

WALTON ELEMENTARY

MARCH 31, 2015

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING: 1ST STEPS TO OUR CHARTER

**School
Closed for
Good
Friday
(April 3)
and Easter
Monday
(April 6)**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Student Led Conferences, Tuesday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 15th.
- Students will dismiss at 1:45

Our staff continue to be engaged in Social Emotional Learning. The ability to regulate our feelings will help us become better learners. We have been working with Miriam Miller, a well known and respected educational consultant, on developing a direction and vision for our goal. I'd like to share a recap from our last session with Miriam.

SEL is a process, not a product.

Process of developing skills and competencies across life span include:

- self-awareness
- social awareness
- self-management- regulating thoughts and behaviours
- relationship skills
- responsible decision making

- An indicator of a school that embraces Social Emotional Learning has an environment that celebrates diversity and fosters autonomy, a sense of belonging and competency.

Emotional Literacy Charter

- Classroom rules and guidelines for behaviour are different than emotional literacy charter.
- SEL is not about developing more "rules"
- Unlike 'rules' of conduct, an emotional intelligence charter is a vision that everyone in a district/school/classroom shared about agreed-upon norms for how everyone will be treated.

The staff have already begun discussing our vision and thoughts of what we need so that we feel safe and happy at school and how to handle uncomfortable feelings and conflict.

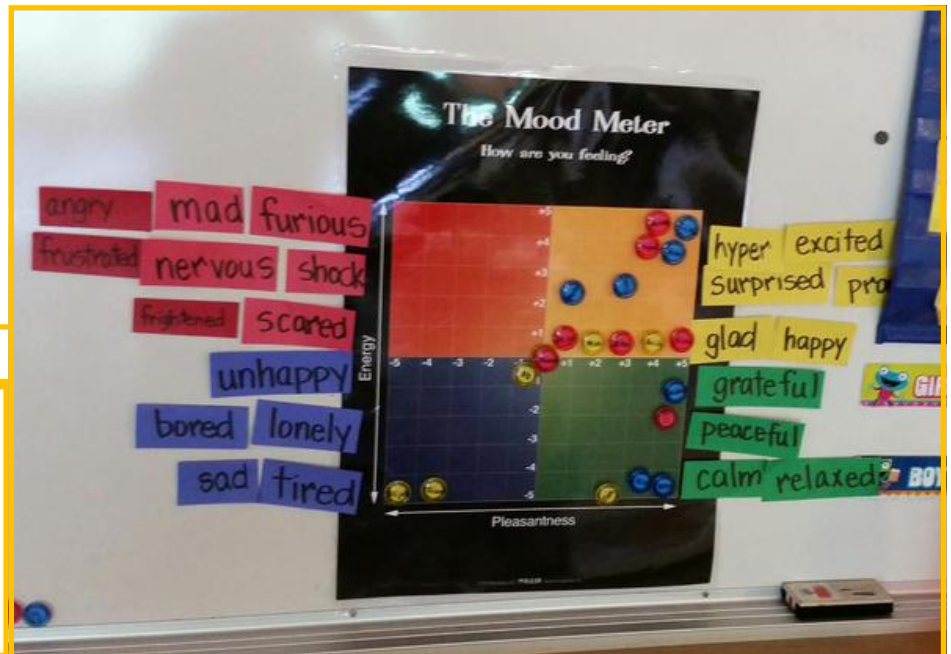
Stay tuned for more updates on our Social Emotional Learning goal!

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah

SEL IN ACTION

Mr. Dowler's Grade 1/2 class use the Mood Meter to set the tone for learning each day!



School Calendar 2015-2016

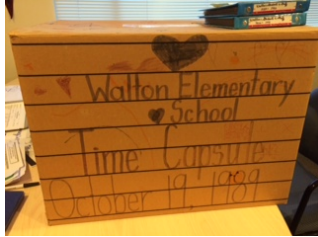
Below is the official school calendar for next year. This calendar shows holidays and some professional days. There are two more professional days yet to be determined. Please use this calendar for your holiday planning.

