



École Coquitlam River Elementary

4250 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, B.C. V3E 3E5

Telephone: (604)942-0241

Email: CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca Web: www.sd43.bc.ca/school/coquitlamriver

Follow us on Instagram: @CoquitlamRiver

Principal: Mr. D. Mushens

15 December 2022

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On the Calendar

Friday, December 16 – PAC Treat Day – no loonie required!

Friday, December 16 – sing-a-long assembly and pajama day – **11:00**

Tuesday, January 3rd – School resumes (but let's not think about that right now!)

Please regularly check the school website for updates to school dates and information.

Christmas Sing-a-long assembly – 11:00 am

Tomorrow (or *today* when you're likely reading this, since I'm sending it late in the evening!) is our last day of class before the winter holidays.



To celebrate (and survive, 'cuz we're all kinda tired!), we welcome students (and staff – you can bet I will be donning the pj's) to come as they are...when they roll out of bed! PJ's are the *apparel du jour* for our final day of 2022 together.

Our morning will culminate with a *sing-a-long* assembly at **11:00** (*note the new time – moved up from the previously scheduled start time*). Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly but singing is required! By tradition, some parents may choose to begin their winter holiday following the assembly – if so, please be sure to check out with your student(s)' teacher before scurrying off into the winter break.



Coquitlam River Elementary Shines!

A heartfelt thank you to the many Coquitlam River Elementary families who so generously gave of their time, talent, and treasure to help bring the holiday spirit to others in our community at this time of year that can be joyful...and challenging. Our Christmas Giving Tree had all of its presents selected, returned and wrapped and our gift hampers were delivered over these past few days.

And we set an ambitious goal to raise \$1,000 for the *Share Family & Community Services Food Bank*. And you know what? We not only met it, we *surpassed* it! Final figures are still being tabulated – because people keep right on giving! – but at last count we were past our goal and on the way to making a difference to the local food bank right here in our own community.

Congratulations and thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Grade 5 Letters Sent Home Thursday

You should have received a letter from the school today with information about grade 5 students transitioning to middle school (I know – it seems too soon to think about!). This letter contains important information, including the home address we currently have on file, which indicates the middle school to which your student will be automatically transitioned.

If the information in the letter is correct...*phew!* Kick back, relax, and we'll take care of the rest. If you have moved and have not informed us (just imagine the sound of my '*tsk, tsk*'ing as I'm typing), you must provide **3 documents** noting your changed address to the school office as soon as possible.

The letter also lays out the process to apply to attend a middle school *other* than your designated catchment school.

Please ensure you carefully read this letter and check its information for accuracy. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly...you know...in the new year!

Knock, knock. Who's there? No one!

Please note the school and office are closed from Friday, December 16th at 3:30 until **Tuesday, January 3rd** at 8:00 am. Phones are not answered and we don't have an answering service (it's kind of like the old tree falling in the forest quandary: if the phone rings in the office and no one's there to answer it, did it really ring?).

Similarly, the office email (CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca) will also not be monitored during the holidays so please hold your queries until that time. Or at least patiently await a response!

I also ask that you please refrain from emailing teachers over the holiday period. They've worked hard and deserve a break!

From the PAC

Grade 5 Bottle Drive Fundraiser	
<i>CLEAR bags will be sent home prior to Christmas holidays</i>	January 8 11am - 1pm School drop off loop
<i>Collect your refundable items and bring them to the school on Jan 8th or return to Barnet Return-It Depot under our account 604-942-0241</i>	We are looking for RINSED OUT refundables : Bottles Cans Milk jugs Juice cartons The money raised is covering yearbooks and end of year events!

Programs of Choice

Please be reminded - this is the *fourth* of many notifications to current parents of French Immersion students. If you have a kindergarten student starting in **September 2023** that you wish to have in French Immersion, ***you must*** apply for Programs of Choice during the district application process.

Programs of Choice On-Line Applications for Kindergarten entering September 2023:
Opens January 5, 2023 at 9am
Closes January 11, 2023 at 4pm

The link to application will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for placement. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2023. Children who are not successfully placed will be on a waitlist and must register for Kindergarten at their catchment school.

Parents who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice and wish their upcoming kindergarten child to enter must still apply and indicate "Confirmation of Sibling Status applies".

Please ensure the school has your most current address.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit:
[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Have a wonderful, restful and joyous winter holiday. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 3rd!

David