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## **Updates**

### **Elementary Public Speaking Festival**

Walton Elementary will be hosting the Elementary Public Speaking Festival Finals for all North Zone elementary schools on the morning of Thursday, February 27th.

***Please take note that parking will be a challenge that morning.***

If you are able to, we would recommend parents and students to walk to school.

Parking restrictions on Walton and Lasalle will be lifted on the morning of February 27th.

### **Parking Reminder**

The Traffic Safety Coordinator would like to remind parents and caregivers that **the use of both the parking lots is for staff and handicapped only.**

We have noticed a growing number of parent drivers using the parking lots designated for Walton staff lately. This will result in our teachers and instructors not being able to find a parking spot.

Please find safe and legal parking on the adjacent streets. If you are in doubt, please check the parking map of the area on the PAC website. Thank you for your understanding to help us avoid any traffic hold-up.

### **Walton Sun Run Team**

Walton Elementary has registered a team in this year's Sun Run, which takes place on April 27th.

There are two different races: 2.5 km (the Mini Sun Run) and 10 km (the main Sun Run).

Our school is registered under the name **Walton Elementary School.**

If you are interested in joining, please visit the Sun Run website and register to join our team.

Please note that for this event, children require adult supervision. Either a parent or friend will need to accompany children in the race.

If you have any questions, please email Angela Plagemann at [aplagemann@hotmail.com](mailto:aplagemann@hotmail.com).

### **City Grant**

We had applied for and got a grant from the city of Coquitlam, to aid with the renovating costs for the Tot Lot playground, to the amount of \$20,000.

We have a sponsor, who wishes to remain anonymous, to cover the remaining costs of around \$30,000.

The new equipment will be going up during Spring break.

### **Walton Mom looking for help**

Below message is from a Walton parent who needs help to bring her child to school in the morning. Please share if you know someone who might be able to assist.

*My name is Winnie, Donya's mom from Division 20. I am in need of before school care for Donya since both myself and my husband have to leave for work before 7:00a.m. and we have not been able to find an available daycare near Walton that opens that early.*

*Particularly, I'm asking if any parent would be able to come to our house and pick up Donya for school. Her grandmother can get her ready for school.*

*We live on Pinetree Close near Plateau Blvd in Westwood Plateau. We will pay for the service.*

*If you are interested, or if you know of any parent who can help, please call me at 604-355-9812.*

*Thank you very much,  
Winnie*

## Fundraising Update

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sip N'Savour  
A Tasteful Evening  
Friday, April 25th  
7:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.**

*(Ticket sales start February 20th...more information will be available soon)*

Come join us at this tasting Fundraising event to help the Walton PAC raise funds which can go towards purchasing iPads and Smartboards for the classrooms, ongoing extra-curricular activities, sports equipment for in school and extra-curricular use.

We are requesting donations for our silent auction and raffle draws. If you or someone you know have a business, special talent to share, access to unique opportunities or know of someone who will donate to this purpose, please let us know! More details have been disseminated via email through your Classroom liaisons.

### **PAC Hot Lunch Fundraiser**

Our upcoming Hot Lunches will be held on **Wednesday, January 22nd, February 12th and March 5th.** Further information can be found on the Hot Lunch page of the PAC website.

## Other News

### **We are looking for...**

Ms. Howells' Division is looking for **a rectangular, large area rug sized about 7 by 11 ft** for story-time seating.

If you have a clean, suitable, gently used rug that you could donate, please contact the PAC at waltonpac@gmail.com or talk to the school office.

### **Upcoming PAC Meetings 2013-2014**

PAC meetings will be held on the following Monday nights for the 2013-2014 school year.

**February 17th, 2014**

**April 14th, 2014**

**May 12th, 2014 (Annual General Meeting)**

**June 9th, 2014 (last meeting)**

The meeting will begin at 6:45p.m. Refreshments will be available at 6:45p.m.

Please contact us at [waltonpac@gmail.com](mailto:waltonpac@gmail.com) if you require child-minding during the meeting.

Minutes from each PAC meeting will be e-mailed to all parents via the classroom liaison parents.

**This newsletter is also available in Chinese, Korean and Farsi. Thank you to our volunteer translators Joy, SeungHee and Parisa. This version, as well as all of the translated versions can be found on the Walton Elementary School PAC Website.**

# Community Information Page

- Below events and programs are not endorsed by the Walton PAC-

## Parenting Education Courses

Conducted by:  
Bridgett Miller, Authorized Neufeld Facilitator

### **Making Sense of Anxiety**

The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. This Neufeld course sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms.

This course brings a fresh and promising perspective to one of our most troubling and perplexing human problems.

*Four Wednesday Mornings*  
February 12 - March 5, 2014  
10 am - 12 noon

Port Moody Recreation Complex

Fees: \$120 for 4 sessions

Registration online at [www.portmoody.ca/signmeup](http://www.portmoody.ca/signmeup) or call 604 469 4556 (Course code#50960)

## Multicultural Hockey Night by S.U.C.C.E.S.S

**Come and celebrate Korean and Chinese New Year!**  
**24th January 2014, Friday**

6:30p.m. - Cultural Performance  
7:00p.m. - Hockey Game starts

Poirier Sports & Leisure Complex  
633 Poirier Ave, Coquitlam

Discount tickets :  
\$20 for a family pack of four, \$7 for a single  
Aged 6 and under are Free!

Get your tickets from SUCCESS offices or call 604-468-6000.