

# École Porter Street Elementary A Learning Community

# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

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

## WELCOME BACK!

*'Each child is a gift entrusted to us by her/his family.'*

Dear École Porter Elementary School Families,

I trust you all had a wonderful and fun-filled summer with family and friends and that you were able to enjoy our amazing city in the glorious sunshine.

The staff and I are extremely excited to open our school doors and welcome back our students and families for this 2017-2018 school year.

School will begin next Tuesday, September 5, 2017. I have included the **Opening Day & Week Procedures** on page 2 of this newsletter. In addition, I will email these procedures to all our families as well as upload them to our Porter Street Public website. Lastly, I will, this week, post the procedures on the windows on all our school doors.

I feel privileged and am looking forward to, once again, serve the Porter students and their families, staff and community. Our school has a rich and deep tradition of respect, care and commitment to learning.

I strongly believe that our Porter Staff are extremely fortunate to be in a profession of service to others. The vocation of teaching and caring for students in our public education system is, daily, filled with endless moments of sharing in a child's wonder, amazement and excitement around learning as well as the understanding and knowledge that she/he is cared for deeply and will be treated with the respect, dignity and care she/he deserves and is entitled to.

Each student will be afforded the opportunity to learn according to her/his individual and unique learning style; the knowledge that they are always the 'lens' through which we make all of our decisions; that they are secure in the knowledge that every adult who works at Porter models those virtues and values we expect from our students; and, most importantly, the knowledge that every single adult at Porter BELIEVES in every single student and her/his potential.

At Porter, we have approximately 400 students - your children - many of whom are or will be feeling, over these next several days, a sense of anticipation, excitement, trepidation, hopefulness and thinking of all the possibilities, wishes and dreams of what lays ahead this school year.

On the morning of the first day of school your child will walk through our doors; our new Kindergarten students wide-eyed and extremely excited to begin school; our new Grade 1 - 5 students who, this summer, left neighbourhoods, schools and friends and will walk through our doors with some doubt, hesitation and wonder about what Porter is all about; and approximately 300 returning students eager to reestablish friendships, make new friendships, say hello to staff and continue their journey of learning.

This 2017-2018 school year will build on last school year's exciting and significant changes in Education in our outstanding province. This school year will be the second year of the full implementation of our new provincial curriculum for Grades K - 9. Please see page 11 of this Newsletter for more information.

In addition, we are very excited about our third year of focus on our Action Plan for Learning school-wide goal, Social Emotional Learning. Staff will continue to be learning and teaching our students skills and strategies of being a self-regulated learner.

Whether new or returning, the common thread for each and every child who walks through our doors is the desire and excitement to learn, to

## 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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hope, to experience new possibilities, to accomplish new things, to make new friends, to be respected, to feel safe and welcomed - to dream!!

The impact that our outstanding Porter Staff will have on your child (and every person who walks through our doors) is profound. Our individual and collective actions and words have the power to lift spirits and inspire a child to feel she or he matters and is important in this world.

Without exception, our teachers and support staff care deeply for the students and their families, our school community as well as our outstanding profession. They are extremely excited and eager to begin this school year.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you all for your commitment, care and LOVE for your children and your care, support and trust in our staff and school community.

I look forward to the journey ahead of us that is the 2017-2018 school year!

I wish you all a healthy, joyful, fulfilling and successful school year!!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Passaglia

## Upcoming Events

**Tues Sept 5, 2017**

**NEW Kindergarten (8:50 - 9:30 am)**

**Grades 1 - 5 (10:00 - 10:30 am)**

**Mon Sept 18, 2017**

**FIRST FULL DAY for NEW Kindergarten**

**(8:55 am - 2:53 pm)**

**Thurs Sept 21, 2017**

**Early Dismissal (1:45 pm)**

**Open House (Part 1; 2:00 - 3:00 pm)**

**Open House/Cookie Social (Part 2; 6:00 - 7:00 pm)**

**Fri Sept 22, 2017**

**Non-Instructional Day**

**Wed Sept 27, 2017**

**Assembly (9:15 - 9:45 am for K - Gr 5)**

**Fri Sept 29, 2017**

**Pancake Breakfast (8:00 - 9:00 am)**

**Terry Fox Assembly/Run**

**Assembly (1:00 pm)**

**Run (1:45 pm)**

## OPENING DAY & WEEK PROCEDURES

Tuesday, September 5 ~ Friday, September 8, 2017

**Welcome back Porter Families!**

### Opening Week Schedule for Grades 1 to 5 students:

#### Tuesday, September 5:

All 2017-2018 Grade 1 – 5 students will attend school from 10:00 am to 10:30 am. Grades 1 – 5 students are to meet their previous year's teacher where they normally lined up last school year.

