

École Porter Street Elementary A Learning Community

NEWSLETTER

Sunday, September 10, 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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PORTER STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PAC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

"MEET THE PAC and PRINCIPAL"

Date: Tuesday September 19, 2017

Time: 7:00pm-7:30pm

PAC MEETING (Directly to follow)

Date: Tuesday September 19, 2017

Time: 7:30pm-8:30



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Join us to learn more about the PAC events and programs for 2017/2018 !

PAC Meeting Dates

- ⇒ All PAC Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and will end no later than 8:30 pm
- ⇒ All PAC Meeting are on the third Tuesday of each month (except Dec)

• Tues Sept 19, 2017	• Tues, Feb 20, 2018
• Tues, Oct 17, 2017	• Tues Mar 13, 2018
• Tues, Nov 21, 2017	• Tues April 17, 2018
• Dec - no meeting	• Tues May 15, 2018
• Tues, Jan 16, 2018	• Tues June 12, 2018 (this our AGM; vote in new Executive for 2018-2019; approve Budget for 2018-2019)

Upcoming Events

Mon Sept 18, 2017

**FIRST FULL DAY for
NEW Kindergarten
(8:55 am - 2:53 pm)**

Tues Sept 19, 2017

**PAC Meeting
7:30 - 8:30 pm; Staffroom**

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)

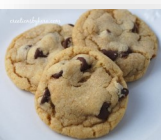
Fri Sept 29, 2017

**Pancake Breakfast (8:00 - 9:00 am)
Terry Fox Assembly/Run
Assembly (1:00 pm)
Run (1:45 pm)**

Cookie Social Open House - Thursday, September 21

Early Dismissal for Grades 1 – 5 at 1:45 pm \ Cookie Social Open House from 2:00 – 3:00 pm and 6:00 – 7:00 pm

We look forward to meeting parents informally at our Cookie Social Open House on Thursday, September 21. Between 2:00 and 3:00 pm and again between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, teachers will be in class to welcome you as your child brings you through for a tour and introductions. This will give teachers and parents a chance to put a face to the name. Parents, we hope this tour will help you to familiarize yourselves with your child's daily learning environment and be better able to picture stories your child shares with you about school. Your child will surely enjoy playing the tour guide and showing you the class, his/her desk, and any projects on display. This is also an opportunity to enjoy some delicious cookies and catch up with other Porter families after the long summer break. **We hope to see you there!**



Within this informal setting in which there will be lots of people about and given how early it is in the year, please don't expect a progress report from your child's teacher. This is simply a meet and greet opportunity that we hope will help you to feel more involved with your child's day-to-day school life and will foster good communication between us.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2017

Register online at: www.dowhatuluv.ca/porter

This link is NOW LIVE

Monday (and Wed)	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Friday
<p>Theatrix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon & Wed • 12:05 – 12:50 pm (GYM) • Mon (Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 20) • Weds (Nov 1, 8, 15) • Performance: Wed Nov 22 (11 am) <p>Brickz4Kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday • 3:00 – 4:00 pm (PAC Room) • Mon (Sept 25, Oct 2, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 20, 27) • Pro-D/Holiday: Oct 9, Nov 13 	<p>Moresports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday • 3:00 – 4:30 pm (GYM) • 8 Sessions: Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, (31 Halloween), Nov 7, 14, 21 <p>Lasermaster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday • 3:00 – 4:30 pm (PAC Room) • 8 Sessions: Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, (31 Halloween), Nov 7, 14, 21 • + 2 more tbd 	<p>places des arts (Paper Mache)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday • 3:00 – 4:00 pm (PAC Room) • 8 sessions: Oct 11, 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 <p>Young Performers Workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday • 3:00 – 4:15 pm (Music Room; Room 19) • 8 Sessions: Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, (31 Halloween), Nov 7, 14, 21 	<p>Mad Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday • 3:00 – 4:00 pm (PAC Room) • 8 Sess: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, Nov 3, 17, Dec 1, 8 • (Pro-D: Oct 27, Nov 10, 24) <p>Hip-Hop Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday • 3:00 – 4:00 pm (Music Room) • 8 Sessions: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, Nov 3, 17, Dec 1, 8 • (Pro-D: Oct 27, Nov 10, 24)

Porter Kindergarten Pumpkin Gardens - update



Our Kindergarten classes have now have planted and are growing **PUMPKINS**.

They are good eating varieties (Winter Luxury Pie Pumpkin, Dickinson and Musquee de Provence/Fairytale) that we thought would be nice for our students to get to taste. Our students, will no doubt, enjoy having their very own Porter Pumpkin Patch.

