

MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Throughout this fall I have been able to work in many classes with students as well as supervise on the playground and in the gym. It has been my privilege to be read to by our newest readers in grade 1, serenaded by students who are bursting with musical energy, asked to play games during lunch hour in classrooms and on the playground. I have learned new "rules" of an invented game and are impressed by the enthusiasm of students at all grades. The learning that takes place in the structure of a classroom is vital to students, as is the social learning that takes place on the playground during our recess and lunch time.

Whether they are outside or inside during these break times, students are still learning. The playground learning is around how to interact with others in a democratic and reasonable manner - or simply put: 'play fair, be nice'. It has been a statement echoed across playgrounds for many years, and likely was heard by many of us growing up when we dealt with a sibling who was causing some squabble at home. It is still an outcome we strive for in our school community, in and out of the classrooms. We hope that students of all ages learn to strengthen their collaborative skills, continue to learn how to compromise with each other, establish fairness when taking turns, think about equality when in disagreement with a classmate and how to express oneself so that both parties feel heard and respected.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was held this morning and students were incredibly attentive and respectful. Throughout the presentations by fellow Mundy Road students, they listened and were focused. The somber tone of the assembly was understood as students remained very still during our Minute of Silence and during 'Last Post'. Many of the parents and guests who attended today's assembly commented on the outstanding behaviour of all our students - and for some of students who are not yet 5 years of age, this is not always easy to do! For our older students who waited patiently to be dismissed demonstrated thoughtful awareness of this assembly and the meaning of Remembrance Day. Today we had a wonderful experience in respect - and for those in our audience, I am sure you agree as we were all very, very proud of our Mundy Road students!

During our school day we strive to teach students the importance of fair play, ways to be inclusive with others and to treat each other with respect - all good lessons in life. We know that parents and caregivers support these lessons, as students come to school quite familiar with those themes.

Please congratulate your child(ren) on their awareness of today's assembly - they were fantastic!

Please make sure you read the school calendar dates in this newsletter or at www.mundroad.ca

We will see all our students on Tuesday, November 15th, when school reopens. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend!

MUNDY ROAD WE CARE - WE SHARE

We are once again collecting for SHARE'S food Bank. Please be on the lookout for upcoming information on our collections which start December 1st.



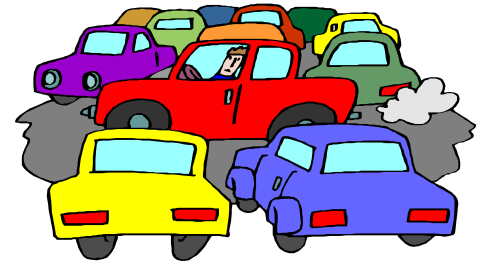
FORMS FOR THE OFFICE



We are still missing several of the Emergency Release forms. These forms are available on-line at www.sd43.bc.ca/mundyroad under eforms. This information is used to dismiss students in the event of catastrophe and need to be placed in the earthquake bags in every classroom. **THESE FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR.** If you cannot access the

e-forms online, please let Mrs. Hein know and she can send one home with your child.

PARKING AVAILABILITY We have parents who are still parking in the front parking lot. The front parking lot is for staff members only. Parents can park their vehicles along Mundy Road, or along Tolmie or Warrenton and then walk along the community pathways into the school. If you wish to drop your child off at the front doors, you may do so - but you may not park. Please watch your child enter the front door, and then exit the staff parking lot. We have had mornings where staff members cannot park their vehicles.



WEATHER DAYS

Extreme Weather Information

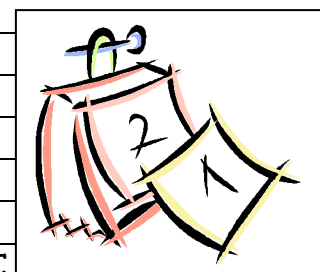
In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day.

- Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back
- The district website posting is official - THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL THE SCHOOL or the Board office after viewing. Please do not call the school to request information about closure, as staff are attempting to make it to work under adverse conditions and may be trying to call into their location.
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates

If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they should keep their children at home.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
11 th & 14 th	Schools Closed
15 th	PAC Meeting - 7 pm
18 th	Grade 4s and 5s to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
22 nd	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
23 rd	Spirit Day - JERSEY DAY! Wear your favorite sports jersey
23 rd	PAC Meeting - library - 7 pm - Everyone Welcome!
30 th	Christmas Market (gym all day)
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
1 st	Fine & Performing Arts Group 'Story Theatre' performance at 1 pm
6 th	Pizza Day
14 th	Christmas/Winter Concert - Dress Rehearsal 1:00 pm
14 th	Christmas/Winter Concert - MONTGOMERY MIDDLE GYM 6:30 pm
16 th	Last Day of School before the Winter Break
<u>JANUARY 2012</u>	
3 rd	School Re-Opens
17 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
27 th	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
31 st	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
14 th	Valentine's Day & Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
17 th	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
22 nd & 23 rd	Student Led Conferences - early dismissal both days at 1:50 pm