At 10:30 am: Grade 1 to 5 students will be brought back to where they lined up at 10:00 am and will be dismissed to their parent.

Teachers will let children know what supplies they should bring to school for the next few days, if any.

#### New Students and Families to Porter:

New Grades 1 to 5 students and families are asked to come to our office. You will be met by our Teachers, Ms. Turpin and Ms. Mcdowell, and escorted to Room 12. On Wed Sept 6 our new students are to report to Room 12. They will, then, be brought to classrooms to meet and be with same age peers during the first week. To pick your child up at the end of the day please ask at the office.

#### Wednesday, September 6 to Friday, September 8 (possibly, into the second week):

Our day is the normal 8:55 am to 2:53 pm instructional day. Our 2017-2018 Grades 2 – 5 students are asked to meet their previous year's teacher where they lined up yesterday (and last 2016/2017 school year):

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The teachers listed below that your child will be with this week are only **temporary** until we assign our students to their 2017-2018 teacher and class.

#### Our 2017-2018 Grade 1 students (last year's 2016-2017 Kindergarten students):

- Mme Bell's last year's 2016-2017 French Immersion Kindergarten students are asked to line up as they did on Tues Sept 5 (yesterday). They will be met by:
  - Tues (10:00 – 10:30 am): Mme Bell
  - Wed and Fri: Mme LeBlanc
  - Thurs: Mme Smith
  - **Please note:** students will be in Library all week; located at opposite end of main hallway – north end;
  - **PLEASE NOTE: teachers will still pick-up and drop-off their students at south-end doors**
- Mme Squeo's and Mme Rosu's last year's 2016-2017 French Immersion Kindergarten students are asked to line up as they did on Tues Sept 5 (yesterday). They will be met by:
  - Tues (10:00 – 10:30 am): Mme Squeo
  - Wed and Thurs: Mme Rozanski
  - Fri: Mme Smith
  - **Please note:** students will be in our Music Room (Room 19) all week; located at opposite end of main hallway – north end
  - **PLEASE NOTE: teachers will still pick-up and drop-off their students outside Mme Squeo's exterior classroom door**
- Ms. Williams (on Maternity Leave) last year's 2016-2017 English Kindergarten students are asked to line up as they did on Tues Sept 5 (yesterday). They will be met by:
  - Tues (10:00 – 10:30 am): Ms. Lepore
  - Wed: Mme Smith
  - Thurs: Ms. Mcdowell
  - Fri: Mr. Valente
  - **Please note:** students will be in Room 17 all week; located at opposite end of main hallway – north end
  - **PLEASE NOTE: teachers will still pick-up and drop-off their students at south-end doors**

#### Our 2017-2018 English Grade 5 students (last year's 2016-2017 Grade 4 students)

- Tues – Fri: will be welcomed back by Teacher, Ms. Chan and Mr. Valente; these students are to line up at the north-east entrance doors (beside our Library)
- **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FIRST WEEK PLAN ONLY**

## KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY PROCESS

### Tues Sept 5 – Fri Sept 15, 2017

The school year begins Tuesday, September 5, 2017 for our new Kindergarten students.

On Tuesday, September 5, our new Kindergarten students will attend school from 8:50 am to 9:30 am to confirm your child's attendance. Please take your child to the exterior door of the classroom of the teacher your child has been assigned to. These doors will be clearly marked on the classroom windows or walls.

- If your child has been assigned to **English Kindergarten** with Ms. Taylor Lepore please: line up at the south exterior doors against the south-west exterior wall
- If your child has been assigned to **French Immersion Kindergarten** with Mme Anita Bell please: line up at the south exterior doors against the south-east exterior wall
- If your child has been assigned to **French Immersion Kindergarten** with Mme Diane Squeo (M-Th) and Mme Constanta Rosu (F) please: line up at Mme Squeo's and Mme Rosu's exterior classroom door located in the middle of the east side of our south wing of classrooms adjacent to our primary playground

There will be staff and signs to direct you to the correct location. Your child will be at school for only 40 minutes on Tues Sept 5 so that we can say hello, welcome your child and take attendance. **THEREFORE, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL.** Your child will be dismissed at 9:30 am.

