

École Porter Street Elementary A Learning Community

NEWSLETTER

Monday, March 6, 2017

*"Take care of yourself, take care of each other,
take care of this place. Together we are better."*

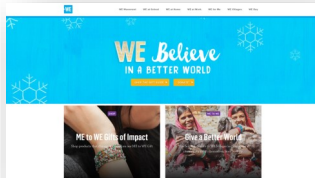
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission at Porter Street Elementary is to create a caring, respectful community of learners.

The school community is focused on creating a socially responsible school climate to enhance student learning.



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An update from our PSLT Porter Student Leadership Team



BUBBLE GUM CHEWING AND BUBBLE BLOWING FUNDRAISER!

Our PSLT is comprised of thirteen extremely motivated Grade 5 students who want to make a POSITIVE and SIGNIFICANT difference in our school, community and globally. Each of these amazing students display maturity, a keen willingness to make a difference, boundless eagerness and endless passion!

The purpose of our PSLT is to help empower and challenge our young people to act with intention and lead with compassion and conviction so that together we can transform the lives of others both locally and globally. Together with the leadership, support and care from two teachers, Ms. Turpin and Ms. McCall, our PSLT meets weekly during lunch to identify the issues that spark their passions and create the change they want to see. We will be on continuous learning journey during the year to find different ways we can support both our local and global communities.

The purpose of this fundraiser was to help a family from East Vancouver who, in early January, experienced a horrible tragedy. Unfortunately, this family had a very devastating house fire and the unimaginable tragedy of losing a child.

On Monday, February 27 our gym became one BIG bubble gum chewing and bubble blowing event!

Our PSLT selected students who were blowing the largest bubbles and brought them to the stage. Our PSLT, then, selected the three students who were consistently blowing large bubbles. Each of the three students earned a \$15 Gift Card to Chapters/Indigo.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Ryan Hutchinson Jason Gu Jenny Yoo

**Wishing all of our
Porter Families
a wonderful, restful and safe
Spring Break!**



**School re-opens on
Monday, March 27, 2017!**



DOGS ON PORTER SCHOOL PROPERTY

We recognize and appreciate that dogs are significant and loved members of some of our families and that parents and caregivers, often walk or bring their dog to school when dropping-off their child at the start of the school day and when picking up their child at the end of the school day.

Several weeks ago, a parent reported that before school a dog defecated on our school grounds; the extremely disturbing part was that the dog-dropping was not cleaned up by the owner. The owner is believed to be a school parent. This report was made after the 8:50 am school bell; upon being reported to us our Caretaker and I cleaned up the dropping and disposed of it. The owner and dog had left.

On another occasion last week before school a parent reported that a dog was running on our gravel field off leash.

Dog feces can transmit disease – PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

Please remember and be mindful that some of our students and adults are scared of dogs; that not all of our school community members are comfortable with dogs – PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH AND IN CONTROL AT ALL TIMES!

EVEN LOUD DOG-BARKING CAN SCARE SOME STUDENTS AND ADULTS – if you own such a vocal dog please keep your dog a safe distance from our students, undercover areas, especially our adventure play areas.

Therefore, please, when dropping off and picking up your child:

- ◆ Other than school drop-off and school pick-up of students, dogs are not to be on school property
- ◆ ALL dogs MUST be leashed AT ALL TIMES and under the direct control of the owner
- ◆ DO NOT tie up your dog and leave unattended at any time
- ◆ ALL dogs MUST remain outside the school
- ◆ Dogs and their owners MUST NOT block entrances to and exits from our school
- ◆ Please keep your dog well away from our school entrances/exits
- ◆ Please keep your dog well away from our school playgrounds
- ◆ DO NOT wait with your dog on or next to paths where students enter and exit our school property
- ◆ Dogs should NEVER be off-leash
- ◆ Dog owners MUST clean up their dog's feces and any residue
- ◆ Please report any concerns to the office

While it is difficult for school staff to supervise school property usage during the evenings and weekends, the City of Coquitlam Bylaw Office has been contacted to help monitor school grounds during these times.

The staff at Porter Elementary School is working hard to ensure a safe and caring school environment and with your cooperation we hope to continue to work with all of our community members.