28 th	Popcorn day coordinated by the PAC
MARCH	
7 th	Fine & Performing Arts Group 'Fizzical Fizzicks' 9:30 am
8 th	Pizza Day
9 th	Last Day of school before Spring Break
11 th	Daylight Savings Begins
26 th	School Re-Opens
APRIL	
6 th	Good Friday
9 th	Easter Monday
10 th	Hot Lunch Day -coordinated by the PAC
20 th	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
24 nd	Hot Dog Day -coordinated by the PAC
MAY	
13 th	Mother's Day
15 th	Hot Lunch coordinated by the PAC
21 st	Victoria Day Holiday
29 th	Popcorn Day coordinated by the PAC
JUNE	
11 th - 15 th	Hip Hop Dance for all classes; performance on the Friday afternoon
17 th	Father's Day
29 th	Last Day of School for Students
30 th	Administrative Day for Teachers

Kid's Christmas Market Wed Nov 30th 2011

Hello to parents and guardians of Mundy Road students! Planning for the MUNDY ROAD's fifth annual Kid's Christmas/Holiday Market is well underway.



What is it? This event is meant to be an affordable, fun students to surprise their family members and other people in their lives, with parent donated shopping items out, pay for and have wrapped at school. This event cannot be a success without your help! **All proceeds raised from this event will help a Coquitlam family who wouldn't be having a "Christmas" without our help as well as others in need if funds allow.**

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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), kitchen gadgets, golf balls, golf tees, ties, gloves, picture frames, 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**. Basically we are looking for any clean, complete item you are willing to donate. You are only limited by your imagination. **Please make an extra effort to donate items suitable for dads/males.**

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 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 or by the office on **Friday Nov 25th or Monday Nov 28th.** We will continue to accept donations until the morning of Wed Nov 30th but **would really appreciate the bulk of donations on Friday or Monday so we know if we are short on donations and can start sorting and pricing the items we do have.**

When is the event? Wed Nov 30th during school hours. Students will participate at designated times (to be announced) throughout the school day 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. **Please bring a bag to carry home your treasures as well** and send extra bags if you have any.

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 or closer to 2:15pm EXACT TIME TBA). **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 2:15-2:45pm, however, giftwrapping will -no longer be able. You may 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 28/Tuesday Nov 29**, 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 Nov 30th) to set up for the event 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!** If you have smaller children, perhaps you can trade off with another parent who will mind the kids while you work at the market. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** TO reduce the line ups for wrapping and to help sell etc. We want children to bring home wrapped gifts and that is not possible without many hands.

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.

THIS IS MY 5TH AND FINAL YEAR RUNNING THE MARKET SO IF YOU WANT TO SEE THIS GREAT TRADITION CONTINUE, now is the time to get your feet wet to see what the market is all about and perhaps think about running with it next year.

Many of the students will have an opportunity to make gift bags for the market over the next month during lunch or recess and perhaps during class time. The giftbags will be put into a pool of giftbags to help reduce the wrap time. If you have any supplies you would like to donate (brown paper lunch bags, glitter glue, stickers, foam pieces etc. please sent them to the office marked "for Kids Christmas Market gift bag making supplies" or if that is too long to write, how about have some fun at home and make them there and send them in.



Yours sincerely,

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

Ingrid Davitt

davitt@telus.net or 604-936-2611

FROM THE PAC

YOU are INVITED! To our COMMUNITY Meeting

November 15th, 2011

7:30pm

Mundy Road Elementary School

All Parents/Caregivers invited to attend

Recent events have provided an opportunity for your PAC and parent community to reflect on the best ways to move forward as a cohesive, open and inclusive community.

This meeting is a chance for everyone in the parent community here at Mundy Road Elementary to contribute their thoughts/ideas and to be heard about their needs/concerns.



Evening will be facilitated by Heidi Hass Gable from our District PAC (DPAC).

GRADE 5 FUNDRAISING

The grade 5 students have begun their last year at Mundy Road School. Each student is already excited about their annual trip to the Cultas Lake water slides in June. In order to make that happen, grade 5 parents must help fundraise money needed for the trip. A fundraising committee has been formed, including Jodi Garofano, Bronwyn Cheema, Tiffany Milligan and Hilary Drexel. With parent and student help, we will be able to raise the funds we need in no time.

