

MUNDY ROAD ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)
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October 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we complete the first month of school, and welcome the change of seasons, we are excited about the learning and community building activities that make Mundy Road the terrific school it is! Students are very familiar with their individual classroom routines and the learning expectations that their teachers have for them. Staff has attended one Pro D Day and has ongoing Learning Team Meetings to further their Professional Learning. We're off to a great year!

Our September was busy; we had our Open House, Sports Day (aligned with the National Sports Day of Canada), and our annual Terry Fox Run. At our first staff meeting we committed to promoting activities that contribute to the building of the Mundy Road community. We planned opportunities for students to not only re-connect with old friends, but to meet and spend time with students new to them. We believe that Mundy Road students will continually benefit from the ongoing opportunities to make new friends as well as strengthen the connections they already have.



To help students and parents meet new classmates and family members, we decided to have our Sports Day in September. The date was easy to select - we aligned the date with the National Sports Day of Canada! Students were placed in multi-age 'family' groups, so siblings could be together which allowed their parents and relatives to stay with one group all morning.



The Happy Days Pre-School students had a terrific 'run' - thanks to Happy Days students and teachers for their participation! As well we would like to thank our Monty Middle grade 6 students who volunteered their time to help out at our first fall Sports Day.

Our day culminated in a moving and poignant assembly about Terry Fox and then we went onto the fields for our annual Terry Fox Run. It was great to see so many of you cheering on our students. Our donations are still coming in for the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. Donations will be accepted until October 18th.



A special thank you to the many parents who helped out at the PAC concession and at the Hot Dog lunch. Michaela Kelly (Concession) and Hilary Drexel (Hot Lunch) were the two women who coordinated the volunteers who helped out on these two very popular events. If you want to volunteer for future school events, please contact the Mundy Road PAC at hdrexel@shaw.ca



As a way of furthering your child's learning and giving them the gift of independence, we are asking that parents of students in Grades 1 to 5 say good-bye or greet their child at the undercover area. We are

specifically asking that parents not accompany children down hallways or meet outside classroom doors during school hours, entry or exit times. There are a number of reasons for this. We do, however, invite parents to come in to meet with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time, so that extended conversations can take place. You can arrange such a meeting through the teacher's email, through communication in your child's planner, or through a phone call to the school. Thank you for your consideration and your help with this.

We conclude this week with our first Recognition Assembly of this school year. *If your child is receiving a Recognition Certificate, the school notifies you by email a few days ahead of time.* If you think we do not have your email address, please check with Mrs. Hein at (604) 936-4271.

For those who were unable to attend our Open House, please see the list below which introduces all our staff for the 2012-2013 school year.

Teaching Staff for 2012-2013

Mrs. Francesca Arteficio	Student Services
Ms. Lacey Erwin	Kindergarten - Division 10
Mr. Keith Hansen	Student Services
Mrs. Lorraine Johnson	Grade 2/3 - Division 4
Mrs. Kim Kroeker	Grade 4/5 - Division 1
Ms. Suzanne LaFleur	Grade 2/3 - Division 5
Ms Stephanie Leaman	Intensive Immersion Teacher
Mrs. Maddalena McGovern	Grade 1 - Division 8
Mrs. Maddalena McGovern	Grade 1/Kindergarten - Division 9
Mrs. Laurie Mills	Librarian & Student Services
Ms. Stephanie Perko	Grade 2/3 - Division 6
Mr. Ken Porter	Grade 4/5 - Division 2
Mr. Dave Reis	Grade 4/5 - Division 3
Mrs. Suzanne Thomas	Grade 4/5 - Division 1
Mrs. Lisa Warner	Grade 1/Kindergarten - Division 9
Miss Jessica Woo	Grade 1/2 - Division 7
Mrs. Lucy Wood	Grade 4/5 - Division 3
Mrs. Kristine Wong	Grade 1 - Division 8
Ms. Kelly Zimmer	Principal & Student Services
Support Staff	
Mrs. Christine Cook	Teaching Assistant
Mr. Kim Graham	Afternoon Custodian
Mrs. Sandra Hein	Secretary
Mrs. Twyla Rail	Morning Custodian
District Staff	
Ms. Suzanne Campbell	Audiology Assistant
Dr. John Carter	School Psychologist for Educational Testing
Ms. Rayna Conn	StrongStart Facilitator
Ms. Susanne Mansfield	Speech/Language Pathologist
Ms. Jennifer Weir	Hearing Support Teacher

INFORMAL and FORMAL REPORTS

During the week of October 18th your child will come home with an Interim Report, which is also referred to as an "Informal" Report. This is a halfway point of the First Term, and it will give you a picture of your child's progress and their work habits. The first Report Card will come home on November 30th and is a more detailed report of how your child progressed through the first third of the school year. Early dismissal will be on December 5th and 6th, (1:45 pm both days) to allow for parent/teacher conferences. Student-Led Conferences will take place on February 5th and 6th and early dismissal of 1:45 occurs on both days to allow for students to share their learning with their parents. All Reporting dates are available at www.mundyroad.ca

HALLOWE'EN 2012



On Wednesday October 31st, we will have our Hallowe'en parade at 1 pm in the gym. Students can change into their Hallowe'en costumes during their lunch, (some parents choose to take children home to change, which is great - just please inform the office so we know that they're with you). Each classroom will be making their own plans for classroom activities.