Wednesday, September 6 through Friday, September 15 will be **gradual entry days** as described here:

### Porter Gradual Entry Plan for September 2017

WC = Welcoming Conversation (will be approximately 20 - 30 minutes each)

Your child will attend from 8:50 – 9:30 am on Tues Sept 5, 2017. At this time, you will sign-up for your Welcoming Conversation.

	Wed Sept 6	Thurs Sept 7	Fri Sept 8	Mon Sept 11	Tues Sept 12	Wed Sept 13	Thurs Sept 14	Fri Sept 15
8:50 – 10:35 am (1.75 hrs)	Entire class 9:00 – 10:00 am (1.0 hrs)	Entire class 9:00 – 10:00 am (1.0 hrs)	Entire class 9:00 – 11:00 am (2.0 hrs)	Entire Class 8:50 am – 12:05 pm (3 hrs)	Entire Class 8:50 am – 12:05 pm (3 hrs)	WC  WC	WC  WC	Entire Class 8:50 am – 12:05 pm (3 hrs)
10:50 – 12:05 pm (1.25 hrs)	WC  WC	WC  WC	WC  WC			WC  WC	WC  WC	
12:50 – 2:53 pm (2 hrs)	WC  WC	Professional Learning Opportunity @ Winslow • All K teachers to attend	WC  WC	WC  WC	WC  WC	Entire Class 11:30 am - 2:53 pm (2.5 hrs)	Entire Class 11:30 am - 2:53 pm (2.5 hrs)	(2 hrs)

**Welcoming Conversations** involve the parent(s), the child, and the teacher. Teachers will have a sign-up sheet available for the first day of school. Please bring the **Student and Contact Information Form**, which teachers will have handed out on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

**Monday, September 18 will be our Kindergarten students' first full day from 8:55 am to 2:53 pm.**

**KINDERGARTEN PARENTS REMINDER:** before you leave on Tues Sept 6 you will be asked to sign up for a 30-minute 'Welcoming Conversation' this conversation includes the teacher, parents and your child

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Home of the Porter Panthers

## **REMINDER: Porter is a Nut Aware School**

September 2017

Dear Porter Street Parents/Guardians,

The number of Porter students with life-threatening allergies has been growing each year and is significant. Though students within this group are allergic to a number of foods, the most common food allergy is to **nuts (peanuts and tree nuts)**. District Administrative Procedure 315 – Anaphylaxis in Schools states that *the Principal must attempt to reduce the child's exposure to allergic foods within the school setting.*

In the past, one measure we have taken to do this has been to ask you to send only nut-free products to our bake sales, not because allergic students would be eating those products (as safety dictates that they eat only food provided by their parents) but to minimize their exposure to allergens.

In the past few years, we have gone from having just two or three nut-free classrooms to having more than half the classrooms in the school being nut-free.

Since we have:

- monitors moving between classes at lunch-time,
- children with nuts in their lunch eating in the hall outside the office,
- nut-allergic children who could have a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction simply from touching a surface that has traces of nuts on it and,
- a high prevalence of nut allergies in the school we feel it prudent to do more to protect our allergic students.

Therefore, we are reminding all of you, the parents and guardians of our school community students, for your support and cooperation. All students (and staff) will be asked to bring to school only food free of peanuts and tree nuts. We ask you to read food labels and check for peanut/nut ingredients (including oils) prior to sending food to school. If you have caregivers who provide your child(ren) with lunches or snacks, we encourage you to share this information letter with them. Also please instruct your children that they are not to share food with other students and that they are to wash their hands before and after eating. Though we cannot guarantee a nut free school, we can work together to be nut aware to help keep our allergic students safe.

Slip-ups may happen, despite the best intentions. A child inadvertently bringing nut products to school will be provided with an alternate snack/lunch from emergency supplies, and the nut-containing food will be sent home to enjoy later.

We realize this request to be nut aware may require added planning and effort on your part when preparing your child's lunches and snacks. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and cooperation in these potentially life-saving measures.

Sincerely,  
D. Passaglia  
Principal

For the full text of District Administrative Procedure 315 – Anaphylaxis in Schools, please go to:  
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Administrative%20Procedures/Administrative%20Procedure%20315.pdf>

**Thank you!**



## DOGS ON PORTER SCHOOL PROPERTY

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.

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 will continue to work hard to ensure a safe and caring school environment.

