.** Talk about a number of items that might be suitable for certain people so that the children have a bit of direction of what to look for and yet have the option to choose themselves. Prepare a list if that helps.

Want to help out more?

Extra hands will be needed to sort and price items, set up tables, wrap items, accept money etc. If you would like to help out with this event **either on the day of or Monday Nov 29/Tuesday Nov 30**, please contact Ingrid at 604-936-2611 or davitt@telus.net. All items will be brought into the gym the morning of the event (Wednesday Dec 1) so even 15 minutes of your time is a HUGE help. At least 25 volunteers are needed this day to reduce line ups at the wrapping area and to help with sales. It is a great, fun but exhausting day. Come for the day if you can or a few hours if that is what you can spare. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer at this event yet, please try to do so this year and if you have, please come back again- **we need you!**

Thanks to everyone in advance for your involvement in making this a fun event for the children and for helping out a Coquitlam family. After all, isn't that what Christmas is really about!

Also, if you are interested in shopping, wrapping etc. for the sponsor family, please let me know. I plan to donate wrapped socks and toques for the homeless and will need assistance wrapping those as well.

Yours Sincerely,

Kid's Holiday Market/Sponsor a Coquitlam Family Committee:

Ingrid Davitt

davitt@telus.net or 604-936-2611

Mundy Road PAC
Families Helping Others:
Blanket/Clothing Donations for the Homeless –
From Christine Shovar

Socks are in sort supply! (New or used)

I work for the Downtown Community Health Clinic run by Vancouver Coastal. We are located on Princess and Powell Street, right in the heart of the Downtown Eastside. We bring donations directly into our clinic, sort through them and give them directly to people who come in off of the street. Our clinic has doctors, nurses, TB clinic, lab, HIV clinic, Hep B clinic, community workers, counseling, dieticians, pharmacy, home support and more all within our space. It is an amazing place run by amazing people, and donations are greatly appreciated. I would love to collect seasonally appropriate **ADULT MEN'S AND LADIES'** clothing items, including jackets, socks, pants, shirts, toques, gloves. They must be clean. Blankets are another huge item, as well as decent shoes. Once the feet get wet the body can't get warm, so dry **socks and shoes are a must, along with coats**. Any help would be greatly appreciated. We have just handed out our last coat and the shelters do not open until November. The nights are getting colder. **Please bring all blanket/clothing donations to the office in bags labelled "Clothing donations" or drop off at Christine's house located at 1950 Edgewood Ave. PLEASE put clothes in drive way beside the chimney under the eaves.**

If dropping off at the school, please email Ingrid at davitt@telus.net AFTER dropping off so that I can pick up the clothing in a timely manner. Clothes are needed year round but should be seasonally appropriate due to storage issues.

Please forward any questions to Christine at cshovar@shaw.ca, or Ingrid davitt@telus.net

Thank you,
Christine Shovar

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Annual Coquitlam Christmas Craft Sale

Once again we have our annual Christmas Craft Sale at the Poirier Community Centre, 624 Poirier Street. Please mark your calendar for:

Friday, December 3 from 5 to 9pm

Saturday, December 4 from 10am to 4pm

Sunday, December 5 from 11am to 4pm

Over 120 crafters have been busy making fabulous gifts for everyone on your list and beautiful home decor items to pamper yourself.

Admission is \$2 and supports local charities.

Contact Stephanie or Samantha at 604-469-9669 or coquitlamcrafts@canada.com.