So far, we have a lot of vines and not so many pumpkins, but we still have almost two months during which they will grow, so we hope we end up with some pumpkins, and that our students and families enjoy watching them grow.

Perhaps we will have a few to decorate the gym with for our annual Halloween Parade.

A very special thank-you goes to Mme Crowe who is helping our Kindergarten classes.



ALL PAC ORDERS AND EVENTS WILL BE ON MunchaLunch

This year all PAC orders and events will be managed in MunchaLunch. This provides one central location, making it easier to place your orders.

To place your order for Hot Lunch, Spirit Wear and Pop Corn Days please visit MunchaLunch www.pspac.com/munchalunch

If you are new to school, or do not have an MunchaLunch account you will need to register first by visiting the following link www.pspac.com/newuser

Fall 2017 Porter Spirit Wear

ONLINE ORDERING
WILL BE
LIVE
THIS TUES SEPT 12,
2017

FALL 2017 Porter Spirit Wear

Show your school pride at school, at home, at the park or anywhere you go.



available for all students, staff and parents.

ORDER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 2nd www.pspac.com/spiritwear

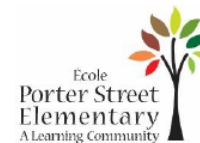
Note: you will need to login with your MunchaLunch account
items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks from closing of order window

Please welcome our new staff!

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

- ◆ **Ms. Shannon Bakker** (30-hour Education Assistant)
- ◆ **Mme Deni James** (French Immersion Teacher)
- ◆ **Ms. Julianna Kyle** (Counselor; Learning Services; 1.5 days 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 Kate Rader** (French Immersion Teacher)
- ◆ **Mme Jennifer Smith** (French Immersion Teacher)
- ◆ **Ms. Chanchamone Wong** (30-hour Education Assistant)

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.



Parents as Partners

Monday, September 11th, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year! The start of classes typically brings a mix of the new and the familiar for the children. We appreciate getting the parents' perspectives on their child(ren) as this helps us to get to know our students and thus be better able to support them as they settle in to their new class. **So we ask that you complete the attached questionnaire and return it to your child's teacher.** We'd be glad to get the perspective of both parents, and encourage each of you to jot down your ideas on the form. Please feel free to answer in point form if you wish. Extra forms are available at the office if necessary.

Thanks for taking the time to share your knowledge about your child. Your input is valuable and will help us to foster your child's intellectual and social development this year as the more information we have, the better able we are to meet the diverse needs of each student.



We look forward to meeting parents informally at our **Cookie Social Open House on Thursday, September 21st.** Children in Grades 1 – 5 will be dismissed at 1:45 pm. Between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. and again between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, teachers will be in class to welcome you as your child brings you through for a tour and introductions. This will give teachers and parents a chance to put a face to the name. Parents, we hope this tour will help you to familiarize yourselves with your child's daily learning environment and be better able to picture stories your child shares with you about school. Your child will surely enjoy playing the tour guide and showing you the class, his/her desk, and any projects on display. This is also an opportunity to enjoy some delicious cookies and catch up with other Porter families after the long summer break.

We sure hope to see you there!

Thanks for all you do to support your child on his/her educational journey.

We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

The Staff of École Porter Street Elementary

The below questionnaire, About Your Child, will be coming home with your child on Mon Sept 11, 2017.

Please complete and return to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

About Your Child

Please fill in the following questionnaire and have your child return it to his/her teacher.
 Thank you for taking the time to help us to know and serve your child better!

Child's Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

1. What three words best describe your child?

2. What are your child's interests and strengths?

3. What is your child's general attitude towards school this year?

4. Is your child taking any lessons (e.g. dance, gymnastics, piano) or participating in any team sports? How often?

5. What motivates your child to do well? This might include activities, talents, acquired skills or specific ways of communicating to which your child responds especially well.

6. Are there areas of your child's education about which you have specific concerns? How would you like to see him or her improve?

7. Please include any other information that you would like to share about your child. This could include any social concerns, health issues (e.g. medication your child is taking, allergies, hearing), family-related information (e.g. custody arrangements) or anything else at all that you feel would be helpful for your child's teacher to know.

8. What is your child's pick-up routine for after school?

(Do you pick your child up? Daycare?* Walking with friends? Do you have a particular meeting spot? Is the routine different on different days?) *If your child attends daycare, please include in your response below the name and phone number of your child's daycare provider.

