



Principal, Vice Principal and Head Teacher's Update – November 29, 2016

Things we're proud about over the past month...

- Ms. Cheng has returned from her Mat leave to teach Division 11
- Mr. Ryan has accepted a position as a Vice-Principal in the Coquitlam School District starting January 2017. Mr. Cockram will be our new Head Teacher.
- October 28 – Movie Night was well received
- October 31 – Lunchtime dance and Halloween celebrations in classes and pods went well
- November 4-18 School Wide Film Making Event – Every student made something
- November 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony was done by students
- Young People's Concerts – First Concert was enjoyed by grades 4 -7
- November 24 – Celebration Of Learning Assembly – Principal discussed rising expectations for students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 for kindness...
- November 25 – District Pro-D day – Morning workshop on Aboriginal content and the afternoon focussed on social-emotional learning.
- School Volleyball teams have ended their seasons well
- 172 people are now receiving our school news via e-mail
- Two new water fountains have been installed. One paid for by PAC and one by the school – one by the gym and the other in pod 3.

Things we're looking forward to...

- December 1/2 Hot Chocolate sale by student leadership at lunch
- Week of Dec. 5 – Report Cards go home
- Wed. Dec. 7 – Firefighters Pancake Breakfast
- Friday Dec. 9 / Monday Dec. 12 Xmas Concert Dress Rehearsals
- December 14/15 1-2pm & 5:30 – 6:30 pm Xmas Concerts
- Mon. Dec. 19 – Tues. Jan. 3 School Closed for Winter Holiday
- Thursday, Jan. 26 – Second Young People's concert
- Friday, Jan. 27 PAC meeting at 9:15 am
- Our Social-Emotional Learning cohort members are working on their goals
- Tuesday, Feb. 7 Multicultural Potluck 6 pm
- Friday Feb. 17th District Pro-D Day
- Monday, February 20 Third Young People's concert

Issues for discussion:

- Teaching Reading at Taylor Park (Reading Recovery and more ☺)
 - The Reading Recovery Program (One to one Literacy instruction on steroids...)
 - How we identify and help students who have difficulty learning to read
 - Strategies we use for all students
- Dirt on the floors – we have an unusually high amount of dirt brought into our school
 - Burnaby Parks owns our grass field and looks after maintenance
 - No maintenance has happened in the last several years
 - Top dressing with sand will reduce the water/mud/dirt tracked in
 - Grass field will be top dressed in spring with 40 tons of sand
- Staff requests for resources –
 - #1 request Gym sound (part of an overall video/lighting system)
 - System would have new wiring, speakers and components with the controls available from the gym floor and integrated together with projector/screen/lighting
 - We are waiting for three other quotes for just the sound system components
 - One quote is for cabling and we may consider purchasing and installing the components ourselves