

WALTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JUNE 12, 2014

ENTERING THE HOMESTRETCH

STRIKE UPDATE. SCHOOL AFFECTED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH.

Coquitlam schools will be affected by rotating strikes on Friday, June 13th. Parents are asked to keep their children home.



**Check
your
email
for
updates!**

I would like to thank the Walton community for their patience and support of the school and the people who work in this building. These are turbulent times. Any level of job action or government lock out will create uncertainty. We all hope for a speedy resolution to this labour dispute.

When I look at the classroom level, I see our teachers caring for our students and our school. That relationship is still there and I cannot express my gratitude to our staff for carrying on within the confines of the current situation. We were able to pull off Track and Field, Welcome to Kindergarten and Sports Day.

I thank the parents for their patience with the situation. We recognize it is a scramble to find child care of the days of strikes.

I have worked at Walton for five months and I can state that this is a strong school; and we will all come together again when the matter is resolved.

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah



2014-2015 Calendar for Walton

**Save these dates in
your home calendar!**



Schools Open	Tuesday, September 2, 2014
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, September 19, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13, 2014
Non-Instructional Day(District/Provincial Day)	Friday, October 24, 2014
Schools Not in Session	Monday, November 10, 2014
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2014
Winter Vacation Period	December 22/14 - January 2/15
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2015
BC Family Day	Monday, February 9, 2014
Non-Instructional Day Common District Day)	Friday, February 20, 2015
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 6, 2015
Spring Vacation Period	March 9 – March 20, 2015
Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 23, 2015
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	Monday, April 6, 2015
Non-Instructional Day (Common District Day)	Friday, April 17, 2015
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Friday, May 15, 2014
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2015
Non-Instructional Day (School Based)	Monday, June 15, 2014
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 25, 2015
Administrative Day	Friday, June 26, 2015

WHAT'S GOING ON AT WALTON?

New School Goal for 2014-2015!

Walton Elementary is embracing a Social Emotional Learning goal next year. What does SEL have to do with academics? In short, we know that children who can better manage behaviour, emotions and relationships are stronger learners. There research in this area that develops the connection of SEL and learning.

On April 11th, our staff was asked the question, "What is a single goal that would benefit all learners at Walton Elementary?"

Unanimously, our staff selected SEL. There was rich and deep discussion about the needs of each classroom.

On May 20th, teachers from Seaview Elementary shared their journey in SEL and inspired our staff to try new ideas.

On June 4th, our School Planning Council met to review our Action Plan for Learning.

Again, we believe that SEL will lead to improved learners. We will continue to develop our goal in Fall 2014 through a collaborative process.

You can view Walton's Action Plan for Learning on our school website!

Congratulations Martina!

Our student, Martina Y., won a Mandarin speech contest and donated half of her winnings to the school! \$75 will go to our library! Thanks Martina for your accomplishment as well as your generosity!



Rainforest Café

Mrs. Vanderliek's class invited their parents and other classes to participate in the Rainforest Café. Not only were there wonderful Kindergarten and Grade 1 hosts, but also a fantastic kitchen crew and servers! The students also gave speeches about the rainforest! Well done!



New Bell Schedule for 2014-2015!

- 8:50 First Bell
- 10:25 Recess
- 10:40 Recess Ends
- 11:55 Lunch-Play First (20 min)
- 12:15 Eating Time (28 min)
- 12:43 Clean Up
- 12:45 Classes Resume
- 2:45 Dismissal

What's Different?

By starting our day three minutes earlier, the students receive additional eating time at lunch! Currently students receive approximately 20 minutes to eat. Next year, they will have 28 minutes! The savings in time comes from the 3 minute earlier start and shifting our instructional blocks up by 5 minutes.

STAFFING UPDATE

Walton Elementary has been affected by the district budget issues this year. The school district faced a large short-fall and had to reduce its staffing.

Walton will look a little different next year.

Sixteen teachers and three support staff received lay-off notices this spring. Our Teacher Assistant positions have been eliminated. There is always a chance that these talented teachers will be brought back to Walton through the recall process, especially our Mandarin Bilingual Teachers.

It has been an honour to have these fantastic professionals at Walton Elementary and we wish them all the best in their future assignments.

