

- As we start a new year the **Walking Sidewalk Program** has a few reminders for drivers dropping children at school:

- do not use the open space of a driveway to pull in and drop your child. Children usually cross the road at the open space provided by the driveways and blocking the driveway means that it is much harder for drivers to see children who are coming up to cross the road. Additionally children crossing the road must be well into the lane of traffic before they can see if it is safe to cross. This puts the children, including the one you just dropped off, at risk. [Even if you are only there for a minute, it adds up when a large number of parents do the same thing.]

- avoid using driveways to turn around during the 8:45 - 9:15 am rush. The throughway for cars is very narrow and in the 30 seconds it takes you to turn around you may end up blocking a number of cars that weren't there when you started.

- there is no stopping or dropping off along the sidewalk areas marked by cones (even if the cones aren't there that day!). These areas are also marked by city signs that indicate no stopping.

As always we are looking for regular or fill-in volunteers to help with traffic safety during the morning rush.

Thanks!

Morgan (email me at safety@sperlingpac.com)

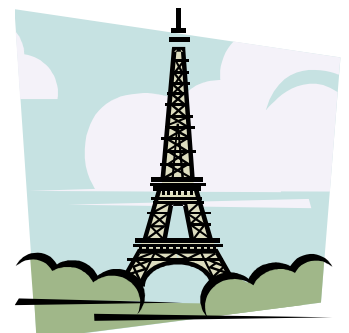


- **Disctrit Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)** is sponsoring a presentation on increasing your child's focus and attention. February 13, 2013 6:30 to 8pm at Burnaby Central Highschool. MindUP™ is a family of social, emotional, and attention self-regulatory strategies and skills developed for cultivating well-being and emotional balance. MindUP™ is anchored in current research in cognitive neuroscience. See the attached file called "MindUP" for more information.

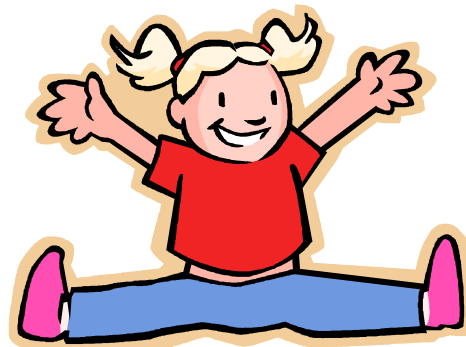


You must register.

- **Drop off your child in Paris! The Burnaby Chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF)** is hosting it's first event at Sperling this year. Mark your calendars for February 15th and drop your kids off in Paris for the evening while you have a night out! See the attached file "Paris Night Out" for details. The next **CPF-Burnaby Chapter** meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday, February 5 in the Sperling staff room.



- **Spring Fun Fair Committee Volunteers Needed** We are already 7 members strong and looking to have 1 -2 more to join our group to help organize the Fun Fair. We meet once every 2-3 weeks. Your ideas and enthusiasm are greatly needed and appreciated! Please contact Debbie or Cindy at funfair@sperlingpac.com for more details.



- **Spring Fun Fair Volunteers Needed!** Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours and friends of friends! We are very excited to get the ball rolling on another **Fun Fair** at Sperling. We are planning this to be the best **Fun Fair** yet...and need your help to make it happen!

Many positions available. If you have a special talent (photographer, face painter, crafter, musician, etc) that would benefit the fair or just want to volunteer a couple of hours at the fair ~ we need you!

Volunteer positions include:

- * set up
- * concession
- * games
- * tickets
- * safety / emergency response
- * logistics
- * clean up
- +++ many others!

The Sperling Fun Fair will be held Friday, May 24 from 4pm-8pm. Please contact funfairvolunteer@sperlingpac.com for more details. Thank you!

- There was great interest in the **PAC Website** the first part of the school year. From August 2012 through December 2012 we had over 1,400 visitors! Check regularly for updates at www.sperlingpac.com