Through the combined efforts of SD43 Coquitlam and the City of Coquitlam a pilot dog signage program was implemented at both Parkland Elementary and Porter Elementary Schools last Spring 2017.

### NEW DOG SIGNAGE installed last Spring 2017



The purpose of the signage is meant to articulate and clarify both City of Coquitlam Animal Care and Control Bylaw and SD43 Coquitlam and City of Coquitlam expectations with respect to dogs on school grounds during school hours and after school hours.

The signage was installed on our perimeter fencing along both MacIntosh St and Grover Ave. In addition, we had signage put up along several points at the front of our school along Porter St.

## Students/Children Play Here

**NO DOGS ALLOWED** on school district property during school days from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of:

- Assistance dogs.
- Dogs with a parent/guardian during student drop-off and pick-up.

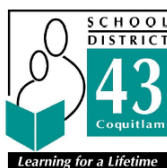
#### AT ALL TIMES, ALL DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY MUST BE:

- Licensed.
- Cleaned up after and have their waste removed.
- Leashed and under adult control.\*
- Kept away from buildings, entrances and play areas.\*

\* Assistance dogs exempt.



Thank you for following these rules and supporting a respectful environment.



#### Individuals must adhere to City of Coquitlam Animal Care and Control Bylaw 4240, 2011 Section 10.7

Every owner of an animal, other than a special needs assistance animal, while in a public place must obey all posted signs that apply to that animal, including, without limitation, all signs restricting or prohibiting entry by dogs onto private property.

Failure to adhere to posted signs could result in fines.

## Please welcome our new staff!

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school community:

- ◆ **Mme Deni James** (French Immersion Teacher)
- ◆ **Ms. Julianna Kyle** (Counselor; Learning Services; 1-day per week; in addition to Ms. McCall's two days per week)
- ◆ **Ms. Taylor Lepore** (we welcome back Ms. Lepore as our English Kindergarten Teacher for all of 2017-2018)
- ◆ **Ms. Julie Mcdowell** (Learning Services Teacher)
- ◆ **Mme Jennifer Smith** (French Immersion Teacher)
- ◆ **Ms. Chanchamone Wong** (30-hour Education Assistant)
- ◆ **TBA** (30-hour Education Assistant)
- ◆ **TBA** (French Immersion Teacher)

I would like to encourage all of you to play an active role in the school lives of your children. There is a direct positive correlation between parent involvement with student achievement and a child's self-esteem. It is understood that not every parent can give their time at the school. However, every parent *can* spend time at home asking about their child's day at school, reading to or with their child, listening to their child read, or playing with their child, to name a few. Another way to involve yourself is to attend our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings. Please see the attached schedule of meetings in this newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's academic, social, behavioural and/or emotional well-being I encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

## 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 October 3, 2017, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays and ends on November 14, 2017. A second course starts **Wednesday October 4, 2017, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays and ends on November 15, 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 September 18, 2017 and Friday September 29, 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 January of 2018.

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.

## Porter eForms (very important!)

**ONCE** our 2017-2018 classes have been established our Porter eForms will be available online. We will email our school community in the second week to let you know when you can go online.

In an effort to get all the necessary eForms completed and receive the necessary (and very important) information we require we are going to, again, host **TWO CONTESTS** ~ your child's class could win one of two pizza parties!

### **FORMS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED:**

At the beginning of each school year there are a number of necessary forms that we need you to complete. We are pleased to now have most of these forms online. It is crucial that you complete the required forms for each student. Please go online to our [Porter Street website](#) and click on the Parent eForms button and complete the following **REQUIRED** forms as promptly as possible.

<p><b>SCHOOL POLICIES</b></p> <p><b>CONTEST #1:</b> the first class in which parents of all the students have completed the <b>SCHOOL POLICIES eForm</b> will receive a pizza lunch!</p>	<p>Read the various policies and permissions and discuss them with your child</p> <p>For 2016/2017 The School Policy form (Form 1) has two very important sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Media Consent</b> – this new section has been added to collect parent permission to post their child information on social media platforms</li> <li>• <b>School Notices</b> – a section was added to address the new Anti-Spam legislation Note: schools must, by law, include the following sentence (or similar) at the bottom of each and every electronic communication when using emails collected via the School Notice Form: <i>You are receiving this eNewsletter because you signed up for it. To unsubscribe, forward this email to SchoolSecretary@sd43.bc.ca and type unsubscribe in the Subject field.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>MEDICAL ALERT</b></p>	<p>To be completed <b>ONLY</b> if your child suffers from a medical concern the school should be aware of</p>

Once you have completed the forms click on the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of each form. If you have trouble with any of the online forms, or you do not have access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the office at 604-936-4296.

