



École Coquitlam River Elementary

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October 9, 2025

Friday, October 10	TCBY Frozen Yogurt day
Monday, October 13	Schools closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Thursday, October 16	PAC hot lunch – A&W
Tuesday, October 21	Early dismissal for interim meetings
Thursday, October 23	PAC Movie Night (see below)
Friday, October 24	Provincial Professional Development Day – school closed

Please regularly check the school website for calendar and event updates.



A reminder that school is closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday on Monday, October 13th. See you back here on Tuesday.

Happy Thanksgiving from École Coquitlam River Elementary

Forms and fees are due

Thank you to families who have completed their online, mandatory forms, as well as paying the school supplies fees. If you have not yet done so, please make your way to your [School Cash Online](#) account to complete forms and fees as soon as possible.

School supplies are purchased directly by the school, rather than by individuals, which allows us to get the supplies we need at the most cost effective price. Bringing accounts up to date allows us to ensure we are stocked and ready to go.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please contact the school office for assistance, either by phone at (604)942-0241, or by email at CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca

If this presents a significant challenge, please reach out to me in confidence at dmushens@sd43.bc.ca





Traffic control reminders

Please remember that from **8:30 – 9:30** and **2:30 – 3:30** the exits from both the front and rear traffic loops are ***right turn only***. You may have noticed there are even cones in the left lane of the traffic loop exit to stop left turns from the driveway. This is not just a school rule; it is a city bylaw (there is city signage at the exits to both driveways). Please help us to keep cars moving safely and smoothly by adhering to the bylaw.

Also note: in the afternoons we have had parents parking in the firelane at the front of the school ahead of dismissal. The traffic loop is a ***fire lane*** and must be kept clear at all times. Last year, we had to close the front traffic circle in the afternoons until dismissal, which is less than ideal for deliveries and early dismissal pick ups. Please help us to avoid having to close the front traffic loop each day by not parking the fire lanes. If you are early, please park on Shaughnessy and either walk in, or drive in *once the bell has rung to dismiss students*. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Be sure to stop by...

If you're coming to the school, all adults ***must*** check in at the office. If you are dropping off your student late – on those *rare* occasions – please either have them come to the office or bring them here. We will take students to their classrooms. To ensure safety and security in the building, parents are not to be in the hallways during classtime.

Halloween Planning

It may seem like a long way off, but Hallowe'en will soon be fast upon us. We're sure you've started hearing about it already, just like we are. This year, as you're thinking about costumes, a few important things to keep in mind:

- Please do not send students with *inflatable* costumes. These have become increasingly popular and present a host of challenges. Each year, students bring them and need a great deal of assistance getting in and out of them, costumes get ripped or torn, batteries die (remarkably quickly!) and there are lots of tears when the costume is essentially *kaput* by lunchtime. They're also quite cumbersome and make it difficult to navigate crowded classrooms. These costumes are great fun so let's save them for the Trick-or-treating in the evening!
- Also remember that school-based Hallowe'en is intended more fun than scary, especially with our littlest ones being here. Costumes must not depict gore, violence, or include weaponry. This can be disappointing for older costumers but again – save that for the evening festivities!



We are enrolling...

Please help us spread the news, we have available part time and full time spaces in our Infant Toddler and 3-5 years program for October or November start. Our website has been updated, please share with prospective families: [The Alex Early Care & Learning Centre - Atira Women's Society](https://atira.bc.ca/)



[Click here to read about the Early Learning Framework](https://atira.bc.ca/)

From the team at the alex ECLC

<https://atira.bc.ca/>



OCTOBER PAC Newsletter

DATES TO NOTE

Oct 2 & 3 - \$5 Costume Sale

Costume donations accepted until Oct 2nd in the front lobby! On the 2nd & 3rd, come to the kindergarten playground 2:40-3:15pm and shop our \$5 Halloween Costume Sale!

Oct 2 - Hot Lunch - Little Caesar's

Sign up to help distribute lunch at www.tinyurl.com/crehotlunch25

Oct 6 - Sun Oka Cutoff

Get your apple orders in ASAP!

Oct 7 - PAC Meeting

7pm in the library & on zoom!

Oct 10 - TCBY

Ordering cut off is 10 days prior, as with all Hot Lunch vendors. TCBY is handed out at the end of the day as students head home.

Oct 16 - Hot Lunch - A&W

Our new Hot Lunch vendor for 2025/2026!

Get your orders in & sign up to help at www.tinyurl.com/crehotlunch25

Oct 23 - Welcome Back Movie Night

Oct 30 - Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs

Hot Dog days are BACK! Order on MunchaLunch & sign up to help, so we can continue offering this school-wide favourite.

WELCOME BACK MOVIE NIGHT!

Pixar's Elio

Thursday, October 23rd

Doors open at 6:30, Movie starts at 7pm

Tickets & pizza preorder available on MunchaLunch, concession will have pizza by the slice, snacks, popcorn, and drinks available, cash & tap accepted at concession.

Sign up to help: www.tinyurl.com/cremovie25

NOVEMBER DATES

- November 4: PAC Meeting
- November 6: Shopping Night
- November 7: TCBY
- November 13: Hot Lunch - Red Robin
- November 21: Treat Day
- November 27: Hot Lunch - Subway
- November 29: Snowflake Ball setup

PAC MEETINGS & CONTACT INFO

PAC Meetings will take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the school library and streaming live on Zoom!

Free childcare is provided at each meeting. If you have any questions about anything, please reach out!

crepacexecutives@gmail.com



Parents of School District 43 -- ...



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Hello everyone

If you need before and after care for your child, full time, Monday to Friday (7 to 8:30am and 2:30 to 6pm) please reach out to me. I am a local mom, have done a responsible adult course with first aid/CPR, providing home based child care services. I have experience and can provide references. I am near to coast salish, Coquitlam river, Leigh ,smiling creek elementary school.

Safe Steps Club

AFTER & BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Winter Break
Spring Break
(Pro-D) Days

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Physical Activities
- Art & Craft Programs
- Recreational & Social Programs
- Therapeutic Art Programs

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7 to 8:30
2:30 to 6

REGISTER TODAY!

more information :
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