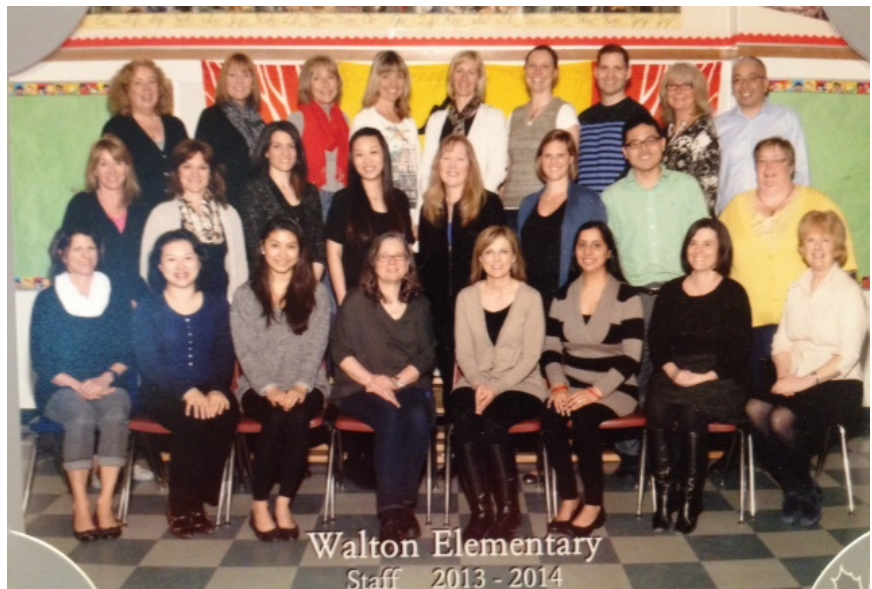
We would like to say farewell to:

- Mrs. Smith, Grade 3
- Mrs. Cimaglia, Grade 2/3
- Mrs. Stody, Kindergarten (English)
- Mrs. Thiara, Grade K/1
- Mrs. Howey, Grade 4/5
- Mrs. Pilling, Student Services
- Mrs. Davies, Teacher Assistant
- Mrs. Boey, Teacher Assistant
- Mrs. Ironside, Education Assistant
- Miss Zhou, Grade 4 Mandarin
- Mrs. Shum, Grade 3 Mandarin
- Mr. Chiang, Grade 2 Mandarin
- Miss Cui, Grade 1 Mandarin
- Mrs. Suen, Kindergarten Mandarin
- Mr. Craik, Counsellor
- Miss Krgovich, Grade K/1

- Mrs. Vanhulsen, Student Services
- Ms. Regan, Grade 4/5 and Grade 2/3

Happy Retirement

We wish Mrs. Campbell, our morning caretaker, all the best in her retirement. Mrs. Campbell has worked at Walton for many years. I'd like to thank Mrs. Campbell for all that she has done for Walton.



More staffing news will be made as they develop! Watch for announcements regarding new staff members joining the Walton community for September.

We will also have a new department head structure including a Mandarin Bilingual Department head. More announcements coming soon!

Walton is forecast to have 550 students next year!

THANKS TRAFFIC SAFETY PATROL

Thanks to Mrs. Putzhammer for her work with our Traffic Safety Patrol Program this year. Thanks to Jack W., Miriam C., Anna T., Nicole C. and Trinity H. Mrs. Putzhammer has already been training the next generation of Traffic Safety Patrol for next year!



MANDARIN BILINGUAL UPDATE

Watch for regular news and updates on our Mandarin Bilingual Program next year. Walton Elementary has been in touch with Mandarin schools in Edmonton. Our hope is to reconnect with those schools. Walton hosts the only Mandarin Bilingual Program in Coquitlam. It has been exciting to pioneer this

new program and it is important to connect with schools who have great experience. Our teachers have been developing a scope and sequence for each grade. We have also been discussing the percentage of Mandarin that should be spoken.



DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD MEET



We had a great Track and Field season this year! We also had a rainy Track and Field day. Congratulations to all of our participants! The only event that was cancelled was high jump. We thank our high jump athletes for their patience!

Thanks to Mrs. Sadowski for organizing the event for the school!

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SPORTS DAY 2014



We had a fantastic Sports Day on Friday, June 6th. Thanks to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jeanneau, Mrs. Howells and Mrs. Regan for planning an exciting Olympic themed Sports Day. Thanks to the Walton PAC for hosting a great concession stand! Scott Creek Middle school sent 15 volunteers to help the day! The day began with 12 activity stations and ended with a traditional Tug of War.

We appreciate how the school community came together to pull off a memorable Sports Day!



Vandal Watch

"Stopping Vandalism in Your Neighborhood"

Friends, Neighbours... Lend us your ears (and eyes) to REDUCE VANDALISM!

Do you live near a City of Port Coquitlam park, community centre or a School District 43 public school? Are you a regular walker or facility user at one of these locations?

Join the Vandal Watch network of citizens who look, listen and make an anonymous call to the Vandal Watch tip line when there is a problem forming, before the vandalism occurs.

Interested? Please send an email with the name of your school, park or community centre and we will send you the details on how to get involved.

vandalwatch@hotmail.com



September 2014

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