If someone is caught breaking one or more of the rules above and we can identify the owner we will forward names and details to both the RCMP and City of Coquitlam Bylaws Department.

You risk being fined.



For detailed Porter Calendar Information please click [HERE](#) (Intranet – you need your child’s username and password) or [HERE](#) (Public Website Calendar)

BOOKFAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

Are you ready for the grand total?!

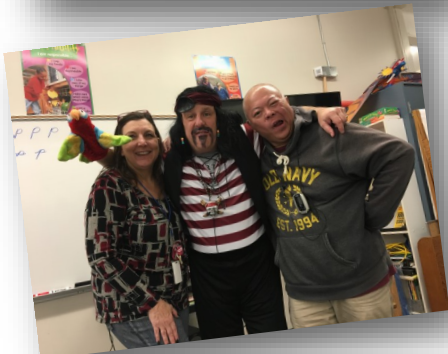
We had sales of \$4222.40 at the book fair!!

Some VERY COOL stats:

- ◆ the class that purchased the most books is Mme Simister’s Grade 1 class with 50 books – well done!
- ◆ coming in second place was Mme Dahl’s Grade 4/5 with 39 books purchased
- ◆ the grand total of books purchased was 398...**WOW!**
- ◆ As a result of us having surpassed our sales goal of \$3,500 Mr. Passaglia was dressed up as a PIRATE for the entire day on Thursday, February 23!
- ◆ A HUGE thank you goes out to our Book Fair Parent Volunteer Coordinator, Christina Debruyn, and her amazing team of parent and student volunteers!



ENJOY THE PICS!



REMINDERS ABOUT OUR NORTH & SOUTH STAFF PARKING LOTS

- Please **DO NOT PARK** in either our north and south parking lot - there are not enough parking stalls for the number of staff we have
- **STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP** is allowed in our North Staff Parking Lot; it is designed as a 'round-about' for this purpose
- Cars should not be left unattended – this lot is for drop-off and pick-up only

FOR OUR SOUTH PARKING LOT

PORTER STAFF PARKING ONLY

Student drop-off & pick-up
ARE NOT PERMITTED



If you are **NOT** a Porter
Staff Member your car will
be towed.

THANK-YOU

FOR OUR NORTH PARKING LOT

PORTER ELEMENTARY
STAFF PARKING LOT & STUDENT
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ROUND-ABOUT

EXPECTATIONS:

- STUDENT SAFETY IS THE PRIORITY
- BE KIND, PATIENT AND POLITE
- THE OUTER-PORION OF THIS NORTH PARKING LOT IS TO DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP YOUR CHILD ONLY; THEREFORE, DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR AND LEAVE IT UNATTENDED.
- PLEASE PARK AS FORWARD AS YOU CAN SO OTHER VEHICLES CAN FIT BEHIND YOU

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE EXPECTATIONS MAY RESULT
IN YOUR CAR BEING REPORTED TO THE RCMP.

YOU MAY BE FINED.



SPRING BREAK



SD43 SPRING BREAK "SCHOOL OF WONDERSTANDING" CAMP

SD43 is very happy to announce that the School of "Wonderstanding" Spring Break Camp is available. We are very pleased, and fortunate, to again be partnering with Simon Fraser's PDP program to offer this camp. This year we are lucky to have 5 camps running.

This year's camp locations are the following – Central Community School, Seaview Community School, Miller Park Elementary School, Maillard Middle School and Minnehada Middle School.

Seaview Camp will have a concentration of arts and performing arts

Miller Park will have an additional component of environmental and sustainability content

The *Maillard Camp* will be facilitated by the Aboriginal stream of Simon Fraser University student teachers. This camp will incorporate traditional aboriginal cultural teachings as part of the program curriculum of this camp

Additionally, the Minnehada Camp (**L'ÉCOLE D'ÉMERVEILLEMENT CAMP**) will be fun camp for students Grades 1 – 5 in *French Immersion or Francophone Program*. This opportunity will be a *French* enrichment program through play

The School of Wonderstanding Spring Break is now available for registration!

This is a fun 4-day camp running Tuesday, March 14th to Friday, March 17th. The camp will have many different activities throughout the days, with a special additional focus on arts and performing arts. The camp is fully supervised by Student Teachers in the Professional Development Program, as part of their teacher training. The camp is designed to excite and delight the participants with hands-on, creative learning opportunities to strengthen the connection of "wonder" and "understanding" of the world around us through play.