### **OPTIONAL:**

<p><b>VOLUNTEER APPLICATION</b></p>	<p>To be completed by parents and non-parents who are volunteering at our school. Note: you also need to drop off a criminal record check (CRC) at the school office (Valid for 5 years).</p>
<p><b>DRIVER APPLICATION</b></p>	<p>To be completed by volunteers who are planning to transport students during school field trips. An ICBC driver's abstract is also be required. (information online)</p>
<p><b>PRIVATELY OWNED DEVICES</b></p>	<p>To be completed if student is planning to use a privately owned device by connecting to the district wireless network.</p>
<p><b>ABSENCE REPORT</b></p>	<p>To be completed when your child is going to be away from school.</p>

Once you have completed the forms click on the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of each form. If you have trouble with any of the online forms, or you do not have access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the office at 604-936-4296.

### **THE FOLLOWING HARDCOPY FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME AND MUST BE COMPLETED:**

<p><b>Verification Form</b> *will be on green paper (SENT HOME IN WEEK 2)</p> <p><b>CONTEST #2</b> the first class in which parents of all the students have completed the hardcopy and returned the <b>VERIFICATION FORM &amp; EMERGENCY STUDENT RELEASE FORM</b> will receive a pizza lunch!</p>	<p>Read and update with most current information</p>
<p><b>Emergency Student Release Form</b> *will be on goldenrod paper (SENT HOME IN WEEK 2)</p>	<p>Read and update with most current information</p>

## THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Below is information to help you and your family start this 2017-2018 school year.

### Online Resources to Find Information:

⇒ Click [HERE](#) for our Public Website

⇒ Click [HERE](#) for our SD43 District Website

At this time of year parents often have questions about school organization, class placements and opening day procedures for the start of school in September. The purpose of this section is to provide parents with information on:

- School organization and student enrolment
- Blended classes
- Class placement of students

### School Organization and Student Enrolment:

All elementary schools are allocated staffing by the school district based upon projected student enrolment for September. This projection is completed and submitted at the end of March of the previous school year. The amount of staffing allocated is set by the School Board once the Ministry of Education approves the School Board's submitted budget for the school year. Since staffing levels (how many teachers a school is given) depends on student enrolment, it is very important that schools hear from parents if their children will not be attending the same school again in September, or if families will be on extended holidays anytime in the first two weeks of school. Similarly, it is important for people moving into a school community to contact the school about registration as early as possible.

Our goal is to place students in their new class once we feel our student enrollment numbers are firm; if possible, we wish to avoid placing students in classes and then, after the fact, having to reorganize classes. As a result, the first week or two of school can present several challenges for organizing an elementary school, making up classes and placing new students. Our procedure for the first week (or two) of students returning to last year's teacher and classroom allows staff time to see which families may have moved out of Porter over the summer, check to find out why some students from last year have not shown up on the first day and continue to register students new to the school if space allows. Usually this process is completed by the end of the first week of school. It may, however, be extended by a few days in order to organize the school according to our student numbers.

### Blended Classes:

Blended classes have students from two grades in one class. The realities of student enrolment, staffing allotments and Ministry of Education class size limits dictate that there will be blended classes at Porter Elementary and virtually all elementary schools across our School District. Regardless of whether your child is placed in a blended class or a straight-grade class, numerous studies indicate that students do equally well in either setting.

### Class Placements:

Your child's teacher last school year, along with other teachers your child may have had last year, consider many factors in the process of recommending a student's placement for this school year's class. This process is extremely thorough involving many hours of discussion and consultation. The focus is always on the educational needs of students which may include the following factors:

- academic ability
- work habits and attitude
- maturity
- learning style
- social relationship with peers
- academic relationship with peers

We trust this information will be helpful and increase understanding about some of the issues and realities of school organization and class placement. We also seek your cooperation and support for our start-up these first few weeks.

Our goal is to have students in their new classrooms as soon as possible.

We appreciate your patience and support at this time.

Sincerely,  
Mr. D. Passaglia  
Principal



## **LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY & TIMETABLE FOR 2017-2018**

The legislated length of an instructional school day must be 293 minutes for Kindergarten to Grade 5.

