

March 31, 2022

On the Calendar

Friday, April 1	Treat Day – bring a loonie for a treat!
Tuesday, April 5	PAC Meeting – <i>Live!</i> In the library 7:00 pm (see below)
Wednesday, April 6	PAC Hot Lunch Day – Boston Pizza
Wednesday, April 13	Easter Paint Pallet & Purdy’s Chocolate Order Pickup 2:30 – 3:30 & 6:00 – 7:00 in the covered area near kindergarten playground
Thursday, April 14	PAC Hot Lunch Day – Little Caesar’s
Friday, April 15	Good Friday Holiday – no school
Monday, April 18	Easter Monday Holiday – no school



We hope you enjoyed a great spring break and managed to avoid growing webbed feet in all that rain! We were very happy to see our students back with us after the break and we’re already getting busy with all that learnin’ left to pack in during the final months!

COVID Protocols, Version (oh heck – who knows? I’ve lost count of which version we’re on!)

As we returned to school this week, we returned under revised public health guidelines. Here are some of the key highlights and reminders:

- Masks are now *optional* for all students, staff, and visitors to the building. Many of our students and staff are choosing to continue to mask while at school, while others have opted to stop wearing them. *Both of these approaches are okay!* We met with all students on Wednesday and reminded them – as I’m reminding all of you – that everyone has their own comfort level that drives their decision on mask use. We will continue to be respectful and kind to each other, regardless of which option we choose.
- Visitors to the school may now enter, with or without a mask, and report directly to the office, without having to phone the school in advance
- Gatherings of larger groups of students can slowly be reintroduced, providing more opportunities for co-learning groups and activities
- Some co-curricular activities will be introduced in the latter part of the school year

What hasn’t changed...

- Students will continue regular and consistent handwashing upon arrival, between activities and before and after recess and lunch
- We are still not able to *share* foodstuffs brought from home (hot lunches are individually packaged and delivered to students and this will continue to be the practice)
- Maintaining space between students will be encouraged when possible
- Parents should continue the *Daily Health Check* and keep students home if they are sick or showing symptoms

Student Learning Survey Now Open

The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 4, parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. Thank you for your participation.

Summer Learning Returns to School District 43

This coming summer, the school district will return to full *Summer Learning* programming. Elementary students have the options to attend a variety of *Skill Building* program options, including:

- Kindergarten to Grade 1 Transition
- English for Beginners
- Fine & Performing Arts
- French Immersion
- Integrated studies
- Math
- Reading & Writing
- Coding (Info Tech)
- Outdoor Science
- STEAM



Summer Learning programs for elementary students run from Tuesday, July 12th through Friday, July 29th, from 9:00 to noon. *Coquitlam River Elementary* is one of the *Summer Learning* sites again this year.

Elementary *Skill Building* course registration opens at **6:00 am on Tuesday, May 3**. See the attached poster for more information.

(note: registration is through www.sd43summerlearning.ca – not through *Coquitlam River Elementary*)



Calendar Amendment: *Truth and Reconciliation Day*

The provincial government recently announced that K-12 public schools will observe Friday, September 30th as a statutory holiday in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day. As a result of this announcement, SD43 will be amending the 2022-2023 School Calendar to include Truth and Reconciliation Day as a non-instructional day. As such, all school district sites will be closed Friday, September 30, 2022. Students and staff will continue to recognize SD43's commitment to truth and reconciliation with school-based activities and learning during that week, including Orange Shirt Day. Details around activities and observances will be shared in September but in the meantime, it was important to share this change to the school calendar with families as soon as possible.

Coquitlam School District Seeks Casual Clerical and Noon Hour Supervisors

The Coquitlam School District is actively seeking applicants for their *casual clerical* and *casual noon hour supervisor* teams. Qualification requirements for both positions vary and offer casual placements, Monday to Friday, during the school year.

Please see the attached documents for more information.

From the PAC

The April PAC meeting is next Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm. And now for something completely different... we will meet *live* and in person in the library.

Babysitting is available if you need to bring little ones.