

## What's New on the Ranch

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**December 19, 2021 – January 2, 2022  
Christmas Holiday!  
School Reopens on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

### *This Week in Review:*

A huge thank you to Ms. Petrucci for organizing our fabulous Christmas Concert! After two years of remote performances, it was a joy to welcome parents, grandparents and families back into the gym to enjoy the talents and hard work of our students and staff. Ms. Petrucci and the music council in particular spent many hours planning, developing and rehearsing our production of North Pole's Got Talent. As promised, we also have [a video of the Thursday performance](#), which you can watch at [this link](#).

Thank you all for supporting our 12 Days of Giving! We collected a huge table of food and toys to give to the SHARE Food Bank, and over \$500 in cash donations. Thank you for your generosity and support, and thank you to Ms. Menard and her class for organizing and collecting all the donations!



We have a number of programs on offer for afterschool activities in the spring, including sculpture, drawing, sports and robotics! Please see the information below to sign up for one of these activities.

I have attached the January Calendar. If you are planning to apply cross catchment for Middle School or a program of choice, please see the additional information below.

Please see the information below from Fraser Health.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday!



Rob Killawee  
Principal  
Ranch Park Elementary



## Message from Fraser Health

We are seeing a sharp increase in illness and hospitalizations due to flu, particularly among children. Flu vaccines provide protection from flu and can help prevent serious illness and hospitalization. Everyone 6 months of age and over is eligible for a flu vaccine.

Everyone is encouraged to book an appointment, using the [Get Vaccinated system](#) or by calling 1-833-838-2323.

For more information about getting your flu shot, and to see the current clinic schedule and drop in hours, visit [www.fraserhealth.ca/flu](http://www.fraserhealth.ca/flu).

Sincerely,

Lindsay

Dr. Lindsay Bowthorpe, MD, CCFP, MPH, FRCPC  
Medical Health Officer, Medical Director



## Afterschool Program Opportunities

### Ranch Park: Afterschool Programs (Winter 2023)

Click the links below for details - Register on [DWUL](#).

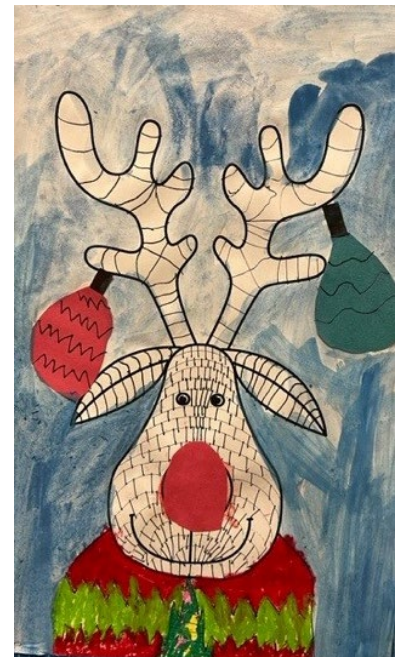
[Ranch Park \(Mon\): Junior Robotics - Elementary Students](#)

[Ranch Park \(Tues\) Game Ready Crazy Sports](#)

[Ranch Park \(Thurs\): Arts & Drawing - Illustrating Northwest Coast Animals](#)

Programs are brought to you by different community organizations. DWUL (Do What U Luv) provides online registration.

For the Place des Arts Sculpture program on Wednesday afternoons, please see below.



## Parent Information



### Mathematical terms

**Decompose** - *to break a number into smaller parts.*

**Round to** - *make a number friendly by finding the closest multiple of 10.*

**Subitize** - *to recognize the number of a small group of objects without counting.*

### Report Cards

Report cards were issued last week. You will find your child's report card by logging in to your MyEducation BC. Look in the "Published Reports" section on the right-hand side.

### Speed Enforcement

I have arranged with the RCMP for speed enforcement on Spuraway Ave in front of Ranch Park. This is intended to impact driving behaviour of those who regularly pass this way; however, please be aware as enforcement will be impartial.

### Illness Protocol

If your child is ill they should not come to school, but should remain home until better. There have been a lot of recent illness in the community, including a variety of colds and flu. If your child shows symptoms of illness at school, we will contact you to pick them up.

### Reporting Absences

Please report absences and lates through the "Absence Report" link on the website, under "Quick Links. You can also [bookmark this link](#) on your phone or browser.