**We have four bells that ring each day. They are:**

**LINE UP BELL at 8:50 am**

- students will have a designated outside location where they are to line up, daily; they will be greeted and brought into the school by their classroom teacher
- The day officially (Instructional Time) begins at 8:55 am and ends at 2:53 pm
- Recess will be 15 minutes in length; 10:35 – 10:50 am

**END OF RECESS BELL at 10:50 am**

- At this time, re-entry into our school depends on the teacher's practice; some teachers pick up their students at their outside location and some have their students simply enter the school on their own and make their way to class
- Instructional Time begins at 10:50 am

Noon-hour: **EAT TIME (12:05 - 12:20 pm)**; there is no 12:05 pm noon bell

**12:20 PM BELL: INDICATES TIME TO GO OUTSIDE**

Noon-hour: **PLAY TIME (12:20 - 12:50 pm)**

**LINE UP/ENTRY BELL at 12:50 pm**

- Instructional Time begins at 12:55 pm

DISMISSAL: 2:53 pm (no bell)

	Monday	Minutes	Tuesday	Minutes	Wednesday	Minutes	Thursday	Minutes	Friday	Minutes
Start Time/ Instructional Time	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins	8:55 am – 10:35 am	100 mins
Recess	10:35 – 10:50 am	15 mins	10:35 – 10:50 am	15 mins	10:35 – 10:50 am	15 mins	10:35 – 10:50 am	15 mins	10:35 – 10:50 am	15 mins
Instructional Time	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins	10:50 am – 12:05 pm	75 mins
Lunch	12:05 – 12:55 pm	50 mins	12:05 – 12:55 pm	50 mins	12:05 – 12:55 pm	50 mins	12:05 – 12:55 pm	50 mins	12:05 – 12:55 pm	50 mins
Instructional Time/ Dismissal	12:55 – 2:53 pm	118 mins	12:55 – 2:53 pm	118 mins	12:55 – 2:53 pm	118 mins	12:55 – 2:53 pm	118 mins	12:55 – 2:53 pm	118 mins
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## **Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 29, 2017**

Three years ago I challenged our Porter School community to raise \$2,000 for the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation. Well, we surpassed this goal by \$1,200 dollars and raised an amazing \$3,200!

In 2015-2016 school year we raised another AMAZING \$3,700!

Last 2016-2017 school year we raised yet another AMAZING \$5,800!

**...for a three year total of \$12,700!**

I am so incredibly proud of each and every Porter student and her/his family and each and every staff member for this amazing result!



**My challenge this year is for our school community to,  
once again, raise \$3,000**

**If we raise \$3,000 by Thurs, Sept 28, 2017**

**I will shave my head at our 1:00 pm Terry Fox Assembly  
on Fri Sept 29, 2017!!**

**LET'S DO IT AGAIN!**

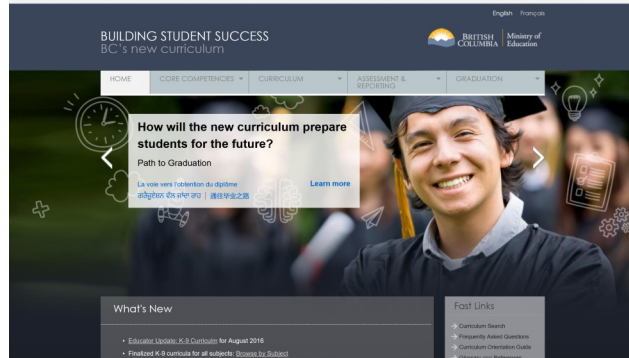
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# BUILDING STUDENT SUCCESS BC's New Curriculum

Please click [HERE](#) to get direct access to our BC Ministry of Education website dedicated to our new provincial curriculum.

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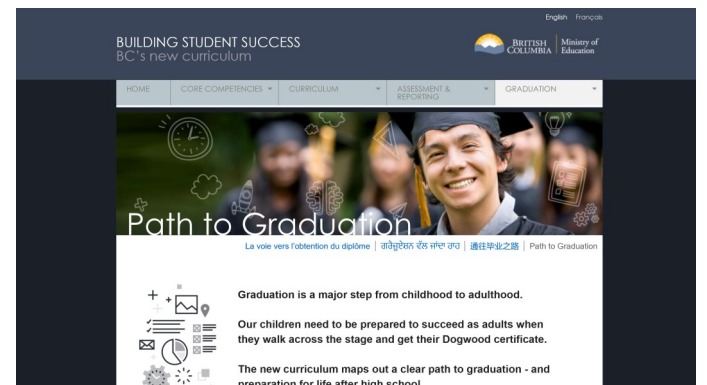
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# PORTER STREET PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSPAC) WEBSITE

