

February 18, 2021

Hello everyone,

Glad that we have made it through this extra little blast of winter. Spring certainly looked like it was trying to poke its head through the clouds yesterday – hopefully this is a sign of things still to come. Just a few things on this week’s agenda....

Changes to COVID-19 Daily Health Check

The provincial health officer (PHO) and BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) have made some adjustments to our protocols that you would have seen in the media last week, along with in last week’s email.

We are expecting a change in the Daily Health Check that parents are doing with their children each day before determining if the child(ren) should come to school. That information will be sent in a separate email *tomorrow*, Friday, February 19th in the afternoon. Please watch for that email tomorrow as the new changes in the health check will take effect as of Monday, February 22nd.

Certainly, what we need to see is continued vigilance with regard to hand washing, keeping our hands to ourselves (a good rule of thumb at the best of times!), and following PHO orders with regard to staying within our own household for the next little while. As much as possible, please ensure you are keeping your distance between families and learning groups during drop off and pickup, and wearing a mask as much as possible, especially when we encountering children and families and you’re unable to maintain at least six feet of distance.

Please be sure to watch for another email from me tomorrow with more information.

Attendance and Dismissals

Thank you for your continued diligence with using the [attendance form on the school website](#), sending an email to CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca, or calling the office, to let us know if your child(ren) will not be attending school, or are going to be late to school. We want to make sure we are accounting for all our students that we’re expecting to be here each day.

If you will be picking up your child(ren) early on a school day, please let us know in advance if at all possible. We are sometimes an office of *one* during the day and it can be tricky to go and retrieve young’uns from their classroom. If possible, please let the teacher know as well, and then we will have your student(s) ready to go when you arrive.

As a reminder, to meet COVID-19 protocols, please don’t come into the school to pick up your child. The easiest way is just to call the school office at (604)942-0241 when you enter the traffic loop. One of us will bring your child(ren) out for an *adult to adult* hand-off.





Wildlife Warnings

In response to what appears to be a recent increase in the number of cougar and/bear sightings in the District, please know that the school has a wildlife protocol should wild animals be seen in and around the school or neighbourhood. Also, if walking to school, please remind your children to:

- use well lit busier roads and walkways
- walk noisily in groups
- avoid forest paths and walking alone

Finally, if you are aware of wildlife near the school please call the school and the conservation office as soon as possible.

Coming Up on the Calendar

Friday, February 26 – District Professional Development Day (no school)

Friday, March 19th Last day of school before spring break*

**note – Coquitlam’s spring break period is one week later than those in neighbouring districts. Please check dates for any activities or programs for which you might be enrolling your students!*

Have a great Friday – *please watch for my email with updated information coming Friday afternoon.*

David