

École Porter Street Elementary
A Learning Community

NEWSLETTER

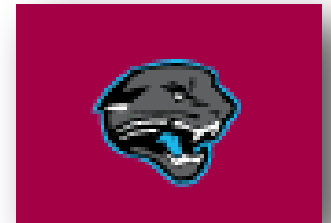
Sunday, January 7, 2018

*"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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HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

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NEW YEAR

Happy New Year everyone!
We wish you all health and joy in 2018!

PORTER ELEMENTARY WINTER 2018



For all available programs, forms and online registration
Please Visit: www.dowhatuluv.ca/PORTER

MONDAY: THEATRIX (Lunch Time), **HIP-HOP DANCE (REGISTER HERE)**,
BRICKS4KIDZ (Afterschool)

TUESDAY: LASERMASTER (Afterschool), **MORESPORTS (REGISTER HERE)**

WEDNESDAY: THEATRIX (Lunch Time), **YOUNG PERFORMERS (REGISTER HERE)**,
RELAXING ORIGAMI (Afterschool)

THURSDAY: **LEGO - SERIOUS PLAY (REGISTER HERE)**, more coming soon...

FRIDAY: **MPOWER YOUR INNER NINJA (REGISTER HERE)**,
MADSCIENCE (Afterschool)

Porter Winter 2018 Extra-Curricular Programs

Our Winter 2018 (Jan - Mar) Extra-Curricular Programs are now available for ONLINE registration at:

www.dowhatuluv.ca/PORTER/

Please note: the title on this link reads, Fall 2017 - all the individual program links are for **WINTER 2018**.

We have added 2 NEW and AWESOME programs: LEGO-SERIOUS PLAY and MPOWER YOUR INNER NINJA. Check them out!

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Tong Guan for all of his time, efforts, passion and care in helping us offer these programs to our students. Tong is the Founder and Executive Director of the Do What U Luv Foundation.

Their mission is:

"Our mission is to bring creative programs and outlets to schools and provide more opportunities for youth, to explore their talents and uncover their potential" - www.dowhatuluv.ca

WINTER WEATHER HAS ARRIVED!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs before 6:30 a.m. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>



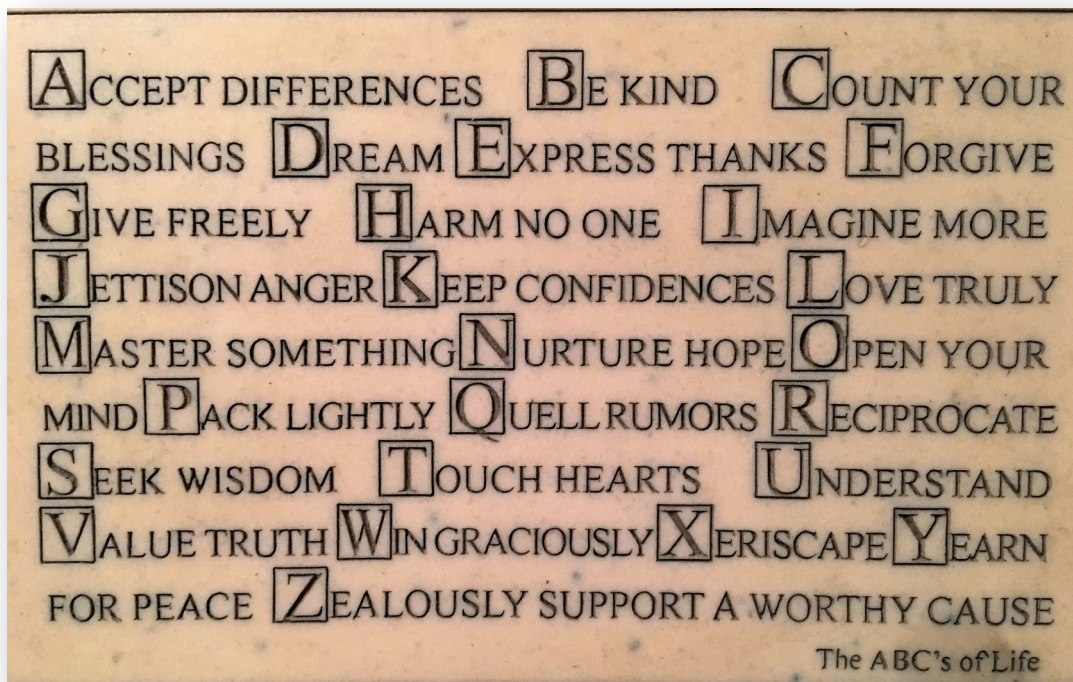
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Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

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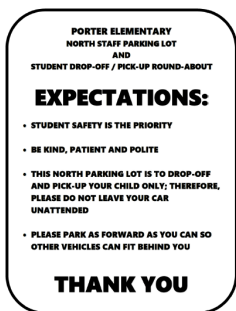
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REMINDERS: Traffic, Parking and Pick-up/Drop-off NEW SIGNAGE INSTALLED AT BOTH OUR NORTH AND SOUTH STAFF PARKING LOTS

Although we continue to remind our school community about our traffic, parking and pick-up and drop-off concerns the following infractions were observed during the month of December 2017:

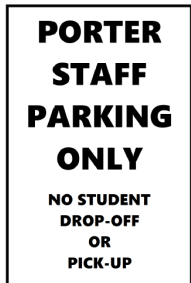
FOR OUR NORTH PARKING LOT



- speeding along Porter
- driving through the crosswalks along Porter when there are children and families waiting to cross
- Porter parents making U-turns right in front of the school
- double parking
- parking in neighbours' driveways
- if you witness a violation, call the RCMP immediately when the violation is occurring; this way the RCMP or the City of Coquitlam Bylaws Department can be dispatched and, hopefully, catch the driver committing the offence and can either educate them or issue violation tickets; in addition, the driver will know what the infraction was at the time of the offence, rather than us showing up days later to warn them.