Our amazing Porter Street Parent Advisory Council (PSPAC) website is where you will find important information about the following:

- **Events/Programs for students** (extra-curricular programs)
- **Messages and Reminders** (ex: Hot Lunch, Fruit & Veggie Programs and more)
- **Recent Activity** (Notices, PAC Directory, Contact Us, Mailing List Subscription, PAC General Meeting Agenda/Minutes)
- **Discover PAC** (purpose of our PAC, Bylaws, Team Members, Budget Info, DPAC info)

**This site is very important because it is where you can sign-up and register for the many activities and events offered by our PAC!**

## AND THERE IS SO MUCH MORE!

### ARE YOU ON OUR PSPAC MAILING LIST?

**Please subscribe to our  
PORTER SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUCIL MAILING LIST.**

#### A reminder from PSPAC

Whether you are interested in receiving PAC newsletters via email, finding ways that you can volunteer, or just want to be notified of Meeting Minutes, this is the place to sign up! We use a very secure web application called Mailchimp that handles all our communications and ensures your email address will never be disclosed. Every email we send has an option to unsubscribe so you can stop receiving emails at any time.

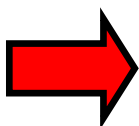
Please click [HERE](#) to subscribe to our PSPAC Mailing List.

You can also opt in to receive meeting minutes, volunteer opportunities, or just weekly letters outlining what is going on. Starting in September we plan to send emails every Sunday giving an overview of the week ahead so you know what your kids are up to.

**NOTE: PSPAC does NOT be send paper communication home with students.**

*Porter Elementary School is not responsible for the data collected or activities provided through this PAC sponsored link.*

The [PSPAC Homepage](#) looks like



## PORTER STREET PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSPAC) 2017-2018 EXECUTIVE

The Parent Advisory Council provides parents with an opportunity to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of your children.

### 2017-2018 Executive:

Position	Contact	E-mail
Chair	Christine Baker	chair@pspac.com
Treasurer	Daniel Vasquez	treasurer@pspac.com
Secretary	Tanja McAffer	secretary@pspac.com
DPAC Representative	Ellie Pahlavanpour	dpac@pspac.com

## REMINDER: PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

It is very important that children be picked up **on time each day**. Plan a meeting place for you and your child. Please show your child the meeting place and make sure she/he understands to wait there for you or an older brother or sister.

**Any student not picked up MUST make her/his way to the office; please review this with your child.**

We will supervise students until they are safely in the care of parents or caregivers. It is especially important for students not to wander off the school grounds. Please inform your child's teacher and the office if you are unable to pick up your child at the usual time. When changes are made, sometimes parents forget to notify their child's teacher and the office. This can result in a very anxious and scared child.

If you know you will be late please phone our office at 604-936-4296 so we can inform your child and your child's teacher. Also, if you make arrangements for someone **other than the regular person** to pick up your child, please phone the office to notify us of this change. Please have this 'new' person report to the office upon her/his arrival at the school.

## REMINDER: RE HEAD LICE Let's all be pro-active

To help stop the spread of lice, please check your child's head regularly and carefully. If you find lice and/or nits (lice eggs) on your child's head, treat as necessary before your child returns to school.

**ANYONE can get head lice.**

Their presence is not a sign of poor hygiene, poor housekeeping, or low socioeconomic status. If you find your child has head lice, please notify the school and the parents of your child's close playmates.

Please contact your local Health Unit if you need further information or visit [www.fraserhealth.ca](http://www.fraserhealth.ca) (School Health).

## HEALTH REMINDERS

In an attempt to keep students and staff healthy from nasty colds and flu's...

1. Please have your children wash their hands regularly
2. Please keep your child home if...
  - they have a fever or are feeling nauseous
  - they have yellow or green discharge from their nose or mouth





# LUNCHBOX THEATRE

## PRESENTS:

Sing, dance and learn theatrical skills in a mini-musical production of **Best Christmas Pageant Ever**. This is a **PAC Fundraiser** for Porter Elementary. **Grades 1 to 5.** *Price includes all materials.*



The class can accommodate a maximum of 30 students.