Registration is available **online** through the Community Programs Page on the appropriate school site, as well as paper registration. The paper registration can be downloaded from the attachment as well as from the Community Programs page.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Dasha: dbelskaya@sd43.bc.ca at any time.

Dasha Belskaya

Community School Coordinator

School District 43

A MESSAGE FROM 'LUNCH LADY'

The March Madness Fun Lunch is Tuesday March 7th!

1. To Order Online - go to www.thelunchlady.ca > ORDER NOW
2. Select the « March Madness Menu » from the menu pick list, drop down (top right of the order screen).
3. You can **order**, **cancel** and **make changes** anytime online up until the **cut-off at 11pm on Sun Mar 5th**.

Questions? Email your Lunch Lady - grace@thelunchlady.ca



Basketball Season comes to an end...

Congratulations to our Grade 5 Girls and Boys Basketball Teams who completed their league play against neighbouring elementary schools by hosting and playing in our 3rd Annual Porter Basketball Jamboree, held at Dr. Charles Best Secondary.

Throughout the entire season as well as in our Jamboree our student-athletes displayed outstanding skill and fairplay.

We are extremely proud of our both teams!



And the 2016-2017 PHL Cup goes to... ...the Edmonton Oilers!!

Congratulations to the Edmonton Oilers who are this year's 2016-2017 Porter Hockey League (PHL) Champions!

After more than 60 games in our 6-team Canadian Grade 4/5 PHL Floor Hockey Tournament the Edmonton Oilers finished first in the league. The Oilers went on to win their best-of-three semi-final and advanced to the PHL best-of-three final where they won the PHL Cup!

The team members include:

Edmonton Oilers
Cameron Long
Deven Long
Devyn Hartley
Ella Harrison
Jonah Power Smith
Kai Hartley
Marcus Bradford
Nickolas Tourangeau
Paige Riley





SPRING BREAK AT PLACES DES ARTS

As you may know, Place des Arts and School District 43 Community Connections have been working together since 2012 providing in-school arts programming in an effort to increase accessibility and exposure to the arts for children and youth. Place des Arts is an educational arts centre located in Maillardville, Coquitlam known for quality programming and instruction, with over 40 years of excellence in arts education.

During Spring Break, Place des Arts will be offering a [Spring Break Camp](#) for students in kindergarten to grade 5 and two weeks of half-day art intensives for students in grades 6 to 9. Place des Arts' spring break art activities are designed specifically with each age group in mind. Highly skilled instructors and a low student-to-instructor ratio provide a quality educational experience.

Please view this linked [Spring Break](#) flyers for class descriptions, registration information and more details.

If you have any questions about Place des Arts' arts camps, please feel free to contact Place des Arts Fine and Performing Arts Programmer Jessie Au at 604.664.1636 ext. 33 or jau@placedesarts.ca.

Parenting Wisely Course



Parenting Wisely is a free course about managing the behaviour of elementary school children. Topics include waiting patiently until conversations or phone calls are over, morning and bedtime routines, cooperating with friends and peers, behaving in public and schoolwork challenges. Two Parenting Wisely courses are being presented by Stan Simister and Porter Street Elementary School.

One course starts **Tuesday April 18, 2017, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays and ends on May 30, 2017. A second course starts **Wednesday April 19, 2017, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays and ends on May 31, 2017.

Both courses will be held at **Porter Street Elementary School, 728 Porter St., Coquitlam**. You need to attend the first class to take either course. **Please register with the school office, between Monday April 3, 2017 and Thursday April 13, 2017, at telephone # 604-936-4296**. If you are unable to attend the first class you will not be able to take these courses, but you are welcome to register for the Parenting Wisely courses that will be offered again in October of 2017.

Please sign in with the school office prior to going to the multipurpose room to attend the course. Participants with children under age 5 will need to make their own child minding arrangements.

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Free Ready, Set, Learn Event for Families & their 3-5 Year Olds

Children will be able to participate in a variety of play based learning activities, listen to stories and have a healthy snack. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with early childhood education experts and local community agencies. Adding even more fun to the festivities, enjoy an award-winning show by children's entertainer Will Stroet. Morning shows will be at 10 am and afternoon shows will be at 1:30 pm.

