

December 2, 2021



Ahhh....December. Our kids won't *too* hyped up, will they? :)

As we wend our way towards winter holidays, a few reminders and bits of info.

Wear Your Christmas Wear



Tomorrow, Friday, December 3rd, we kick off the festive season by encouraging everyone to wear the Christmas attire. Red, green, or whatever colour brings the season to mind, let's get into the spirit with our Christmas colours.



Also...tomorrow is PAC *Treat Day*. Please pack a *loonie* to class for tomorrow's treat!

Christmas Hamper Donations Still Welcome

Last week, we kicked off the holiday season with our gratitude assembly and talked with our students about donating to support families both here at Coquitlam River and in the community. This week has seen all kind of donations begin to pour in – let's keep it up!

Last year, our generous families collected nearly 2,000 items – and we'd sure love to meet that goal this year, especially during these difficult times. Each class is *thematically* collecting, in hopes of having a variety of needed goods.

If you would like to send a gift card for a local grocery or department store, please send it to your child's classroom teacher and we will ensure it goes to a family in need.



Thank you as well to everyone who has brought in *toonies* for our Sandy Bay collection. Those funds will be used to purchase a variety of activity supplies for adults and children, which we will then send directly to Sandy Bay. See the attached "WeSeeYou flyer or visit www.theballantyneproject.com for more information.

Letter from the Superintendent regarding Local and International Travel Advisories.

Please see the attached letter from Superintendent Patricia Gartland regarding local and international travel advisories, as well as ongoing restrictions on fuel consumption in support of local flood emergencies.

Attendance Reminders

If your student is going to be absent, please complete an [Absence Report](#), available on the front page of the school website. If you are going to send an attendance email, please ensure that you include the *school* email address: CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca That way the email will come to us in the office. This is especially important if the teacher or one of the office staff is absent, ensuring we are aware of the absence and all students are safely accounted for.

Alternatively, you can call us in the office after 8:00 am at (604)942-0241.

Don't Forget That Mask

Please be reminded that current public health regulations still require all students and staff in K-12 schools wear masks while indoors. Parents are responsible for sending students to school with masks. While we do keep a small supply of disposable masks on site for students who may, on occasion, have forgotten their mask. However, the school and district supply of disposable masks is dwindling, and our supplies are running short.



Please send your children to school with their own cloth reusable or disposable masks as much as possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Vaccination Information

Please see attached information, previously sent home earlier this week. The flyer contains information about vaccination programs and guidance for children aged 5-11.

If you have not yet done so and are looking for information, you can register for your child(ren)'s vaccination appointments using the [BC Government vaccine registration page](#):

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>



Slow Down!!!!

Lately, we have observed a number of cars speeding through the school zone in front of the school. When you're chatting with neighbours, please remind them of the 30 km/h school zone in effect between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm every day, even while kids are inside the school, not just at pick up and drop off.

I have asked our local RCMP detachment to gently...um...*discourage* drivers from seeing Shaughnessy as one of the tracks on the Indy Car circuit, perhaps coming with *196 to 483* reasons not to do so!

This is especially important as we pull into or out of the traffic loops at the front and rear of the building.

All I Want for Christmas...

As long as we're on the topic of traffic...If I could have my Christmas wishes, at least one of them would include parents and families *not* parking and leaving their cars in the traffic loops. The traffic loops are for quick drop off and pick up only. Do not leave your vehicle. Even if you're delivering *gold, myrrh, and frankincense*, you need to stay with your vehicle (or donkey!)

Looking Way Ahead

It is that time of year when we begin to make plans for registration for *next* school year.

If you have a new kindergarten student you plan to register for the *2022-2023 School Year*, please see the [Registration Information](#) page of the [School District website](#). Please see the attached school district information package with important dates for kindergarten and program of choice registration.

As noted before, if you have a student you wish to register in French Immersion kindergarten next year, *you must apply for the program, even if you already have another student enrolled and attending French Immersion at Coquitlam River.*

If you are the parent of a grade 5 student, you *do not* need to register for middle school, *unless you are applying for a Middle School Program of Choice*. You will be assigned automatically to your catchment middle school based on the address we have on file for you. If you have moved and have not informed us, please contact us at the office with change of address documentation or you may find you are not attending the middle school you thought you'd be attending!

The Holidays are Comin'

It's unbelievable to even type this, but there are just two more weeks before winter vacation. The last day of school before the break is **Friday, December 17th**. We will have our usual *soft dismissal* beginning at 12:00 noon, for those who plan to get a jump start on the holidays.

School resumes after the holidays on **Tuesday, January 4th**.

On the PAC Calendar

As noted above, tomorrow, Friday, is *Treat Day*. Please send a loonie to class with your children if you wish to purchase tomorrow's treat.

Next Tuesday, December 7th (the anniversary of Pearl Harbour for you history buffs!) is the PAC monthly meeting, via Zoom at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.

David M is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

*Topic: Coquitlam River Elementary December PAC Meeting
Time: Dec 7, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3631963770?pwd=Rzh6bFo4SE1SaE1aSUxxK2RQN1U0QT09>

Meeting ID: 363 196 3770

Passcode: 7vhdmb

Next Thursday, December 9 is Hot Lunch Day from Boston Pizza!

If you have questions about ordering through [Munch-a-lunch](#), please email crepacexecutives@gmail.com

David