



École Coquitlam River Elementary

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...and *welcome* to our new Kindergarten students and families (and others!) joining us for the first time!

Principal's Message

Welcome and welcome back to all of our students and families, as we head into the final days of summer holidays. If you're joining us for the first time at École Coquitlam River Elementary – you will often hear us referred to as *CRE* by the locals! – a very special welcome to you. This is a great school community – I'm sure you're going to love it here.

And to those of you returning – we excited to welcome you back!

Over these last two weeks of August, myself and staff have been in and out of the building, getting classrooms ready, putting the final touches on our preparations for the fall, and getting ready to welcome our students back to the school. Our construction crew is putting the finishing touches on our new roof (we'll keep you dry at least when you're *in* the building!) and of course, our new primary playground opened at the end of last school year.

As the summer holidays wind down, it's a good idea to start readying your students for the transition back to school – or coming to school for the first time. For the majority of students, transitioning back to school routines is easy and kids roll right along with changes. All students, however, benefit from getting ready for school by starting to practice those routines that help them to be successful. Those routines include getting back into a school sleep schedule, going to bed earlier and getting up earlier. Consistent winding-down activities such as bath time and reading before bed can help your children to relax and be ready for sleep. Consider getting into the practice of eating a healthy breakfast, setting out clothes the night before, reading every day (if you haven't been already!), limiting screen time, playing word and board games. It's important too to talk about back to school as a celebration, an event to be excited about! These can help all students to ready themselves for September over these last summer days.

Please regularly check your email and the school website for information and updates. Most weeks, I will send out information on an as needed basis. Be sure to give us a follow on Instagram (@CoquitlamRiver) in the coming weeks as another easy means to keep up to date.

If you have questions, please send an email to CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca or email me directly at dmushens@sd43.bc.ca or call the office.

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First Week of School

Tuesday, September 5th 8:50 am (9:30 for new kindergarten students)– Registration Day
Students go to their *last year* class where they will be met by last year's teacher. Please go to the designated exterior door through which students entered and exited last year. Any room changes will be posted outside classrooms and on the website.

Tuesday is an important day for registration and ensuring we have accurate numbers for our class organization. Though students will only be here for 20-30 minutes, it is very important that we see our students so we can confirm who is or is not returning. Please contact the office at CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca if you will not be present that day but *will* be returning to Coquitlam River.

Note: New kindergarten students will come at 9:30. English kindergarten students should report to the paved area outside our two kindergarten classrooms, next to the primary playground. French Immersion kindergarten should report to the classroom door next to the main entrance (we'll have signage!)

New students in grades 1-5 who were not at Coquitlam River last year should report to the library, just inside the front doors.

Wednesday – Friday, September 6 -8

Regular bell schedule **8:50 – 2:43** for students in Grades 1 – 5

Students Report to *last year's* class during the first week of school. Students will be assigned to *this year's class* once our final numbers and organization are confirmed by district staff. Once students are assigned to classes, teachers will let students and families know when to bring classroom items like indoor shoes, comfort kits, etc.

Note: Kindergarten students will attend on a gradual entry. The gradual entry schedules were sent out in July and are attached again separate document. Groups will be determined next week.

Thank you for your patience as we finalize our school and class organization. It is vitally important we are made aware of any changes in our anticipated enrollment as it may affect the number and structure of our classes. Please inform the office as soon as possible at CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca of any changes to information.

School Supplies

Please remember that at Coquitlam River Elementary, the school purchases supplies in bulk so there is no need for parents to shop for supplies. School supply fees will be sent out in the first week or two of school, and will be payable through your [School Cash Online](#) account. Purchasing school supplies at the school level allows us to ensure all students have the correct supplies and we are able to secure the best prices for materials. We do not have individual school supply lists for parents and ask that you ensure your [School Cash Online](#) account is up to date so we can collect supply fees in a timely manner.

School Calendar

Please see attached a list of important dates for the coming school year. New dates, updates, changes, etc., will be sent via email, posted on the website (on the calendar section), and on the school Instagram account.