School Calendar 2015-2016

DESIGNATION	
Schools open	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept. 25
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct. 12
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct. 23
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11
School Not in Session	Friday, Nov. 20
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec. 18
Winter vacation period	Dec. 21 – Jan. 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan. 4
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb. 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb. 19
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar. 11
Spring vacation period	Mar. 14 – 24
Good Friday	Friday, Mar. 25
Easter Monday	Monday, Mar. 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, Mar. 29
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr. 15
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23
Last day of school for all students	Wednesday, June 29
Administrative Day	Thursday, June 30

WHAT'S GOING ON AT WALTON?

Time Capsule



The 1989 Walton Time Capsule will be opened on Wednesday, April 1st at Primary Morning Fitness and Thursday, April 2nd at Intermediate Morning Fitness. Some of the items will be placed in the Display Cabinet shortly afterwards!

Youth Chinese Test

Students in the Mandarin Bilingual Program at Grades 4 and 5 have been offered the opportunity to write the Youth Chinese Test. The YCT is an on-line test used by the Edmonton School District. The test will be written on Saturday, May 30th. Invitations were sent out to the Grade 4 and 5 parents last week.

Farewell Ms. Chen. Welcome back Mrs. Prochazka

Ms. Chen has been an EA at Walton since the beginning of the year. She has been replacing Mrs. Prochazka who has been on maternity leave. We thank Ms. Chen for all of the work she has done with the students at Walton Elementary! The staff and students have appreciated all of her hard work. Mrs. Prochazka returns this month. We are pleased to have her return!

Construction almost done!

The construction of the new classrooms will be completed in mid-April.

Welcome to Kindergarten,

Wednesday, May 13th
Our new Kindergarten families will be welcomed at Walton in an evening event on Wednesday, May 13th.

Recyclers!

Thanks to parents Mr. Wanapolat and Mr. Woods for helping Ms. St. Pierre on Fridays with the recycling.

WALTON TURNS 25!

Wednesday, April 1st

The Walton TimeCapsule will be opened during Morning Fitness (Primary)

Thursday, April 2nd

The Walton Time Capsule will be shared with the Intermediate students at Morning Fitness

Tuesday, April 7th

Walton Turns 25! Assembly, 1:30pm

Welcome Guests

"Happy Birthday" Kindergarten Classes
Video Presentation
First Principal AI Argue
Megan Risk - Walton PAC
Intermediate Classes will sing "We Are One"
Closing Remarks
Students return to their classes

Our guests will help cut the ribbon for the new classroom across from the Multi-Purpose Room.

COMO LAKE RELAYS

Mrs. Sadowski, Mrs. Friend and Mrs. Miller have been training our Como Lake Relay team. The 4x1000 event will be held on Thursday, April 16th. Each member of the relay team must run the baton 1000m around Como Lake and then pass off to the next runner. 50 Students have been training regularly.

LCD Monitors



Thanks to the parents who have donated LCD monitors for our upcoming computer lab. Recently, we had generous donations from Mr. Hawkins, from Ryder Corp and Mrs. Seagrave. The Tomlinson Family and Mrs. Yu have also donated monitors. Thank you very much!

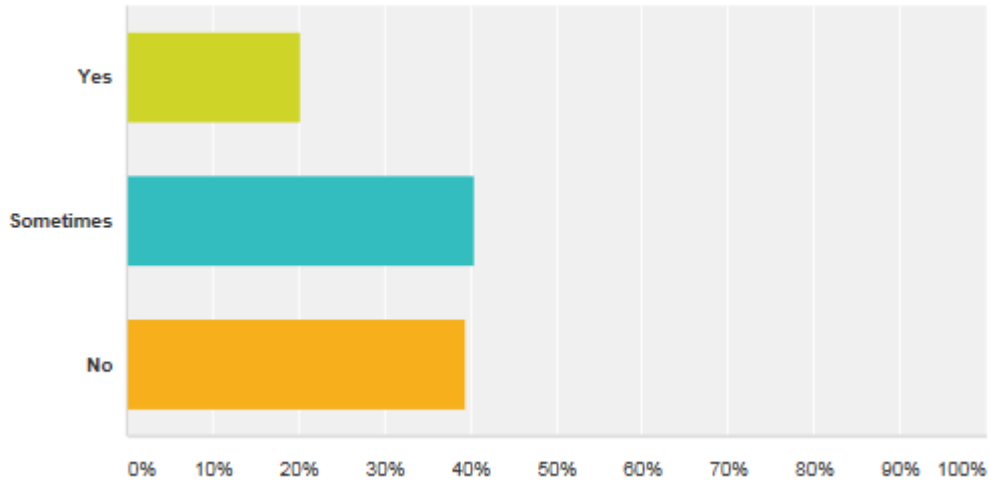
We have collected 15 monitors so far. Our goal is 30. We know that another 13 monitors are coming as well! Thanks Mr. Gibson!

