

PAC Memo – January 2016

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Memo #1

Topic: Kindergarten Registration and Choice Programs Lottery 2016

The district has published a [Kindergarten registration flyer](#). The Board recently approved Cougar Creek as a school offering French Immersion. Last year there was not sufficient enrolment to run French Immersion at Cougar Creek but we are offering it again this year in the hopes to attract a new cohort of learners who want to enrol in French Immersion.

Timeline:

- December 1st – Sibling Registration begins
- January 15th – Siblings have priority placement until this date
- January 18th – Register at local school/catchment school
- January 25th – Online applications open for lottery
- February 9th – Deadline to register at catchment school in order to apply online for Choice Program

- February 15th – Online applications close
- February 22nd – Random draw for lottery takes place
- February 23rd – March 4 – Lottery results sent to applicants to accept and decline or with wait list placements via email

Choice program schools for 2016-17:

French Immersion	Intensive Fine Arts	Montessori	Traditional
Cougar Creek	David Brankin	Mountainview	Cloverdale
Laronde	White Rock	Sunnyside	McLeod Road
Martha Currie		Latimer Road	Surrey Traditional
Peace Arch			
Riverdale			
Simon Cunningham			
Woodward Hill			

The district has published this [Kindergarten Choice Lottery Info Sheet](#) and this [Kindergarten Registration Ad](#).

The online parent info sheet "[New Student Registration](#)" has now been updated and is available on the district website under the "Parents" tab / "Parent Information Brochures". The Punjabi version is also [posted](#).

Memo #2

Topic: Pink Shirt Day

CKNW Orphans' Fund

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

The Safe Schools Department is encouraging all Surrey Schools to participate in promoting "Bullying Awareness" and supporting the CKNW Orphans' Fund and Pink Shirt Day.

The CKNW Orphans' Fund are dedicated to enhancing the lives of children living with behavioural, physical, mental and social challenges living in BC communities. They are one of the largest sources of individual grant funding for low income families and their children and help over 15,000 children annually. In addition to their monthly granting and the well-known Picnic at Playland (for 3500 special needs children), they are the campaign organizers for Pink Shirt Day.

100% net proceeds raised from the sale of the t-shirts benefit programs in our community that focus on building children's self-esteem, teach violence prevention and promote empathy and compassion.

In 2015, over \$350,000 in grants were distributed to the following non-profits:

- [Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Canada](#): Anti-bullying programs
- [Canadian Red Cross BC](#): Respect Ed – Rapid Response Prevention Program
- [Kids Help Phone](#): Anti-bullying professional counseling
- [Kidsafe Project Society](#): Young leaders anti-bullying program
- [Leave out Violence Society \(LOVE BC\)](#): Youth leaders working with mentors to create anti-bullying workshops and social media campaigns

- [YWCA Metro Vancouver](#): Youth education programs
 - [Vancouver Opera](#): Stickboy – Provincial tour to schools
 - [Eureka Camp Society](#): Kindness ROCKS school performances
 - [YMCA of Greater Vancouver](#): Alternative Suspension Program – Surrey
 - [Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland](#): Go Girls Program – Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds
 - [Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC](#): [YouthinBC.com](#) connecting youth with support, information and resources.
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Memo #3

Topic: E-Cigarettes

The new parent information brochure outlining the district's position on e-cigarettes is now available and posted with all other [brochures on the district website](#). Many of our brochures are available in English and in Punjabi.

Memo #4

Topic: Canadian Safe Schools Story Contest

2015/2016 Contest Details

The Canadian Safe School Network would like to invite students from across the country to participate in the second annual Safe Schools Story Contest. We are calling for submissions from students in grades 4 to 8 to write about important issues happening in their schools. Stories will be judged by the Canadian

Safe School Network and the top 2 winners will have their stories published in our second 'Safe Schools Story Book.' First place winner will also receive a \$200 bookstore gift card. Both winners will receive a copy of the published Canadian Safe School Story Book. Stories should be written for a primary school aged audience (kindergarten to grade 3) Stories should be a maximum of 1000 words. Themes for the stories should relate to The Canadian Safe School Network's Values.

For more contest information, please click [here](#).

Memo #5

Topic: Public Input into 2016/2017 Operating Budget

The Budget Committee is seeking public input for the 2016/2017 Operating Budget. This [budget ad](#) provides more details.

Memo #6

Topic: Mandarin classes

After school Mandarin classes are open to all Surrey School District students, 16 + years old. Classes start February 1 at Earl Marriott and February 2 at Fraser Heights. [This document](#) gives details on how to register.

Memo #7

Topic: Energy Conservation Cup

Congratulations to our top winter break energy savers: Clayton Heights, Panorama Ridge and Enver Creek. Energy conservation actions such as holiday break shutdowns are having a positive impact across the district and everyone's efforts are appreciated! In the third month of the Energy Conservation Cup competition secondary schools as a whole saved 13.2% compared to December of last year. Before the winter break schools were focused on a holiday shut down campaign. During the two week break, secondary schools reduced energy consumption by 30.4% compared to an average December week. [This update](#) provides more details.

Memo #8

Topic: Information for students booking an ICBC road test

The following information comes from ICBC as a warning to anyone who is booking a B.C. driver licence road test online. This information may be particularly helpful to students.

ICBC road test booking alert

Driver licence road tests in B.C. are booked under www.ICBC.com. However, people seeking to book an ICBC road test may Google the information and see many different sites come up.

Here are a couple of sites that are charging \$40.00 to book a road test:

- Bookyourroadtest.com
- Bookyourdrivetest.com

If you go to a website to book a B.C. driver licence road test or a knowledge test and are required to make a payment to book the test, it is not booking through ICBC. Some sites also ask for many forms of personal information which is a concern and again confirms those sites are not a driver licence road test.

The only ways to book a driver road test in B.C. is through www.ICBC.com or by calling

ICBC at [1-888-715-7775](tel:1-888-715-7775).