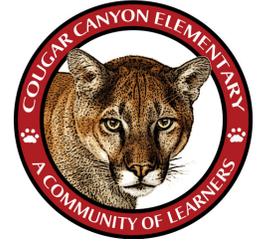


Cougar Canyon

Elementary School



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Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Newsletter # 15

What's Happening?

May 2010

- 13 District Track Meet in Tsawwassen
- 14 Hot Lunch
- 14 Movie Night at Cougar Canyon. Join us for *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*
- 18 Grade 7s tour Seaquam for orientation
- 21 **Pro-Day. Students do not attend.**
- 24 Victoria Day. School closed.
- 28 **Family Carnival.**
- 31 Canada Quizathon runs from May 31 to June 11

June 2010

- 7 Mike Wade, children's author, to visit with Grades 3-7.
- 10 Cougar Canyon Band performance, 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm. Attend either or both.
- 11 Canada Quizathon Quiz Day
- 18 Sports Day
- 24 Grade 7 luncheon
- 25 Intermediate students to Splashdown Park
- 28 Final Assembly: 1:00 pm:
Gr 3-7 at Seaquam
Gr K - 2 at Cougar Canyon
- 29 Students dismissed at 10:25 am.



Dear Parents and Students:

The intermediate track and field meet last week at NDSS was another success. Our students trained hard and performed well. When they were not competing, they were enthusiastic cheerleaders for their team mates. Way to go, Cougars!

Special thanks to our team of coaches for making success at the track meet possible. They gave many hours to their students before and after school and at noon hour to help them prepare. Our 2010 Track coaches are:

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Mr. Sam | Mr. McGrory | Ms. Dosanjh |
| Ms. Johnson | Ms. Binz | Mrs. Barker |
| Mrs. Schouten | Mr. Shantz | Ms. Ip |
| Ms. George | Mrs. Little | Mr. Leveque |
| Mrs. Vasconcelos | Mrs. Marcakis | |

Please see page 3 for a list of students who qualified to go on to the District Track Meet.

Our assembled group of seven schools also spent a moment to acknowledge the many years of dedication put into coaching, planning and running the track meets by Mr. Park. A set of new batons was introduced, to be used for the Grade 7 4x100 relay at the end of each meet. We were very pleased that Mrs. Park and their son, Evan Park, were able to be with us as we honored a teacher who has given so much.



Sincerely,

D. Ducklow
Principal

T. McGrory
Vice Principal

A Community of Learners

Math Stars Abound

Recently we told you about our Grade 6 & 7 students who wrote a national Math test with excellent results. Our Grade 4 & 5 students also wrote a test, a few weeks later, and also received outstanding results. Congratulations to:

Grade 4

Jordon
Ting
Jenny
Ashley
Sara
Hellena
Zhenbo
Patricia
Hiloki
Sam
Owen

Grade 5

Cayenne
Megan
Helen
Bryan M
Eric M
Eric W
Alex
Melody
Wilson
Shiv
Bianca

Special note: Jordan earned the top score among Grade 4s by achieving 29/30. Megan and Cayenne each earned an astounding 30/30!

Bowling, Part 2

In our last newsletter we told you about Matthew, a boy in Grade 3 who was off to Quebec to compete in the Canadian National Bowling competition. Prior to that, his team of three had won the regional and provincial award.

They had a good competition in Quebec, achieving the Bronze medal. Matthew proudly came back to school with the medal around his neck. Congratulations!

Test your Canada Facts



At the end of May, all students will receive their questions for the Canada Quizathon. For the second year in a row, students will review and learn basic facts about our country. You can brush up with them as the grade 7s learn 70 facts, the grade 4s learn 40 facts, and so on. It's fun!

Planning for Next Year

Your Child's Class

The staff will soon be planning next year's classes. We want you to know that, when students are assigned to new classes by their teacher, many factors are considered. *We always try to place students in the class where we believe they will experience the most success.*

This is an important decision and if you have information about your child that you would like us to consider, please:

- Let Mr. Ducklow know, in writing, by May 31. Keep in mind that your letter may be copied and shared with the appropriate teachers when placement meetings are held.
- If you have a request to make, it must include educational reasons that explain how your child will benefit. *Please do not request individual teachers.*
- Be aware that since many of our classes are combined (split), most students will be placed in a combined class several times during their elementary years. This may mean that sometimes students are placed in combined classes two years in a row.
- Remember that we have many considerations in placing students and, although we do our best, cannot guarantee to meet your requests.