I have requested, yet again, random, checks and monitoring by our local RCMP and City of Coquitlam Bylaws Department

FOR OUR SOUTH PARKING LOT



REMINDERS:

- If you are a parent/guardian dropping off and/or picking up their children in our SOUTH PARKING LOT – PLEASE DO NOT as this parking lot is for Porter and District Staff only (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- Our NORTH PARKING LOT has a **drop-off and pick-up lane**; this is the lane adjacent to the yellow-painted curb-blocks; **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR WHILE DROPPING-OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILD** – you MUST remain in your car



Kid-Friendly Version of our Porter School Code of Conduct

Our Kid-Friendly version of our Porter School Code of Conduct is found in your child's student planner. Please review with your child or children. Involving your children in a discussion at home would certainly make it more of a living document and would help to reinforce common language and expectations. Your time, efforts and support are greatly appreciated.

École Porter Street Elementary Code of Conduct

Our **school motto** is: "Take care of yourself, take care of each other, take care of this place!"

Rights and Responsibilities

I have the **RIGHT** to learn in this School.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to follow instructions, remain on task, and not interfere with the learning of others.

I have the **RIGHT** to hear and be heard.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to not talk or make noises when others are speaking.

I have the **RIGHT** to be treated with respect in this school.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to treat all others with respect.

I have the **RIGHT** to be safe from physical and verbal violence in this school.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** not to physically or verbally harm anyone else.

I have the **RIGHT** to privacy and to my own personal space.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the personal space and property of others and to accept their right to privacy.

Acceptable Conduct

Responsible behaviour looks like this:

On the playground:

- Include others
- Play safely
- Hands and feet to yourself
- Kind and suitable words

In the hallway:

- Walk and stay to the right
- Use a whisper voice
- Hands and feet to yourself

In the classroom:

- Listen carefully to others
- Work hard to do your best
- Never interfere with other people's learning
- Move safely
- Respect the property and space of others
- Use kind and suitable words

In formal assemblies:

- Enter the gym silently
- Sit on bottom with hands and legs folded
- No talking
- Hands and feet to self

At lunchtime in the classroom:

- Stay seated at your desk
- Eat only your own lunch
- Eat all of your lunch and clean up any mess that you make
- Use 'indoor' voices when speaking
- Kind and suitable words
- Hands and feet to self
- Dismiss yourself when the bell rings

In the washroom:

- Flush the toilet
- Wash your hands (with soap)
- Report any problems to an adult

Photo Corner

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHA-CHING! This year's PSL (Porter Soccer League) Champions! Thurs Dec 21, 2017



Photo Corner

Porter's Marion Rose Family Dance Evening (Thurs Dec 14, 2017)



Porter's Marion Rose Dance Presentation for Families (Fri Dec 15, 2017)



Photo Corner

Porter's 4th Annual Grade 5 Volleyball Jamboree

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CABE Students making Christmas Gingerbread Cookies with Porter Students

Tues Dec 7, 2017



Coquitlam Continuing Education (CE) Magazine



This is a new and amazing resource for adults looking to continue their education within our school district.

The link is:

<http://online.flipbuilder.com/bmr/xxag/mobile/index.html#p=1>

OR

[CE Magazine](#)

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 January 23, 2018, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Tuesdays and ends on March 6, 2018. A second course starts **Wednesday January 24, 2018, from 9:30am to 11:30am**. This course will run for 7 consecutive Wednesdays and ends on March 7, 2018.

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 January 8, 2018 and Friday January 19, 2018, 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 April 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.

Coquitlam Moody Minor Baseball **LET'S PLAY BALL**

**Join Coquitlam Moody
Minor Spring Baseball to
have fun and get active.**

**Open to all boys & girls,
age 4 - 17. Beginners
welcome.**

**THE AFFORDABLE SPORT FOR FAMILIES IN
THE TRI CITIES**

**Early bird registration now
open for the Spring 2018
season which runs from April
to June.**

VISIT WWW.CMMBA.COM





TRI-CITY EAGLES FIELD HOCKEY CLUB

2018 SEASON REGISTRATION

***Girls born 2000-2013 are invited to get involved
in the second ranking sport in the world!***



U-11 to U-18 teams compete in the Greater Vancouver Junior Field Hockey league from Mid-March to June. Season Fee \$135.

The Club also offers a Mini-Hockey Program for U-10 girls and boys (*minis born 2008 - 2009 & mites born 2010 - 2013*). Season fee for Minis & Mites is \$110.

We now offer a program for U-12 Boys (*birthdates 2006-2008*)

**Registration information is on our website:
www.tcfieldhockey.com**

***PLAYERS MUST FIRST REGISTER WITH FIELD HOCKEY
BRITISH COLUMBIA*** to obtain a player identification number – required to complete registration with TC Field Hockey. See our website for details.

**Registration Deadline U-11 to U-18:
Returning Players and New Registrants
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

A \$10 late fee will be charged after Feb. 1st if space is available.

**Registration Deadline for U-10 players:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

A \$10 late fee will be charged after March 1st if space is available.

**DROP IN & TRY IT
SESSION!**

**Sunday, January 21
12-2pm • Cunnings Field**

WEATHER PERMITTING

No registration required.

**Participants are asked to arrive
promptly at noon.**

www.tcfieldhockey.com | 604-619-4034



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.

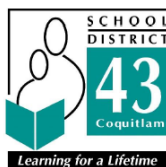
AT ALL TIMES, ALL DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY MUST BE:

- 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.

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	

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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