

December 16, 2021



Coming Up...

- Friday, December 17th** – last day before Winter Holiday Break
Soft Dismissal for those who wish to get a jump start on the holiday – parents *may* pick up their children beginning at noon. Regular dismissal time for those who are staying.
- Tuesday, January 4th** - School reopens (note *Tuesday* as the New Year's stat holiday is Monday)
- Thursday, January 6th** - Grade 5 Parent Planning Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 11th** - PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Thursday, January 13th** - Hot Lunch Pizza Day

Holidays are Upon Us!

If you've seen me outside with that dull, vacant stare, accompanied by the occasional sporadic twitch or flinch, it must mean holidays are here!

Tomorrow, Friday, is *Holiday Pajamas* day – wear your comfiest, fuzziest sleep wear as we groove into holiday mode.

By tradition, a *soft dismissal* is on offer, meaning those who wish to take advantage can pick up their children beginning at noon. Please go to the classroom door as you normally would and ensure that you have signed out your student with the teacher so we can make sure everyone has been dismissed safely, according to family plan.



For those who are staying with us, we will enjoy a holiday afternoon and dismiss at our regular time.

Travel Reminders

Please be reminded that if you travel *outside of Canada* during the holidays, children may not return to school until *14 days after your return to Canada*, regardless of who they are traveling with. As children aged 5 to 11 will not yet have received *both* vaccine doses, they are not considered fully vaccinated and can not attend school or day care for 14 days following their return to the country.

More information is available on the Government of Canada's website: [COVID-19: Travel, testing and borders.](#)

Coquitlam River Elementary's Digital Christmas Concert

With special thanks to Mrs. Messam, I am including two links to our virtual Christmas concert. If you're looking for your class:

Part One: Divisions 2, 6, 14, 12, 9 and 10, 11, 4

Part Two: Divisions 1, 7 and 8, 13, 5, 15, 3

Please note: these videos are for in-family viewing only and are not to be shared via social media or other means. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kopf's Korner

Please click the link below to the Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre from BC Children's Hospital for their December 2021 newsletter.

<https://app.cyberimpact.com/newsletter-view-online?ct=hNgJQKbb1UIioGzSqW3DMgDVg6JIJnG097gmPx3Pe5BfyrKBjDzcHBx13aj5yMuPHiWfHjdFPOzN0nBrvrQ9LQ~~>

Special Treat Day – Friday, December 17th

The Parent Advisory Council is treating all the kids to a special treat day for our last day, tomorrow, Friday, December 17th!

Christmas Kindness Shines at Coquitlam River Elementary

Once again, the Coquitlam River Elementary community showed its generosity by supporting our Christmas Hamper program and supporting the community of Sandy Bay, Saskatchewan.

Through your generous support we collected hundreds and hundreds of items, from non-perishable foods, to baking goods, household items, and more! Ms. Triggs' Division 2 class deserves special recognition, not only bringing in the most items, but also, after class discussion, for deciding they wanted to *share* the prize of a movie and treat afternoon with the whole school, in recognition of everyone's kindness. In the New Year, we will have a special celebration to say thank you to all the students.

Students and families also raised more than \$400 to support the community of Sandy Bay. With the proceeds, Ms. Veer was able to purchase activities, games and more, filling five boxes that we sent from our community to theirs.



Just a few of the many activities, supplies, and games sent to the community of Sandy Bay, Saskatchewan

From the PAC

A reminder that ordering for Hot Lunch is now available via [Munch-a-lunch](#) on the school website. You can order right through until spring break!

If you have a balance left on your account, it must be spent by the end of the year.

Keep Up to Date

I want to remind everyone of the possibility of important public health news that could come over the holidays, which would be the only reason I would be in touch. I ask that you periodically check your email for any urgent communications. Any new and important information or changes to protocols will be communicated via direct email from me, as well as posted on the school website.

Otherwise, you won't hear from me until the New Year!

From all of us, to all of you, have a wonderful, Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year! Stay safe and we will see you in January!

David