COMMUNICATION SURVEY RESULT

Last November, Mr. Mah engaged the parent community with an impromptu, non-scientific survey about how they learn about school news. We'll reprint parts of the survey over the course of the year. The results are based on 100 responses.

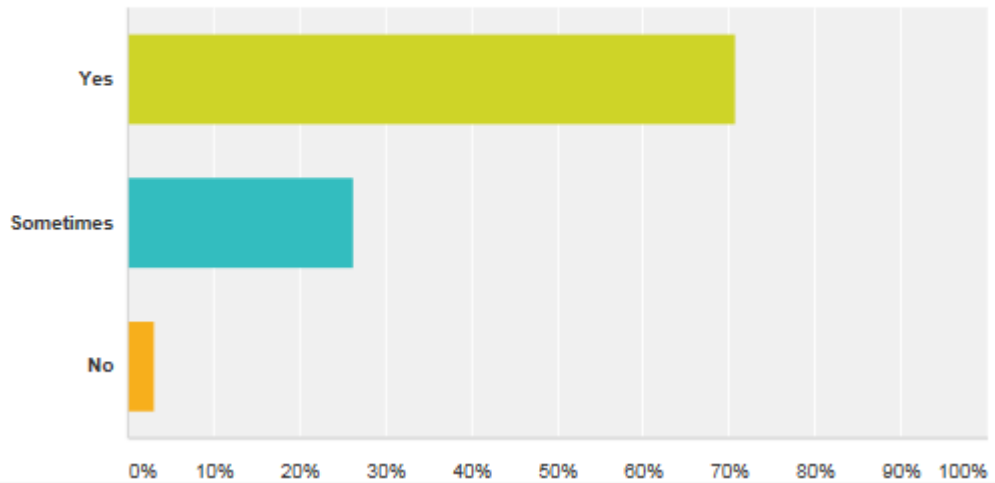
Do you view our Twitter site?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



Do you read our school newsletters?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



LUNAR NEW

Year Celebrations at Walton





March 2015

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Hot Lunch

2nd Report Card.

Last day before
Spring Break

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*PAC Meeting
at 6:45*

*Parent Teach-
er Interviews,
1:45*

April 2015

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			1 <i>Parent Teacher Interviews, 1:45 (Mandarin only)</i>	2	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5	6 <i>Easter Monday</i>	7 <i>Walton Turns 25, 1:30-2:15</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Student Led Conferences, Dismiss at 1:45</i>	15 <i>Student Led Conferences, Dismiss at 1:45</i>	16 <i>Como Lake Relays, 3:00-5:00pm</i>	17 <i>Pro. D.</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 <i>Class Photos</i>		

May 2015

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					1	2 <i>Mother's Day Event at Walton</i>
3	4 <i>PAC Meeting at 6:45</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Welcome to Kindergarten 5:30-6:30</i>	14	15 <i>Pro. D.</i>	16
17	18 <i>Victoria Day</i>	19 <i>Track and Field Meet</i>	20	21	22	23
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June 2015

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<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Pro. D.</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Grade 5 Farewell</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Last Day</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
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The Walton Wildcats

Walton Elementary sponsored a Grade 5 basketball team! The team played games with Aspenwood, Glen, Coquitlam River and Pleasantside Elementary schools.

Thanks to coaches Mrs. Denton, Ms. Wegrich and Mr. Chiang for all of their work with the team.