Drop into any one of the following events. It's all free!

Thursday, March 2
9:00-11:30
Bramblewood Elementary

Monday, March 6
9:00-11:30
Central Elementary

Tuesday, March 7
12:30-3:00
Meadowbrook Elementary

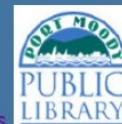


Wednesday, March 8
9:00-11:30
Moody Elementary

Thursday, March 2
12:30-3:00
Birchland Elementary

Tuesday, March 7
9:00-11:30
Irvine Elementary

Wednesday, March 8
12:30-3:00
Mundy Road Elementary



The Ready, Set, Learn initiative, sponsored by the B.C. Ministry of Education provides families with an opportunity to make positive connections with the school system and local community agencies.

Frustrated? We can help. Coquitlam Continuing Education. We have **FREE*** solutions!

Computer Literacy Course - For Beginners

This class is ideal for the absolute beginner. This course will teach you all the basics including: keyboarding, e-mail, word processing and the Internet.

Register in person at Montgomery Centre at 380 Montgomery Street, Coquitlam, B.C. during our regular office hours.



OUR NEXT SESSIONS RUN AS FOLLOWS:

Tues/Thurs	Literacy Foundations Info. Technology	CLOC	March 28/17	June 20/17	11:45 am - 3:05 pm
Tues/Thurs	Literacy Foundations Info. Technology	Montgomery	March 28/17	June 20/17	6:10 pm - 9:30 pm
Mon/Wed	Literacy Foundations Info. Technology	CLOC	April 10/17	June 28/17	11:30 am - 3:10 pm

We also have classes that start in September!

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Parents as Partners in Prevention

Preventing, Understanding and Responding to Youth Substance-Use

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) presents *Parents as Partners in Prevention*, information sessions which are open to all parents. While school-based professionals continue to provide substance-use prevention support for students, effective prevention strategies require partnership between school, home and prevention support services.



To that end, we strongly encourage you to attend one of these informative sessions to provide you with strategies to help your child/youth make healthy and safe choices. For more information please contact your school administrator or school counselor.

These information sessions are designed for an adult audience, and are not intended for children.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The substances of choice: What are they? What are their risks?
- Understanding and responding to "First-use" risks as youth transition to secondary school.
- Parental influence: How to support safe and healthy choices for youth.
- How to recognize and respond to a "drug-curious" youth.
- How to recognize and respond to a youth who may be "Drug-Active."
- Social Media: Where are children and youth getting their information?

PRESENTATION DATES

Heritage Woods Secondary	Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Riverside Secondary	Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Centennial Secondary	Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Port Moody Secondary	Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Dr. Charles Best Secondary	Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Terry Fox Secondary	Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7 p.m.
Gleneagle Secondary	Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7 p.m.

PRESENTERS

Robb McGirr is an addictions counselor at Front-Line Prevention Services specializing in school-based prevention and early intervention. He is a consultant for the school district working under the direction of the district's student wellness and safety portfolio. Robb has a long history with both our schools and community having worked as a Port Moody police officer for 20 years, and a youth substance-use prevention specialist for the last 11 years.

SHARE Family & Community Services is a non-profit agency that provides a wide variety of programs and services in the community. SHARE is the primary resource for substance use prevention and intervention in the Tri-Cities, Belcarra and Anmore. There are two health promotion facilitators that have many years of experience. They provide evidence-based, leading edge prevention programs in the schools throughout the year. The SHARE youth substance use program also have clinical counsellors who provide free individual counselling services for youth aged 12 to 24.



To learn more visit: www.sd43.bc.ca



Teaching Kids To Be Smart About Social Media



Free Parent Seminar
for interested adults in SD43 (Coquitlam)
online registration is required

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jesse Miller, Social Media Expert

Carol Todd, Founder of the Amanda Todd Legacy Society

DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2017

TIME: 7:00—8:30pm (doors open 6:30pm)

LOCATION: Centennial Secondary Theatre
570 Poirier Street, Coquitlam

Details: A night for parents to learn about the risks inherent with their kids' social media and online lives. Parents will gain a better understanding of how kids are using social media, and the value of digital citizenship.