### Grade 5 Fundraising

You can support our Grade 5 activities through purchasing Tru-Earth laundry products at <https://fundraising.tru.earth/RPGrade5>.

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## Student Goal of the Week:

**Core Competency:** Social Responsibility

**Facet:** Valuing diversity

**Goal Statement:** "With some direction, I can demonstrate respectful and inclusive behaviour."





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# ART À LA CARTE

after-school programs at Ranch Park Elementary

## Mixed Media Collage and Sculpt

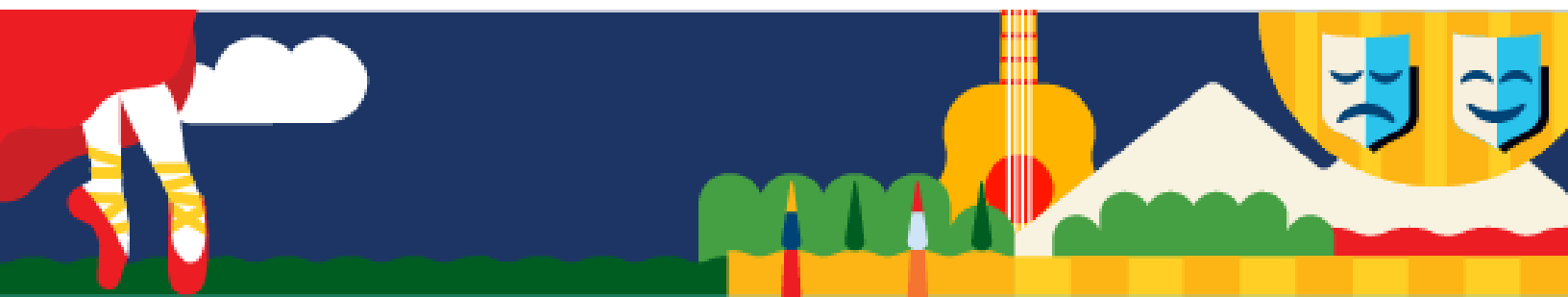
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### Grades 1 - 5

Using a variety of materials and tools, you will learn about texture, color combinations, shapes and repetition in art. Discover the different materials used in collaging, printmaking and sculpting and learn how to make 3D art. Also learn about negative and positive space to create a beautiful masterpiece.  
Instructor: Sophie Davari

**#27487 • WED • Jan 18-Mar 8 • 2:45-4:15 PM • \$147/student**

**Register by phone at 604.664.1636 or  
in person at Place des Arts, 1120 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam**



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Years Day</i>	2 <i>New Years Day Stat</i>	3 <i>School Re-opens</i>	4	5 <i>K/POC App begins, 9am</i>	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>K/POC app ends, 4pm PAC Meeting 7-8:30</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Fire Drill</i>	18 <i>JHSC</i>	19	20	21
22 <i>Lunar New Year. Year of the Rabbit</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Hot Lunch - White Spot</i>	28
29	30 <i>Focus Day Non Instructional Day  Semester 2 Begins</i>	31 <i>Kindergarten Regis- tration</i>	<i>Feb 1 Student Led Conferences 1:45—5:30</i>			



# School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

## Program Registration Information 2023 - 2024

1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam, BC V3J 0M6 | Phone: 604-939-9201 | [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) | Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Cross Catchment Application and Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school year starting in September 2023 occurs soon. Read the school and program registration information below for more details.**

### Kindergarten Registration for September 2023

#### **WHEN CAN MY CHILD START KINDERGARTEN?**

Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2023 may enter school in September 2023. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2024.

#### **WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD?**

Applications for Programs of Choice are held before Kindergarten Registration. Please see below.

Kindergarten Registration will be held between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023 using the online forms on your catchment school's website.

#### **INTERESTED IN APPLYING YOUR CHILD IN A PROGRAM OF CHOICE?**

Applications for Programs of Choice - Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion will be held on January 5, 2023 to January 11, 2023.

For Program of Choice application process, deadlines and online presentations, visit [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs).

#### **HOW DO I KNOW MY CHILD'S CATCHMENT SCHOOL?**

All students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school. Catchment is based on permanent home address.

To determine your catchment school, use the [School Locator](#) on our website.

#### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR CROSS CATCHMENT FOR MY CHILD?**

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school before completing a Cross Catchment application. Applications for cross catchment transfers will be accepted between Friday, February 3, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to 4:00 pm.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance the following school year) and are requested to register at their sibling's school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023. Therefore, Kindergarten parents do not need to fill out a Cross Catchment application verifying sibling status. The exception to this is for a Program of Choice. Parents must complete the online Kindergarten Programs of Choice application for siblings to attend the same program.

Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.

#### **CAN I USE MY CHILDCARE FACILITY ADDRESS TO DETERMINE MY CHILD'S CATCHMENT SCHOOL?**

No. According to the School Act, enrolment can only be based on the home address.

#### **WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING MY CHILD?**

View the "Funding Eligibility Checklist" for documentation required for registration at [www.sd43.bc.ca/kindergartenregistration](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/kindergartenregistration)

#### **ARE YOU A NON-RESIDENT OF CANADA?**

Please contact the International Education Department at 604-936-5769, or visit [www.internationaleled.com](http://www.internationaleled.com). Bring along proof of citizenship for parent and student, proof of residency, and proof of guardianship (if applicable).



### Cross Catchment Process (All Grades)

Parents sometimes wish for their children to attend a school that is not their catchment school. In such cases, a Cross Catchment application is required after registering at their catchment school. School District 43 uses a random draw process for Cross Catchment applications (using in-district priority, then out-of-district).

If enrolment projections show that space is available, Cross Catchment transfer applications will be accepted in accordance with the following priorities: 1) sibling of a child who will be in attendance at the Cross Catchment school in the following year; 2) a child residing within the SD43 residential boundaries (could include private or homeschool) and 3) non-school district resident child.

The [School Locator](#) tool on our website provides a student's designated catchment area school.

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023 using the online form on their catchment school website. Cross Catchment applications may only be completed after registration at catchment schools.

Grades 1-12 students, who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment, will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will be in attendance when the student begins at the out-of-catchment school). Parents still need to complete the Cross Catchment application confirming sibling status.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will be in attendance when the student begins at the out-of-catchment school) and are requested to register for their sibling's school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023. Therefore, Kindergarten parents do not need to fill out a Cross Catchment application verifying sibling status. The exception to this is for a Program of Choice. Parents must complete the online Kindergarten Programs of Choice application for siblings to attend the same program. Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.

#### **HOW CAN I APPLY FOR CROSS CATCHMENT?**

Cross Catchment application forms can be accessed online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Friday, February 3, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to 4:00 pm.

**\*Coast Salish Elementary School will consider families from the Smiling Creek Elementary School and Leigh Elementary School catchment areas as a first priority for cross catchment acceptance.\***

To learn more about Cross Catchment and Kindergarten Registration, please visit our website: [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

# School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) Program Registration Information 2023 - 2024

## Early French Immersion Program (Kindergarten Entry)

### WHAT IS EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION?

- Early French Immersion is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 12 level at the following elementary schools: *Coquitlam River, Mary Hill, Irvine, Nestor, Glenayre, Panorama Heights, Kilmer, Porter Street, Rochester, Westwood.*
- The Early French Immersion Program offers all students whose first language is not French the possibility of completing the prescribed B.C. curriculum and learn French at the same time.
- From Kindergarten to the end of Grade 3, all instruction is in French with English Language Arts beginning in Grade 4.
- Students also expand their cultural horizons and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications for Early French Immersion are to be completed online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- Students entering Grade 1 (currently in Kindergarten) wishing to enroll should contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392 and should not apply online.

## Late French Immersion Program (Grade 6 Entry)

### WHAT IS LATE FRENCH IMMERSION?

- Late French Immersion is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Grades 6 to 8 levels at the following middle schools: *Citadel, Moody Middle and Montgomery*
- The Late French Immersion Program provides students with instructions in both English and French and offers all students whose first language is not French the possibility of completing the prescribed B.C. curriculum and learn French at the same time.
- Late French Immersion students merge with the French Immersion Program for Grades 9-12.
- This program helps students develop strong communication skills in both English and French.
- Students also expand their cultural horizons and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications for Late French Immersion are to be completed online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- For further information about Early or Late French Immersion, please contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

## Early Montessori Program

### WHAT IS EARLY MONTESSORI?

- Early Montessori is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 5 level at the following elementary schools: *Aspenwood, Baker Drive, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Miller Park, James Park and Seaview.*
- The program provides a rich learning environment for students. It is based on Montessori principles and fulfills the expectations of the Ministry of Education.
- The Montessori approach supports continuous progress, as students learn to work on personal goals and academic challenges.
- Students learn to work independently, in small groups and as peer leaders.
- The program is delivered following the Montessori philosophy of learning.
- Students make use of a variety of information sources in their project work, including explorations, technology, print and human resources.
- The program supports students in becoming lifelong learners and global citizens.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications for Early Montessori are to be completed online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- Students entering Grade 1 (currently in Kindergarten) wishing to enroll should contact the school directly and should not apply online.