Boys

Wescott
Dylan
Meelad
Kevin
Yu-Heng
Yu-Xing
Declan
Max
Tiger
Peter Hu.
Arseniy
Brandon
Zacki
Seva
Colin
Ian
Dante
Michael
Ray
Matthias
Jayden
Alex
Donovan
Ethan
Runbo
Nick
Javier
Treydenn
Peter Ha.



Girls

Julie
Daniella
Elaine
Ghazal
Nicole
Lauren
Lilian
Mallory
Shirly
Viana
Sophia
Abby
Justine
Rojan
Kya
Jolie
Katty
Megan
Olivia
Neeka
Carissa



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WELCOME TO WALTON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, WHERE WE
STRIVE TO CREATE A
CARING,
RESPECTFUL
COMMUNITY OF
LEARNERS. THE
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
IS FOCUSED ON
CREATING A
SOCIALY
RESPONSIBLE
SCHOOL CLIMATE TO
ENHANCE STUDENT
LEARNING

Learn. Get Involved. You Talk. We'll Listen.

School District No.43 (Coquitlam) would like to invite you to be a part of
the **2015 - 2016 Budget Process**

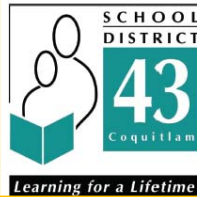
*The Coquitlam School Board is providing multiple opportunities for public input, from April 7, 2015 to April 21, 2015.
All public budget events (except the Twitter Chat) will be held at Winslow Centre Gymnasium at 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam.*

Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 7:00 p.m. - Preliminary Budget Presentation & Open House

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:30 p.m. - Presentations to the Board (Delegations)

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Twitter Chat using hashtag #sd43budget

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m. - Final Budget Presentation and Board Approval



Visit our website or follow us on social media to find out more information:



SUMMER LEARNING



**SUMMER LEARNING
2015 ONLINE
Registration Dates
(6:00 a.m. Opening)**

Elementary Skill
Building: May 26th

Students must
have an account
with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses.

Please visit our
website and create/update your
account now. To
create an account
you will need your
child's PEN number, which is available at your home
school.

We are offering courses in
Fine Arts, French Immersion,
Reading & Writing,

Math, Science and Kindergarten-to-Grade 1 Transition! See website for full details!

Program Dates:
July 7 to July 24
Visit
www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca



Little League® Challenger Division



TRI-CITY CHALLENGER BASEBALL

The Tri-City Challenger Little League Association offers a baseball program specially designed for youth of the Tri-Cities area with physical, developmental or intellectual disabilities. Our program provides them with an opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in a fun, safe, non-competitive format and at a level structured to their abilities. Aside from the physical benefits that come with playing a sport, the Challenger program gives children with disabilities the opportunity to be part of a team, to develop their social skills and friendships, as well as build their self-esteem and confidence. That, of course, is why we put them in the spotlight, play at Coquitlam's premier fields, have P.A. introductions, lively music, hotdogs after each game, individual and team photographs, wind-up parties, and occasional road trips just like the players in the competitive baseball program enjoy. "Buddies" assist the Challengers run the bases, catch, throw, push wheelchairs, etc. Last year, we had almost 100 players, all outfitted with uniforms matching those used in the competitive baseball program. We play our games at 10:30 am on Saturdays at Town Centre Park (North Stadium) and at 6 pm on Tuesdays at Coquitlam's Mackin Yard (Brunette Avenue between Nelson & King Edward). Players are not required to come to every session, just when they feel like it. Our first game is on Saturday, April 4th at Town Centre Park (North Stadium) at 10:30 am.

New players are always welcome. The registration fee is \$65 and there is a hardship fund for those needing financial assistance. If you require further information regarding our program, visit our website at <http://www.tricitychallengers.com/> or call the Challenger Coach/Coordinator John Casey at 604-939-9146 (home) or 604-939-2210 (work). If you can't make it Opening Day, please call John or just show up at the park at one of our game times, register and you can play immediately.

ON A TEAM, IN A UNIFORM, IN A LEAGUE



WHERE EVERYONE IS A STAR