A Different School Next Year?

If you are planning changes in your family that will mean your child(ren) are leaving Cougar Canyon, **please let us know** with a phone call to the office, a note to the teacher or an email to tteixeira@deltasd.bc.ca. Thank you.

Child Find BC

Child Find's *All About Me ID* is a community service project designed to provide accurate documentation about your child. The information is important in the event that your child should go missing.

This service is supported by the Chiefs of Police of Canada and is a free service for parents.

For more info, there is a box in the school's entry hall. You can complete a form to receive more info or to get started on your own kit for your children. As well, a representative will be with us at our Carnival on May 28 to provide information and answer your questions.

Artsonia is Cool

A few of our classes have discovered a website that is designed for students to display their art work. The work of many Cougar Canyon students is featured there and it is definitely worth a look. Go to artsonia.com and search for Cougar Canyon Elementary. Enjoy!



Flower Water Colours, by Lauren, Grade 3



Hands, by David, Grade 3

Track Stars!

We had a large number of students attend the regional Track Meet last week. They all worked hard to get there and achieved well. The following students qualified to compete in the District Track Meet in Tsawwassen, to be held tomorrow. Congratulations and good luck to:



| Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Rianne | Eric M | Madelaine | Ryan L |
| Jake | Eric W | Stephanie | Ryan B |
| Nabil | Grace | Courtnie | Chris |
| Shubh | Caitlin | Jenna | Woody |
| Brandon | Dillon | Edvin | Cassidy |
| Jordon | Nathan | Trevor | Avery |
| Justyn | Amanda | Josh | Eric |
| Sarah | Amit | Jonathan | Braeden |
| Haley | Juliette | Nadine | Gunj |
| Stephanie | Jeanette | Kevin | Michaela |
| Laura | Caleb | Michael | Laura |
| Jillian | Paris | Devon | Sabrina L |
| | Sarah | Aaron | Alexandra |
| | Jasreen | Alli | Maddy |
| | Andrew | Ellen | Presley |
| | Wilson | Alecia | Madison |
| | | David | Ajbinder |
| | | Rylan | Adam |
| | | Brendan | Andrew |

Special congratulations to both **Haley** in Grade 4 and **Eric M** in Grade 5 for qualifying in *all* of their events!

Dressing for School

Students are reminded that, with warmer weather approaching, clothing should be appropriate for school.

- Tops should cover the shoulders and be long enough to tuck in
- Messages on clothing are respectful
- No make up
- Hats off in the school

Shipwrecked on Cougar Island

Mark your calendars... The Cougar Canyon Spring carnival, *Shipwrecked on Cougar Island*, will be on **Friday, May 28th**. There will be live music, food, a bouncy castle & bungee run as well as lots of games for all ages! Pre-order forms for food & tickets will go out soon.

We are still in need of large baskets for our "class room basket" draws. If you have some that you'd like to donate please drop them at the office.

Due to the enormous popularity of the cake walk at the carnival, we are requesting that all families donate one baked item for the event. Please drop off at the PAC kitchen on the 28th.

We also request that all families sign up for a short shift at the carnival. It can be fun for everyone!

And, we are still in need of a secretary for the PAC executive next year. If you are interested please speak to Cheryl or Dionne. Get involved with your PAC – a great way to know your school.

Preschool Playtime

Delta Parks Recreation and Culture
Preschool Playtime 3 and 4 years old
Register Now for 2010-2011
Spaces available at Pinewood Leisure Ctr
and the North Delta Rec. Centre
For more information call Lynn at 604-
946-3306.

New Four Footed Staff Member Hired

We have a wonderful new addition to our school. His name is Remy and he is a six-month old puppy. He is well on his way to becoming a certified therapy dog in a variety of settings. He is a mini schnauzer/poodle cross (which means that he is hypo-allergenic and non-shedding). His main "home" is in the primary resource room.

Therapy dogs have endless benefits. Studies have proven that children that have connections with animals have a greater amount of empathy and kindness. In addition, exposure to animals fosters feelings of calmness and comfort which in turn increase the ability to concentrate on academic tasks, such as reading.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to this special dog. Welcome to Cougar Canyon, Remy!

Photo coming soon!