

10 December 2020

Happy Holidays (almost!). One more week to go....we got this (it's possible I'm coaching myself on this as much as any of you!).

There's a lot of important information to share from both the school and the district this week, so I ask that you have a read of the attached information as you work your way through what is shaping up to be a lengthy weekly update!

North Pole Day

A reminder that tomorrow (Friday), we encourage all of our little and not so little Coquitlam River Elves to dress as someone – or something – from the North Pole. Elf shoes, candy canes, whatever strikes your frozen fancy.

Tomorrow afternoon, our door decorating contest will be judged, and as I may have mentioned, I have heard a rumour the chief judge can be bribed (he's dropped that hint liberally and waiting to see if some elves take him up on it!). Be sure to check the [front page of the school website](#), where I'll post some pictures of notable entries.



Next Friday, December 18th, will be a very casual, PJ kind of day, with a *soft dismissal* at 12:00 for those who wish to start their winter holiday in the afternoon!



Food Drive Update

Wow! What a phenomenal haul of generous donations have been made by Coquitlam River students and their families. We are working hard to make sure that hampers of non-perishable food, gift cards and other essentials are being put together for families in the Coquitlam River and neighbouring communities. Your generosity has been quite extraordinary and I very much appreciate your willingness to help those who may be struggling at what can be a difficult time of year...especially this year.

Stay tuned – early next week we will announce the class that was able to raise the largest food hamper donations!

Registration for Kindergarten 2021-2022

I know, I know. It's not even Christmas yet – why is he hounding us about September?

Because I gotta, that's why!

Registration for September kindergarten begins *early* in the New Year and there are important dates and processes you *must* follow in order to ensure your kindergarten child is ready for enrollment.



Early French Immersion (Kindergarten) – if you wish for your child to be in French Immersion kindergarten, you **must** complete a French Immersion application, *even if your kindergarten student has an older sibling already in French Immersion at Coquitlam River!* Kindergarten French Immersion applications of siblings already in French Immersion at Coquitlam River are given priority in the application process but you **must** apply during the application period. Failure to apply means your child *will not* be considered for early French Immersion.

French Immersion Kindergarten Applications Opens: **Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 9 am**
French Immersion Kindergarten Applications Closes: **Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 4pm**

Please see the attached programs of choice brochure from the school district, or visit the [Programs of Choice page](#) on the school district website. From there, you will find a link to the [French Programs Page](#), which provides further information.

English Kindergarten Registration – If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in the English program in September 2021, the process is different this year, due to COVID-19 restrictions. You must download a fillable registration form from the school district website. Fill out the form, save it to your device and email it back to CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca

English Kindergarten Applications Opens:	January 27, 2021
English Kindergarten Applications Closes:	February 4, 2021

Please see the attached document “Kindergarten Registration Process 2021-2022 (Parent)” for more information, and check the [Coquitlam River Elementary](#) website regularly for information and updates.

Superintendent’s Letter Regarding Updates to Fraser Health Notifications

Please see the attached letter from Superintendent Patricia Gartland outlining updates from Fraser Health regarding the notification process for COVID-19 exposures and protocols.

Seasons Greetings from School District 43

Please see the attached letter from Superintendent Patricia Gartland.

From the PAC

Hi everyone,

Our final fundraiser of 2020 (that's crazy to say!) is with a local Port Coquitlam Distillery, Provincial Spirits. Now until December 21st, place your online order with the code 'CREPAC' (in the discount code section). Provincial Spirits will give the PAC a kickback from every online order. There is no minimum order amount.

<https://www.provincialspirits.co>

Thanks for supporting your PAC Team!

That’s it for this week! Have a great weekend!

David