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

<http://dpac43socialmedia2017.eventbrite.ca>

QUESTIONS?

District 43 Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

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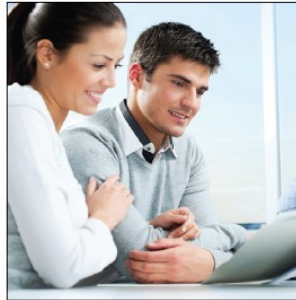
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BASKETBALL

BURNABY/TRI-CITIES PROGRAMMING SPRING BREAK CAMPS & CLUB TEAMS

3D Basketball Academy is committed to the physical, social and character development of student athletes in **pursuit of excellence** in the sport of basketball. Through sport-specific skill development, athletes train in a positive and competitive environment that promotes learning and growth.

3D CAMPS are designed to assist campers in building a solid foundation of guard skills. We incorporate a variety of drills designed to improve ball-handling, shooting, passing, decision-making and more. These camps also feature competitive drills and scrimmages to give campers an opportunity to apply their skills in a game situation. What to bring to camp: Water bottle, a basketball (if your child has one), appropriate footwear and gear (reversible jersey preferred).

Shooting & Offensive Skills (All camps take place at École des Pionniers)

Week 1	March 13-16	10U-13U Boys & Girls	10:00am-12:00pm
		14U-17U Boys & Girls	1:00pm-3:00pm
Week 2	March 20-23	10U-13U Boys & Girls	10:00am-12:00pm
		14U-17U Boys & Girls	1:00pm-3:00pm

One week price \$99 + GST Two-week price \$175 + GST

3D TEAMS are a chance for the top players to train and compete at a high level. Many of these teams participate in local tournaments such as the 3D Spring Showcase, The West Coast Classic, the Western Canadian Championships, as well as travel to the United States for elite level competition.

Club Team Try-outs (All try-outs are \$30 + GST)

Boys	12U-13U	April 3 & 5	5:15pm-6:45pm	Minnekhada Middle School
Girls	10U-11U	April 3 & 5	7:00pm-8:30pm	Minnekhada Middle School
Girls	12U-13U	April 4 & 6	5:30pm-7:00pm	Minnekhada Middle School
Girls	14U-15U	April 4 & 6	8:00pm-9:30pm	Burnaby Mountain Secondary

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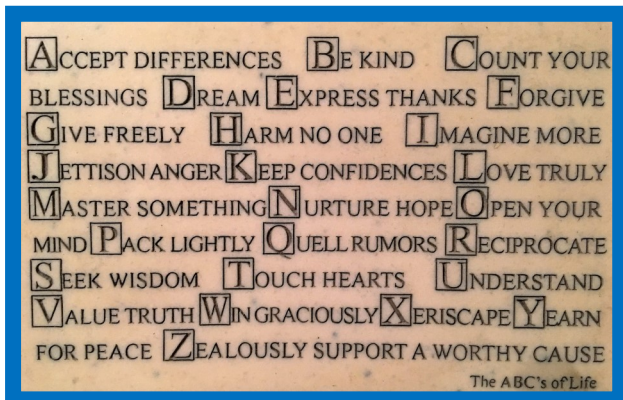
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'Children...Learn What They Live'

If a child lives with criticism,
he/she learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
he/she learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
he/she learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
he/she learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
he/she learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
he/she learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
he/she learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
he/she learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
he/she learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
he/she learns to like himself/herself.
If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship,
he/she learns to find love in the world.

Author Unknown



'What All Children Want Their Parents to Know...'

Teach me to love and care for myself
Through your positive example.
I will learn much more from what you do
Than from anything you could ever say.

Notice me often,
And take joy in my existence,
So that I may grow up to feel special
And know that I am loved.

Listen to me
With an open ear and a loving heart
So that I learn to understand my feelings
And trust that my needs will be heard.

Play with me often.
Let down your guard and be carefree.
The memories will last long,
And our connection even longer.

Focus on what I'm doing right,
And tell me when you appreciate me,
So that I learn to feel worthy
And motivated to do even more.

Tell me more about your life,
Your hopes, dreams, and successes,
So that I can come to know you as a person
And can call you my friend
As well as my parent.

1996 Julia Loomans and her daughter Diane Loomans