

## Summit Family Bulletin

November 1, 2011

Greetings all, Hard to believe that the second month of school is over – wow! I must be having lots of fun, because time is truly flying by 😊 See below for information I hope will be of use.

**Photos** – if you missed the original Photo Day, re-takes will be held on Tues. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Please e-mail Mary Schurko to let her know if you are bringing your child to this photo session so that the photographer knows how many students to expect. Thanks! For those who have already had photos taken, you will have two choices once you receive their proofs which are printed on the order envelopes....you can order by the order envelopes or use the code off of the proof envelopes to order on line. Every student who comes to the camera will receive an order envelope with their proofs on about 10 days later.

**Remembrance Day** – Summit students and families are invited to participate in the Silverdale Elementary Remembrance Day Assembly, which will be held on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Please note that our offices will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in honour of Remembrance Day

**Library Program** – thanks to Summit parent Sarah for passing on information about a Free! Program at the Mission Public Library; Round the World in 28 Days. Sarah highly recommends it 😊

### Round the World in 28 Days

**This program has not yet started - it starts** Wednesday, Nov 9th - Wednesday, Nov 30th

Dates: Nov. 9,16, 23 & 30 Times: 3:30pm-4:30pm Location:Mission Library

Registration required for this program

Stories, crafts, games and snacks from four continents. For ages 6 to 12. Register beginning October 3.

**Dance Production** of The Nutcracker - December 3, 2pm & 7:30pm - Tickets on Sale Now! At the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance. Several Summit students appear in this production.

**Media Awareness** The Media Awareness Network has a collection of free online games designed to help students become savvy and safe users of the internet. Go to <http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/games/> to try out games such as Privacy Pirates for ages 7 – 9, and Passport to the Internet for Gr. 4 – 8, along with 8 other games for various ages and topics.

**LearnNow BC Parent Newsletter** Follow the next link to view a summary from LearnNow BC written especially for DL parents to summarize the many free resources available at this site:  
<http://www.learnnowbc.ca/Newsletters/Newsletter11191001.aspx>

**At Nightfall** Dance Performance The MapleRidge ACT is offering one free adult ticket per family for Summit students to attend the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> School Performance at 10:00 a.m. *Nightfall* is described as the perfect introduction to contemporary dance for young audiences! Student tickets are only \$7.50 (including tax), plus you will receive one complimentary ticket per family. Please call Kasia Marzencka at 604-476-2787 and identify yourself as from Summit Learning Centre to reserve your tickets. Seats are limited, this offer will expire once seats are filled, so call soon if interested.

**Report Cards** As you are aware from reports in the media, the BC Public School Employer's Association and the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) continue to negotiate a new collective agreement throughout the province. The BCTF commenced a limited job action on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, in which certain duties and activities that are typically part of teachers' responsibilities are not being carried out. Due to the unique nature of our school, thus far many aspects of the job action have not affected Summit. However, I need to make parents aware that first term report cards will not be prepared by Summit teachers unless some change occurs between now and the projected date for report card issue. Teachers will continue to assess student work and collect marks in a way that will permit teachers to produce report cards in a timely manner once the job action has ended. Thank-you for your patience and understanding.

**Secondary Course progress** for online courses Parents can easily check their children's progress in most online courses for grades 9 – 12. For all courses located on Moodle through the school website, ask your child to log-in with their username and password, then click on the Grades tab on the right to view results for marked assignments, tests and quizzes. For language course progress information you will need to contact the teacher directly.

**ArtSmarts Supervision** As you are aware, the Summit teacher on-site is responsible for overall supervision of the event/activity, but parents remain responsible for individual supervision of their own children. It is acceptable to designate another parent who is remaining onsite to be responsible for your child/ren, as long as this is communicated to the supervising teacher. You may wish to do this in advance via e-mail to [summitartsmarts@gmail.com](mailto:summitartsmarts@gmail.com) In some cases, as long as the activity itself is low-risk, secondary students may be allowed to remain at an activity without a parent onsite. An e-mail message to [summitartsmarts@gmail.com](mailto:summitartsmarts@gmail.com) is required in advance with a cellphone number at which the parent can be reached in case of an emergency.

**Communication** We have a couple of new opportunities to improve communication to announce. Summit parent Lee has created a Facebook page for the purpose of parent-to-parent messages. Check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/summitfamilies>. If you 'like' the page you'll be notified when a new message is posted. In addition the school now also has a Facebook page. This page is intended for single notices and announcements, and is not set-up for two way communication. We hope you will find it helpful. Check out this page at <http://www.facebook.com/Summit#75> , and don't forget to click the 'like' button!

**Parent Advisory Council** Various circumstances are making it difficult to organize a 'face-to-face' parent meeting in order to hold elections this year, however the input of parents remains important to all of us. I would like to organize a P.A.C. executive via e-mail. We need to fill a minimum of four positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The primary responsibility of the PAC executive is to provide advice and feedback, and we should be able to carry out most of our work via e-mail. If you are willing to serve in any capacity, please e-mail Cathy to volunteer. Thank-you!

Thanks for reading, best wishes to all, Cathy