Parent Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY PROCESS (Tues Sept 5 – Fri Sept 15, 2017)

Porter Gradual Entry Plan for September 2017

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

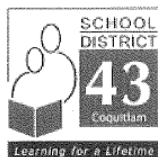
Your child will attend from 8:50 – 9:30 am on Tues Sept 5, 2017. At this time, you will sign-up for your Welcoming Conversation.

	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	Entire Class 8:50 am – 12:05 pm (3 hrs)
10:50 – 12:05 pm (1.25 hrs)	WC	WC	WC			WC	WC	
12:50 – 2:53 pm (2 hrs)	WC	Professional Learning Opportunity @ Winslow • All K teachers to attend	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.

This form is attached to the email this Newsletter was sent with...



550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, British Columbia V3J 6A7 • Phone 604-939-9201 • Fax: 604-939-7828

September 5, 2017

RE: Grade 5 Get Active! Program

Dear: School District 43 Grade 5 Students and Parents/Guardians:

The Tri Cities, in cooperation with School District 43, are pleased to continue the Grade 5 Get Active! Program for all School District 43 Grade 5 students. This program has been approved by the Cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody to promote youth involvement in physical activity. We are very excited about this community partnership and we hope that you will be able to take part in it.

This letter is required for registration. Grade 5 students must take this letter to the leisure services location that serves their home address, with their **birth certificate and proof of residency** (has to be **phone, hydro, cable or gas bill or Property Tax Notice - driver's license and PO Boxes are not acceptable**).

- o Coquitlam residents register at Coquitlam Recreations Locations;
- o Port Coquitlam residents register at Port Coquitlam Leisure Services locations;
- o Port Moody, Anmore & Belcarra residents register at Port Moody Recreation Centre

With this verification, you will receive a Grade 5 Get Active! Card – a photo identification card (**student must be present for photo to be taken**) that you can use from September 5, 2017 to September 4, 2018, **to access all drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium programs** in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody, all free of charge!

All Grade 5 students are encouraged to take advantage of this new opportunity. Think of the fun you can have while in grade 5 – public skating, unlimited access to the indoor and outdoor pools all summer, shooting hoops with your friends at City run drop in gym programs! All during your Grade 5 year.

There has never been a better time for you to Get Active!

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools

Grade 5 Student: _____

School Attending: _____

Verified by: _____

Grade 5 Teacher / School Administrator



Serving the communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody

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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.

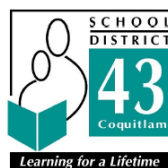
AT ALL TIMES, ALL DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY MUST BE:

- 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.

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.

Stan Simister, M.A., R.Psych. #1584, Social Development Centre, Child and Youth Mental Health Services, 300-3003 St. Johns St., Coquitlam, B.C. V3B 1L6
Tel. (604) 944-2500 or (604) 469-7600

Porter eForms (very important!)

FORMS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED:

SCHOOL POLICIES

Read the various policies and permissions and discuss them with your child.

CONTEST #1: the first class in which parents of all the students have completed the **SCHOOL POLICIES** eForm will receive a pizza lunch!

MEDICAL ALERT To be completed **ONLY** if your child suffers from a medical concern the school should be aware of

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:

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION	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).
DRIVER APPLICATION	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)
PRIVATELY OWNED DEVICES	To be completed if student is planning to use a privately owned device by connecting to the district wireless network.
ABSENCE REPORT	To be completed when your child is going to be away from school.

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

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!

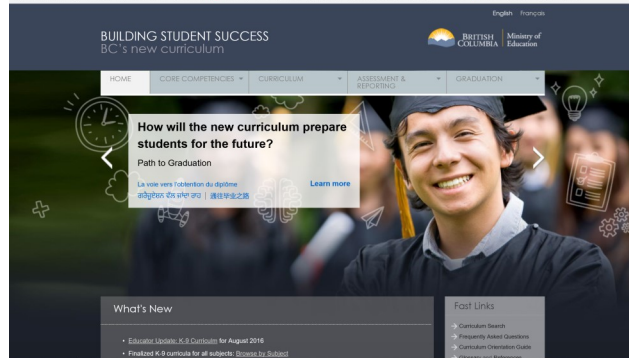
**STAY TUNED FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOU
CAN MAKE A DONATION!**



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.