Our first fundraiser is happening voted on a logo for their class t-shirt with a blue and white "2012" on shirt and will have all the grade 5 "2012". Once the t-shirts arrive, photo of everyone wearing their the students will receive in opportunity to buy the part of this and get your order in November 21, 2011. We are



purchase a shirt. If you have any concerns regarding this purchase, please speak to Ms. Zimmer and arrangements will be made so that everyone can be included.

now. The grade 5 students have shirts. The shirts will be black the back. This is a keepsake t-students' signatures inside the Craig Andrew will take a group new shirts to add to the yearbook June. This is a *one-time only* shirts. Make sure your child is a to Jodi Garofano or the office by encouraging all the students to

Our second fundraiser is coming up quickly. The grade 5 students and parents will be selling poinsettias this year. The school hasn't done this in a number of years and we think this will provide a great opportunity for families to get an early start on their Christmas shopping. Notices will come out in a couple of weeks and plants will hopefully be ready for pick-up in early December.

The grade 5's will also be in charge of December's hot lunch. They will serve up personal pizzas, drinks, and donuts or chips. Cheques can still be made out to the Mundy Road PAC, however, the proceeds will go towards the grade 5's Cultas Lake field trip in June.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We look forward to supporting your children when they enter their last year at Mundy Road!

The Grade 5 Fundraising Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS



Happy Days Playschool is currently accepting registration for the 2011/12 School year.

We offer morning and afternoon classes to those 3 and 4 years old.

This year we are pleased to announce the launch of our newest program- which is a 5 day per week class that runs from 12:30- 2:30pm. This program is aimed at getting children ready for all day kindergarten, which is now being incorporated into all schools in Coquitlam.

The following classes are NOW accepting registration:

Cricketts: Tuesday and Thursday 9:15-11:15am for those 3 years old (or turning 3 by December 31, 2011)

Dragonflies: Monday Wednesday Friday 9:15-11:15am for those 4 years old (or turning 4 by December 31, 2011)

Bumblebees: Monday to Friday 12:30- 2:30pm for those 4 years old (or turning 4 by December 31, 2011)

For more information visit our website at: www.HappyDaysPlayschool.ca

Upcoming Events at Place des Arts

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

Family Day at PdA!

Sunday, November 20, 1:30-3:30PM

Gather up the family and tour Place des Arts annual *Positively Petite* miniature exhibition. Then participate in a variety of all-ages, drop-in style workshops that celebrate *small* and create your very own lantern in preparation for *Light up the Square a Lantern Affair* on December 3. Don't be intimidated by art, get engaged in it! Admission by donation. **Reserve your spot by calling 604.664.1636 before Tuesday, November 15.**

Light up the Square: A Lantern Affair

Saturday, December 3, 4:30-7:30PM

Welcome in the light during Light up the Square's lantern affair! Discover the Japanese taiko drumming tradition that lures the sun; drop in on a variety of arts and crafts activities for all ages; get into the spirit of the season with live music and song and be entranced by a musical performance of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* staged by RA Productions. This is a free community event.

Workshops for Kids at Place des Arts

1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam | 604.664.1636 | www.placedesarts.ca

Place des Arts has some great workshops for children and youth coming up in November and December. Register by phone at 604.664.1636, online at www.placedesarts.ca or at the Place des Arts reception/registration desk.

Family Time: Felting Fun Workshop (2+ years)

Explore the art of wet felting with your child, and acquire the necessary skills to create finished pieces such as beads, vessels and flat felted pieces. Once you learn the basics of this ancient craft, the possibilities are endless—create embellishments, small wearable pieces and gifts.

9205 • M • Nov 14 - Nov 21 • 2:00 - 3:00 PM • \$28.00

Claymation Filmmaking (11-17 years)

Create your own stop-motion animated film! Plan a story, make a storyboard, design and build your own characters and sets, and then shoot and edit your film, practicing techniques in shot composition, movement and timing. Add voices and music and upload it to YouTube! A digital camera with removable card is recommended for this class.

9139 • W • Nov 23-Nov 30 • 3:30 - 6:00 PM • \$46.50

Felted Christmas Ornaments (8-14 years)

Create beautiful felted ornaments such as bejewelled Christmas balls or a garland of felted stars. Explore different wet felting techniques and acquire the skills necessary to create finished pieces. Felting is quick, fun and a great way to make gifts. Materials kits provided.

9043 • TH • Dec 1 • 6:00 - 9:00 PM • \$29.50

Christmas Clay Magic (4-6 & 6-12 years)

Hey Kids! Make your own clay Christmas decorations and gifts for the special people in your lives in this fun and magical class.

4-6 years

9044 • M • Nov 28 - Dec 5 • 3:45 - 4:30 PM • \$26

9047 • TU • Nov 29 - Dec 6 • 3:45 - 4:30 PM • \$26

9048 • TU • Nov 29 - Dec 6 • 4:45 - 5:30 PM • \$26

6-12 years

9045 • M • Nov 28 - Dec 5 • 4:45 - 5:45 PM • \$26

9046 • M • Nov 28 - Dec 5 • 6:00 - 7:00 PM • \$26

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