



MARCH, 2010

# Whale Tales

## TEXADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Welcome Back!

The last three months went by in a whirlwind of activities. As you know we participated in the Powell River Festival of the Arts. Mrs. Lalani's class did very well in Choral Speaking and Grades 4/5/6/7 collected two bronze plaques for Readers Theatre.

With the help of our community and in partnership with Henderson School we raised 3 203.88 for Haitian Relief. With the help of Rotary we had these funds matched by the Federal government. Our efforts resulted in six Shelterboxes sent to Haiti and 60 people provided with food, shelter and clean water for the next six months.

We held our own Mini Olympics complete with a Torch parade, many adapted winter sports and a closing ceremony.

Our grades Four and Seven students participated in the Provincial FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) and scored in the Meeting and Exceeding categories in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

Now that Spring Break is over and Easter is very near we are gearing up for our final term and we aim to make it a really productive learning time for all our students.

### Kindergarten & Change of School Registration

As you probably have heard and seen the deadline for Kindergarten and change of school registration is fast approaching. Wednesday March 31, 2010 is the last day to register at Texada for Kindergarten September 2010 school year. After that date you may be required to go to the School Board office to register although we will do our best to help you.

Also, if you are considering changing schools and going to a Powell River school, you must also register in the Powell River school of your choice by March 31 in order to be assured a spot. After that date you must go to the school Board office and register. A place in the school of your choice is not guaranteed after March 31.

We would also appreciate your consideration in advising us before the end of March if you are considering changing schools. We begin our planning in April and it is helpful to know our enrolment so as to make the best possible educational decisions for the students.

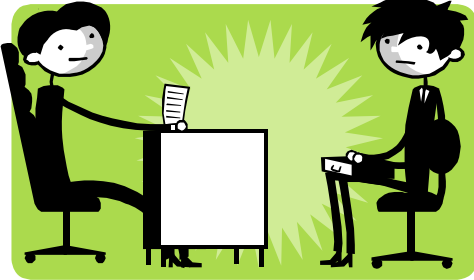
Please call me if you have questions or concerns or you would like further information.



# Jump Rope for Heart

We held our annual Jump Rope for Heart event on the last day of school before Spring Break, and it was as successful as ever. We raised \$983.96 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This is an astounding sum, especially given the small size of our school. Students participated in house teams, earning points by jumping forwards, backwards and with a partner. Third place was taken by the Panthers, who earned 1871 points. In second place we had the Hornets, with 1914 points, and taking first place were the Red Dogs, with 1952 points. We also had a "Jump-Off", in which students competed in age categories to see who could jump for the longest time. In the grade 1-3 category, Ethan and Raven were the boy and girl who were able to jump for the longest amount of time. In the grade 4-7 category, Tyler was the winning boy, and we had a real competition between Keira and Kaylynn, who battled for 3 minutes, 33 seconds, with Kaylynn coming out on top.

## Student Led Conferences



This month we will be holding our second Informal reporting session. These Student Led conferences are an opportunity for the students to showcase the progress they have made over the year so far.

The conferences will take place:

Monday April 19      1:30 to 4:00 pm

Tuesday April 20      1:30 to 4:00 pm and 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Mrs. Garvin will be contacting you to set up appointment times.

The students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm on both days. The bus will do its usual run for students who are not conferencing on the day.



# Easter Break

There will be no school on Good Friday April 2 and Easter Monday April 5.

Happy Easter!



## Hot Lunch

Hope you all had a great Spring Break!  
Isn't the weather beautiful?

Our menu for April is:

April 7—Hot dogs and Soup

April 14- Pizza Buns and Soup

April 21—Grilled Cheese and Soup

April 28th—Pizza Buns and Soup.

Happy April Fools Day, Easter, and Earth Day!!!

*Linn and Deidre*

## Soccer Skills



We are fortunate to have Mr. Drew Ferguson once again conduct a series of soccer lessons for Texada.

The morning lessons will take place April 14, 21, and 28 and involve all Grades One through Seven students.

Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor sports clothing and shoes for those days.

**NEXT PAC MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH  
31**

**School Lunchroom @  
1:30**



## ABOUT ME

**My name** is Timmy Robillard. I was born at the Powell River General Hospital.

**My family members are:** My mother, my father, Jeff, Shiloh and me.

**My friends are:** Owen, Sydney, Gemma, Jordan, Jeremy and my whole class.

**I have two pets:** Ebey my dog and Franklin my cat

**Favorite Book:** Geronimo Stilton

**Favorite Place:** My house

**Favorite Food:** Pizza

**Favorite Toy:** My Bike

**Favorite Movie:** Mall Cop

**Favorite Sport:** Riding my bike

# Star's of the Week



## ABOUT ME

**My name** is Quinton Jarvis, I was born in London, Ontario.

**The people in my family are:** Sally, Curtis, Logan, Kiyarron and me.

**My friends are:** Spencer, Danasia, Quinn, Austin and Kyle.

**My pets are:** Lexie, Jack Cinders and Leaper

**Favorite Thing to Do:** Eat!

**Favorite Book:** How to Catch a Star

**Favorite Place:** Disneyland

**Favorite Food:** Broccoli and Cheese

**Favorite Toy:** My Tank

**Favorite Movie:** Shorts

**Favorite Hobby:** Fishing

# Baseball on Texada



For any Texada student interested in playing baseball. Steve Perkins and Denise Hoyle will be offering baseball on the school field starting May 13th.

Thursdays, 3:00 to 4:00 pm  
and  
Sundays 11:00 to 12:00 pm.

**This is not a school activity.**

*Supervision before and after baseball sessions will not be provided.  
Please contact Steve or Denise for more information*



## Gymnastics & Swimming Lessons



Just an advance planner for our upcoming extended PE program. We will be having both gymnastics and swimming lessons to augment our regular PE program and to provide some different opportunities for our Kindergarten to Seven students.

**Swimming Lessons at the Complex**  
April 30, May 7,14,21,28    Friday mornings

**Gymnastics Lessons at Powell River Gymnastics**  
May 4,11,18,25                      Tuesday mornings

# Invitation to Schools



## **Our Vision For Education in Powell River in 2030**

**The Board of Education invites schools to  
participate in planning for the future of  
Education in our Community.**

**May 6, 2010 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Brooks Secondary**

**Texada School is looking for two parents who wish to participate  
in this visionary opportunity which includes: student presentations,  
discussions to create visions of our local/global communities & edu-  
cation in 2030, music, displays, appies and more!**

***Please contact the school for more information***