The [Home](#) webpage looks like this:



The [Core Competencies](#) link looks like:



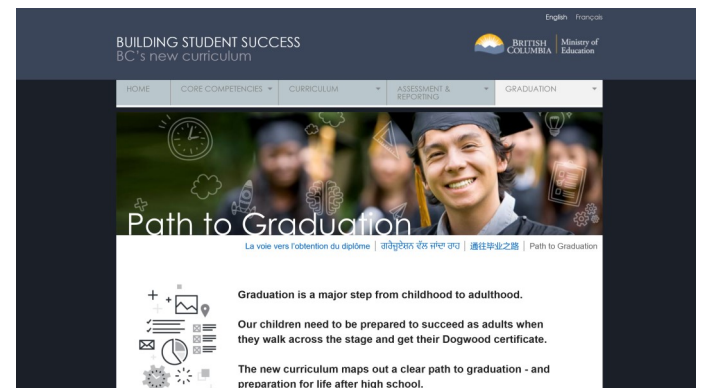
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PORTER STREET PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSPAC) WEBSITE

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.

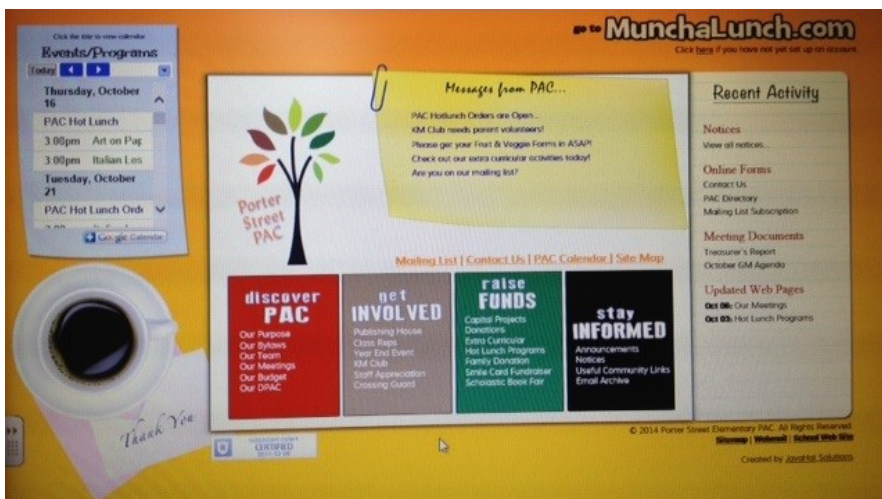
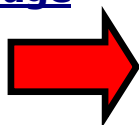
Please click [HERE](#) to subscribe to our PSPAC Mailing List.

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 (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 Theatrix 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)
1	Grade 5 FrImm	Mme Dahl
2	Grade 4/5 FrImm	Mme Sigismund
3	Grade 4/5 Eng	Ms. Chan
4	Grade 4/5 Eng	Mr. Valente
5	Grade 4 FrImm	Mme Smith
6	Grade 3 FrImm	Mme Crowe
7	Grade 3 FrImm	Mme James
8	Grade 2/3 Eng	Mr. Mah
9	Grade 2/3 Eng	Mrs. Riley
10	Grade 2 FrImm	Mme Walry
11	Grade 2 FrImm	Mme Rader (M-T, Th-F) Mme Rosu (W)
12	Grade 1 FrImm	Mme Simister
13	Grade 1 FrImm	Mme Charpentier
14	Grade 1 Eng	Ms. Pringle
15	Kindergarten FrImm	Mme Squeo (M-Th) Mme Rosu (F)
16	Kindergarten FrImm	Mme Bell
17	Kindergarten Eng	Ms. Lepore

Non-Enrolling & Support Staff:

POSITION	NAME
Secretary	Mrs. Sather
Secretary (Mon)	Ms. Kaertner
Caretaker (Day Shift)	Mr. Chandra
Caretaker (Afternoon Shift)	Mr. Ram
Education Assistants (EA)	Ms. Bakker Ms. Byron Ms. Dueck Ms. Petrovici Ms. Satterwhite Ms. Scouten Ms. Wong
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 & Fri am)
Teacher-Librarian	Mme LeBlanc (M-W, F)
Fine Arts	Ms. Rozanski (M, W, Th)

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.

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

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, September 22, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Common District/ Common Provincial Day)	Friday, October 20, 2017
School Not in Session	Friday, November 10, 2017
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2016
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, November 24, 2017
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
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, February 23, 2018
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
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 20, 2018
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative Day	Friday, June 29, 2018
<u>Porter's two School-Based Non-Instructional Days:</u>	
1 st School Based Non-Instructional Day: Monday, January 29, 2018	
2 nd School Based Non-Instructional Day: Friday, May 18, 2018	

Principal

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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