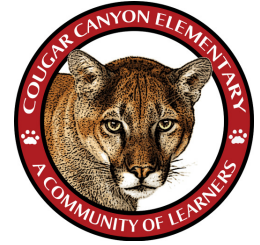


Cougar Canyon

Elementary School



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Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Newsletter # 16

What's Happening?

May 2010

- 28 **Family Carnival, 5:00 – 8:00 pm.** See info at right.
- 31 Canada Quizathon runs from May 31 to June 11.

June 2010

- 7 Mike Wade, children's author, to visit with Grades 3-7.
- 8 Orientation for parents of children entering Kindergarten in September, 3:30 – 4:30 pm
- 9 Crazy Hair and Sock Day, see p. 2.
- 10 Cougar Canyon Band performance, 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm. Attend either or both.
- 11 Canada Quizathon Quiz Day
- 18 Sports Day/Hot Lunch
- 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.

Shipwrecked on Cougar Island

We hope to see you all this Friday for the Cougar Canyon Spring carnival, *Shipwrecked on Cougar Island*. The PAC has lots planned, such as ...



Live music with the band, *Liquid Courage!* This band was a big hit last year so be ready to boogie!



Fun activities like the bouncy castle, bungee run, and many stations for students to go and challenge themselves or a friend.



A raffle for theme baskets.



Barbecued snacks and supper, including pizza, samosas and hot dogs!



And of course, your chance to shipwreck and **soak the Principal and Vice Principal!**

See you there!

The carnival will go ahead **rain or shine!**
If we have rain, more time to dance!



D. Ducklow
Principal

T. McGrory
Vice Principal

**Please see the appeal
for jars on page 4.**

A Community of Learners

Author to Visit

We are looking forward to a visit on June 7 by Michael Wade, author of several children's books. He will share from his stories with students in Grades 3 – 7. Parents are welcome to attend. He will work with Grades 3, 4, 5 at 9:30 am and with Grades 6 & 7 at 10:45.

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!

Tennis at Cougar

Students are about half way through the tennis lessons that take place during gym classes. Many students are also enjoying additional lessons after school.

Schedule Change:

Please note that, due to scheduling challenges, a change has been made to the days that lessons are held. May 27 & 28 have been postponed exactly one week and those lessons will now take place on June 3 & 4.

Thank You, Cougars

To the staff, students, and parents at Cougar Canyon Elementary;

My family and I are deeply appreciative of the support, love, prayers, and well-wishes of so many of you since I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Between hugs in the hall, cards from students, phone calls, muffins dropped off at our house, other parents picking up my kids, helping us unpack in our new home, and just being there to look out for my two kids, means the world to me. I can't think of a better and safer place to drop my kids off and know that they are in good hands as I undergo treatment. We will likely need more help in the days to come, and it is a huge comfort to know that there are so many people I can call on. Blessings on all of you!

Shari Zindler,
Parent of grade 6 & grade 3 students

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.

Crazy Sock and Hair Day

The We Day committee is announcing a CRAZY SOCK and HAIR DAY on Wednesday, June 9. Crazy socks represent many of the children in Africa and other areas of the world where children do not have money to buy shoes or socks. When you put on your socks and shoes, think about how lucky you are to have socks, shoes, clothing, food and shelter.

You can do many things to crazify your hair including non-permanent color or items like Lego, fancy clips, elastics or elephants! Just be imaginative and think of anything that's AWESOME! Have fun! Remember, Crazy on June 9.

2010 – 2011 Calendar

In keeping with Ministry requirements, our calendar for next year is published for you below. It will also be on our website.

Cougar Canyon School	Calendar 2010 - 2011
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 7
Meet the Teacher Night	Thursday, September 23
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, September 27
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11
Early Dismissal (2:00 pm) for Parent Teacher Interviews	Wednesday, October 20 & Thursday, October 21
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, November 26
Schools Close for Christmas Vacation	Friday, December 17
Report Card #1 issued	Thursday, December 9
Christmas Concert	Wednesday, December 15
Christmas Vacation Period	December 20 – January 3
Schools Reopen	Tuesday, January 4
Early Dismissal (2:00 pm) for Parent Teacher Interviews	Wednesday, February 16 & Thursday, February 17
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, February 18
Spring Vacation Period	March 21 - March 25
District Wide School Closures	March 28 – April 1
Schools Reopen	Monday, April 4
Report Card #2 issued	Thursday, April 7
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, April 15
Good Friday	Friday, April 22
Easter Monday	Monday, April 25
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, May 20

Additional Information

Days in Session	192
Hours of Instruction in School Week	Kindergarten: 12.83 hrs. Grades 1-7: 24.42 hrs.
Number of Days of Instruction Minutes of Instruction in School Day	185 Kindergarten: 154 min. Grades 1-7: 293 min.
Number of Non-Instructional Days	6 (District Wide)
District-Wide School Closures	5 (Additional time added to each day to cover these 5 days)
Daily Schedule: Office Hours:	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Instruction Hours: Kindergarten	9:00 – 11:34 a.m. or 12:26 – 3:00 p.m.
Gr 1-7: Opening Time: Recess: Lunch: Dismissal	9:00 a.m. 10:25-10:40 a.m. 12:08 – 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.



**Girl Guides
of Canada**
**Guides
du Canada**

*Registration for Girl Guides units for the **Fall 2010** has started:*

Sparks – ages 5 and 6
Brownies – ages 7 and 8
Guides – ages 9 to 11

Please contact the Paxhorn Registrar, Beverley Smith for registration forms.

Beverley@dccnet.com

50 Ways to be Active in Delta

Attached to the electronic version of this newsletter are suggestions for 50 free or inexpensive, active things to do in Delta this spring and summer. These are provided by Delta Parks and Recreation.

Please help us raise money for Cancer

Join Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Yoshihara's grade 3 class
in the fight against all women's cancer



Donate a jar full of small objects. All jars will become prizes in the 'roll and win' game featured at this year's Cougar Canyon Carnival on Friday, May 28th.

Jars may be left at the office or brought to class where they will be collected by the grade 3 students.

Please donate your jars by
Thursday, May 27.

Proceeds go directly to The Weekend to End
Women's Cancer

Every dollar raised will go towards helping Mrs. Johnson to reach her fundraising goal of \$2000 in the 60km walk/weekend to end breast cancer or donate to her directly at www.endcancer.ca and make a donation for Susan Johnson ... thank you!

Look around your house for...

- Small toys (from b-day grab bags)
- Match box cars
- Trading cards
- Craft items
- Jewelry
- Little things kids like
- New, wrapped candy
- Visit the dollar store

It is for a great cause!!!!!!



**More jars urgently needed!
Please contribute for the
carnival on Friday**