## Late Montessori Program

### WHAT IS LATE MONTESSORI?

- Late Montessori is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Grades 6 to 8 levels at the following middle schools: *Montgomery and Scott Creek.*
- The Late Montessori Program provides a rich learning environment for students. It is based on Montessori principles and fulfills the expectations of the Ministry of Education.
- The Montessori approach supports continuous progress, as students learn to work on personal goals and academic challenges.
- Students learn to work independently, in small groups and as peer leaders.
- The program is delivered following the Montessori philosophy of learning.
- Students make use of a variety of information sources in their project work, including explorations, technology, print and human resources.
- Montessori at middle school emphasizes critical and creative thinking, community service and student-initiated learning with in-depth studies.
- The program supports students in becoming lifelong learners and global citizens.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications for Late Montessori are to be completed online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**

- Children entering Kindergarten in September 2023 and are interested in any of the Programs of Choice must apply online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca).
- Kindergarten children with siblings in the program must still apply online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and will be given highest priority (provided the sibling will still be in attendance the following school year) if space is available.
- Applications will be processed on a **RANDOM DRAW BASIS**.

Visit [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs) to watch the online presentations, application process and priorities for placements about our Elementary & Middle Programs of Choice.

## Mandarin Bilingual Program

### WHAT IS THE MANDARIN BILINGUAL PROGRAM?

- Mandarin Bilingual is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 5 level at *Walton Elementary School*, at Grades 6 to 8 at *Scott Creek Middle* and Grades 9 -12 at *Gleneagle Secondary School*.
- The Mandarin Bilingual Program provides students with instruction in both English and Mandarin.
- Regardless of their first language, the elementary program offers all students the possibility of completing 50 per cent of the prescribed B.C. curriculum in Mandarin (Mandarin Language Arts, Math, Health and Career, and P.E.) and 50 per cent of the prescribed B.C. curriculum in English (English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies and Fine Arts).
- Students develop their knowledge of other cultures and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Children entering Kindergarten in September 2023 must apply through the Programs of Choice online registration system at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca).
- **Applications for Mandarin Bilingual are to be completed online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- Applications for Kindergarten are done by **random draw** and will be limited to the number of spaces available.
- Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must apply online. Siblings of students already enrolled in the Mandarin Bilingual Program at Walton Elementary School will be given first priority. Please clearly identify sibling status on the online application form.
- Students entering Grade 1 (currently in Kindergarten) wishing to enroll should contact school directly and should not apply online.

Visit [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs) to watch the online presentations, application process and priorities for placements about our Elementary & Middle Programs of Choice.

## Reggio Influenced Program

### WHAT IS THE REGGIO PROGRAM?

- The Reggio Program is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 5 level at *Meadowbrook Elementary*.
- The Reggio vision is of an 'education based on relationships'. Our educational philosophy at Meadowbrook focuses on the individual child in relationship with the family, other children, staff, the school environment and society. These relationships are interconnected and reciprocal.
- It is an approach to education that encourages children and their teachers to explore, question, discover and acquire skills of critical thinking and collaboration in beautiful, stimulating environments.
- Children express interests and ideas, research for further information, reflect on the experience and form conclusions. Through this process, children develop the confidence and independence with encouragement from parents, teachers and community members.
- The Reggio approach is not a formal approach like Montessori with defined methods, teacher certification standards and accreditation processes.

### WHY REGGIO INFLUENCED?

- Models personalized learning through emergent curriculum and responsive teaching practice.
- Supports student engagement and self-regulation.
- Involves parents and community as true partners in supportive learning.
- Honours all children by building on their gifts and strengths.
- Builds and supports collaborative practice between children, teachers and parents.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Catchment area children entering Kindergarten September 2023 should register during Kindergarten registration directly at the school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023.
- Non-catchment area children entering Kindergarten should apply through the Programs of Choice online registration system at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- All other non-catchment area students currently in Kindergarten to Grade 4 should contact the school and apply online at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) during the Cross Catchment application process between February 3, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to 4:00 pm.