



# École Coquitlam River Elementary

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We are so pleased to have our Coquitlam River Elementary students back with us and ready to learn. As we start up the school year, I want to highlight some important information.

## On the Calendar

Monday, September 18	<i>Strong Start</i> opens for the 2023-2024 school year
Wednesday, September 20	Parent Information Evening 6:00 pm (see below)
Thursday, September 21	School Spirit Day – <i>Wear your school colours!</i>
Friday, September 22	District Professional Development Day – school closed for students
Thursday, September 28	PAC Hot Dog Day

Major dates have been included with the welcome back to school document sent home. They are also posted on the school website's calendar section, and updates are posted regularly. Please ensure you check your email and regularly check the school website for updates. We *rarely* communicate by paper so it's important to check your electronic communications to stay up to date.

## Parent Information Evening Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday we invite parents and caregivers to attend a brief parent information meeting, beginning at **6:00 pm** in the gym. The evening will begin with a presentation to all parents and caregivers from me of key staff members, during which we will share some overall initiatives of the coming school year, ways to best support your student, and other things to expect as we set off on an exciting new year.



Following this brief presentation, teachers will be available in their classrooms to introduce themselves, to share information about their class, classroom expectations, and answer questions. The informal evening will end at **7:30**

## School Cash Online Forms Coming

In the coming week or so, you will begin to receive notification about forms that need to be completed via your [School Cash Online](#) account. If you are new to Coquitlam River, you will shortly receive a separate email with instructions on how to set up your account. This is also how we will collect school fees for the bulk purchase of school supplies, field trips, and special projects, as well as complete permission forms, etc. Please ensure you keep your account up to date.



### **Traffic Procedures**

It's that time of year when I remind us all about our parking...and *no parking*...rules at Coquitlam River. Ahh, who am I kidding? I'll be reminding us *a lot!* Who knows - maybe this will be the year we'll all just agree to abide by our pick-up and drop-off procedures! Here goes:

- The roundabout loops at the front and back of the school are for quick drop off and pick up *only*. Call is *kiss-and-go* if you'd like. If you're planning to pull into the traffic loop for pickup at the end of the day, please tell your child(ren) to be waiting for you in the traffic loop so they can quickly get in the car and you can clear the loop for the parent waiting to come in.
- ***Do not leave your car parked in the traffic loop to walk into the school grounds.***
- If you are walking your children to the door, or waiting with them until the bell, you must park on Shaughnessy and walk into the school grounds.
- Do not park in the staff parking lot. Our school staff has increased this year and we have a limited number of spaces available. The parking lot adjacent to the school is reserved for school district staff only.

Following these few simple protocols will allow for the safe, efficient movement of students and traffic as they enter and exit the property. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

### **Grade 5 Parent Meeting**

Parents of grade 5 students are welcome to attend an organizing meeting next Thursday evening, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library, to begin early stages of planning for year-end activities and fundraising initiatives.

### **Grade 2/3 Boys Basketball**

Got a budding hoopster in grade 2 or 3? One of CRE parents is coaching a grade 2/3 boys rookie basketball team through Tri-City Youth Basketball (TCYBA), starting in October. The program will run out of Westwood Elementary, Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for 11 weeks. Registration can be found at <https://www.tcyba.org/team-snap-registration>

### **Set up your Munch-a-Lunch account**

Your CRE PAC does much of their fundraising, including the all-important *hot lunch* ordering through [Munch a Lunch](#). You can also make your donation to the PAC through its online collection. An easy link can be found on the front page of the [school website](#), under the *Quick Links* section.

### **BC Demographics Survey**

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time. It is available at <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>

The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – your input matters! The public questionnaire is available until Oct. 15 in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism>  
So, don't wait! Your feedback is anonymous and will help us make our province work better for everyone. Every person's perspective counts.

### **NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS FOR SD43**

SD43 is looking for casual Noon Hour Assistants to supervise students for one hour per day during their lunch break! (This is a paid position and previous experience working with children is an asset.) Please submit your resume through the following link:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/District/JobOpportunities/External%20NonTeaching%20Positions/Casual%20Noon%20Hour%20Assistants%20-%20Ongoing%20Recruitment.pdf> if you would be interested in becoming a Noon Hour Assistant for one of our sites!