



## École Coquitlam River Elementary

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January 11, 2024

### On the Calendar

Wednesday, January 17

PAC meeting – 7:00 pm in the library

Friday, January 19

TCBY Frozen Yogurt Treat Day

Please regularly check the [calendar](#) on the [school website](#) for updates and information.



Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the school year. I want to take a moment to say a special thank you to my friend and colleague, Ms. Kelly Zimmer, for stepping in for me while I could not be here these past few months. It has been great to see everyone these first few days and thank you to everyone who has expressed warm words of welcome – it's nice to be back!



### Get ready for winter...finally!

Winter has apparently finally awoken and is set to arrive overnight with a vengeance! The weather people have dusted off the thesaurus in search of new winter terminology – *cold arctic ridge* seems to be their new favourite! – to describe what's coming our way tomorrow.



Please make sure to dress your little ones in the appropriate winter clothing tomorrow – think layers. Mittens, sweaters, scarves, boots, and hats are in order for the day as we will be outside. By the way – if you're old enough to recognize *Snow Miser* on the left, 'you're welcome' for putting that song in your head that you'll now be humming for the rest of the evening!

### Grade 5 Middle School Placement

Before Christmas, parents and caregivers of grade 5 students were sent emails indicating the middle school to which your student is assigned for grade six in September 2024. If you have not yet read the email or seen it (please check your *spam* folder) please do so right away. Students are assigned to middle school based on the address we *currently have on file*. If you have moved at some point during your time at Coquitlam River Elementary and have not completed change of address processes, your student may not be assigned to the middle school you're expecting to attend. If you think there is an error – or you're not sure, please check with the office as soon as possible so we are certain our grade 5's are registered for the correct middle school placement. Super-duper important (can I make that any clearer?).

## **Programs of Choice Registration is now open**

The school district's *programs of choice registration* is now open until Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, for students wishing to enroll in *Kindergarten French Immersion*, or for students wishing to enroll in *Late French Immersion* in Grade 6. As previously noted, even if a sibling is already attending Coquitlam River, **you must** complete the online application before the deadline next Wednesday or your incoming student will not be considered.

*Programs of Choice* registration *must* be completed online at:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

English Kindergarten registration begins February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Holy traffic chaos, Batman!**

Oh man, he's been back like four days and he's already harping about traffic? Uh, yeah, he is! So, maybe we're all a little out of practice, what with the two-week break and all, and with the *Dark Knight of Traffic* having been away awhile, it seems some terse reminders may be in order. They include...ahem...



- ***No parking*** in the traffic loops (as in, *do not* leave your car to walk your child into the classroom area)
- ***Stop and drop only*** (or conversely, *pick-up only at the end of the day*)
- ***Do not*** (ever – under any circumstances!) load or unload children in the middle of the traffic loop. *That's just downright dangerous.*
- Park on Shaughnessy Street if you are planning to walk in and wait with your child(ren) until the bell.
- The front traffic loop will be *closed* after lunch until the dismissal bell in order to keep the laneway clear in the event emergency vehicles need to enter. We have had issues with parents/caregivers arriving early and blocking the fire lane, which poses a safety hazard.
- Exiting both the front and rear traffic loops is *right turn only* during morning drop-off and afternoon pick up. This helps us to keep things moving and gets everyone where they need to be as efficiently as possible.
- ***No parking, pick up, or drop off in the staff/district parking lot.***

If we all cooperate and follow these few, quite simple procedures, it really does make things simple. Look for the Caped Crusader (okay, I don't have a cape, but I do have a traffic vest) to be outside guiding the traffic flow, trying to keep all our little ones (and bigger ones) safe. Please try not to hit me – I just got back, for heaven's sake!

**French Programs for ages 2-5 at Mallairdville Community Centre**

Course Description: *Is your child ready to take the next step in connecting play with learning? Early learning skills such as basic letter recognition, numbers, sorting and fine motor skills will be introduced through play and fun activities. This program will be facilitated in both French and English.*

Program Name	Date	Time	Cost
Little Learners: French 2-3yrs	Tuesday Jan 16-Feb 6, 2024	4:45pm – 5:30pm	\$21.80
Little Learners: French 3-5yrs	Tuesday Jan 16-Feb 6, 2024	6:00pm – 6:45pm	\$21.80
Little Learners: French 2-3yrs	Tuesday Feb 13-Mar 12, 2024	4:45pm – 5:30pm	\$27.25
Little Learners: French 3-5yrs	Tuesday Feb 13-Mar 12, 2024	6:00pm – 6:45pm	\$27.25

Thank you in advance J

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