Registration begins online LIVE at

**September 10 at 7 pm**  
**and closes**  
**September 15 at 7 p.m.**

October 16 - November 22 , 2017

Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Performance: **Wednesday, November 22 at 11 AM.**

Fee per student: **\$79**

**TO REGISTER AND PAY FEES: <http://www.theatrxyoutheatre.com>**

### SOME HELPFUL HINTS TO SUCCESSFULLY REGISTER ONLINE:

1. Create an account THE DAY BEFORE your school's registration link goes live.
2. **You MUST fill out the registration form before trying to pay.** If more than 30 registrants are received, a computer generated list will determine who will be in the class, and those people will be sent the payment link. All others will be on the waitlist.
3. Make sure you sign up under the correct school and only once! Each child must be registered separately.
4. Payment options: Credit Card and Paypal

*PLEASE NOTE: By registering for this program, your child is now considered a Theatrx member. The following policies are attached to this program. While directors take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in the nature of activities, and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school board, its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in this activity, you are agreeing that the activity described above is suitable for your child, and that there is a risk of injury associated with the activity. \*\*\* This is not a theatre production, but a work in progress, and the primary objective is to introduce the students to the performing arts in a safe and fun environment! \*\*\**

# PORTER STAFF FOR 2017-2018

## Enrolling Staff:

DIV	GRADE/S	TEACHER(S)
This will depend on our exact enrollment during the first week of school.		Mme Dahl
		Mme Sigismund
		Ms. Chan
		Mr. Valente
		Mme Smith
		Mme Crowe
		Mme James
		Mr. Mah
		Mrs. Riley
		Mme Walry
		TBA (M-T, Th-F) Mme Rosu (W)
		Mme Simister
		Mme Charpentier
		Ms. Pringle
		Mme Squeo (M-Th) Mme Rosu (F)
		Mme Bell
	Ms. Lepore	

## Non-Enrolling & Support Staff:

POSITION	NAME
Secretary	Mrs. Sather
Secretary (Thurs)	Ms. Kaertner
Caretaker (Day Shift)	Mr. Chandra
Caretaker (Afternoon Shift)	Mr. Ram
Education Assistants (EA)	Ms. Byron Ms. Dueck Ms. Petrovici Ms. Satterwhite Ms. Scouten Ms. Wong TBA
Noon Hour Supervisors (NHS)	Ms. Carrier Ms. Gill Ms. Tessari
LEARNING SERVICES	
Skill Development	Ms. Mcdowell Ms. Turpin
Resource / English Learning Assistance	Ms. Turpin
French Immersion Learning Assistance	Mme LeBlanc Mme Poirier
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	Ms. Moschetti
Gifted Program Teacher	Ms. Moschetti
Speech & Language Pathologist	Mr. Sangar
Counselor	Ms. McCall (M & W) Ms. Kyle (Th)
Teacher-Librarian	Mme LeBlanc
Fine Arts	Ms. Rozanski

**You are invited to our...**

**OPEN HOUSE & COOKIE SOCIAL**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

**Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm**

**2:00 - 3:00 pm**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Please make plans to attend this informative and FUN evening. This is your opportunity to meet your child's teacher, the rest of our staff, visit your child's classroom and socialize with friends and neighbours.

**Principal: Mr. Passaglia**

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)  
**PORTER SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017 – 2018**

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
<b>Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)</b>	<b>Friday, September 22, 2017</b>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
<b>Non-Instructional Day (Common District/ Common Provincial Day)</b>	<b>Friday, October 20, 2017</b>
School Not in Session	Friday, November 10, 2017
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2016
<b>Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training</b>	<b>Friday, November 24, 2017</b>
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2017
Winter Vacation Period	December 25/17 - January 5/18
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018
School Not in Session	Friday, February 9, 2018
BC Family Day	Monday, February 12, 2018
<b>Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)</b>	<b>Friday, February 23, 2018</b>
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Vacation Period	March 19 – March 29, 2018
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2, 2018
Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
<b>Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)</b>	<b>Friday, April 20, 2018</b>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative Day	Friday, June 29, 2018
<b><u>Porter's two School-Based Non-Instructional Days:</u></b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> School Based Non-Instructional Day: <b>Monday, January 29, 2018</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> School Based Non-Instructional Day: <b>Friday, May 18, 2018</b>	

**Principal**

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Mr. Carey Chute  
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**Liaison Trustee**

Ms. Lisa Park  
Phone: 604-790-9406  
lpark@sd43.bc.ca



### *'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*