CHESS CLUB On Tuesday's from 12:10 to 12:35, in room 102, sponsored by Mr. Thompson. All students welcome - no experience necessary. Thanks to Mr. Thompson for this innovative idea!

MDI DEVELOPMENTAL INSTRUMENT SURVEY

Over the next 5 weeks, Coquitlam students in GRADE 4 are scheduled to participate in the Middle Years Developmental Instrument Survey. The purpose of the survey is to understand how children during the middle childhood years think and feel about their lives both inside and outside school. The information collected from this study will help inform educational and community efforts to help improve the lives of children. Detailed information and consent forms will be sent home shortly with each grade 4 student.

IMPORTANT FORMS

We do need specific forms to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information so that we can contact you in case of emergency, as well as allow your child to have their picture taken, to go on walks in the neighborhood, to access the Internet, and if your child has a specific health concern, we do need to be aware.

Please look at the list below and check that you have sent these forms back to the school.

- STUDENT VERIFICATION Form (paper copy only)
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Form
- WALKING FIELD TRIP Form
- PHOTO & PUBLISHING Form
- INTERNET Form
- MEDICAL ALERT Form (IF your child has a medical/health concern)

E-forms are available from our website - www.mundyroad.ca If you want a paper copy, we have some at the office.



Please return or complete the forms so that we can ensure our information is up to date and that we are able to keep your children as safe as possible.

PLANNERS

Thank you to those who have sent in the \$10 payment for the student planner. If you have not yet done so you may pay by cash or cheque made out Mundy Road Elementary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our school website - our calendar is updated frequently online and all newsletters are also online for your convenience.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/mundyroad.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

Upcoming events are listed here, and if you click on "calendar" the school year calendar does appear.

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
4 th	Recognition Assembly at 1:45 pm
5 th	School not in session
8 th	Thanksgiving - School closed
18 th	Interim Report comes home
19 th	P.D. Day - Non Instructional Day for Students
17	PAC Meeting - Everyone Welcome - 7 pm - Library
31 st	Hallowe'en Parade 1:00 pm
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
2nd	Recognition Assembly at 1:45 pm
4 th	Daylight Savings Time ends
8 th	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 - Gym
9 th and 12 th	Schools Closed
21	PAC meeting in the library at 7:00 pm - All are welcome
30 th	Report Cards go home
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
5 and 6	Early Dismissal at 1:45 for both days
7 th	Recognition Assembly in the gym at 1:45 pm
19	Winter Concert
21 st	Last day of School before the Winter Break
Winter Break	December 24 - January 4 th
<u>JANUARY 2013</u>	
7 th	School Re-Opens
10 th	Recognition Assembly 1:45 pm
?	PAC meeting 7 pm
28th	Pro D Day - Non Instructional Day for Students

Community Events

Programs at Poirier Community Centre (630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam)

The Poirier Community Centre has a wide variety of programs for school aged children. Here is a sample of some of the programs offered this fall:

The Space Explorers program is designed for those interested in how black holes are formed, how spaceships work, or why the moon seems to change shape? This program is designed for 6 - 10 year olds and runs on Wednesday afternoons from 4 - 5 p.m starting October 3.

Another science focused program that is available is the Young Scientists class. Children in this class will conduct fun experiments that explore the matters of science such as hot/cold, gravity, chemical reactions and more. This program is designed for 6 - 11 year olds and runs on Tuesday afternoons from 4 - 5 p.m starting October 2.

For those children interested in the Performing Arts, there is a new Ballet class being offered that will introduce participants to some basic movements and positions of ballet. This class is held on Saturday mornings starting on October 6.

On Saturday afternoons there is a Drop-in Sports session for 6 - 10 year olds at the Centennial Activity Centre. What a great place to try out some new sports and get together with friends. This session is held on Saturdays from 1 - 3 pm from October 6 - December 8. (\$2.00 drop-in fee).

For more information on these and other programs offered at the Poirier Community Centre please visit www.coquitlam.ca/programs or call the Registration Desk at 604-927-4FUN (4386)