

### École Coquitlam River Elementary

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Friday, February 28	SD 43 Professional Development Day – School Closed for Students
Thursday, March 6	PAC Hot Lunch – Subway
	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm in the library
Friday, March 7	Frozen Yogurty Treat day

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

#### Pink Shirt Day: Stand Up Against Bullying

Every year, on Pink Shirt Day, people across the world come together to show kindness, support, and stand up against bullying. This special day is celebrated by wearing pink shirts to remind everyone how important it is to be kind and respectful to others.

Pink Shirt Day started in Canada in 2007, when two high school students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, wanted to support a younger student who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They took action by organizing their classmates to wear pink to school in solidarity. The message was clear: bullying is not okay, and we should treat everyone with kindness and respect.

This year, Pink Shirt Day will be celebrated on **February 26th**. It's a great time to talk about how we can make our schools and communities safer and happier for everyone. Here are a few ways we can all help stop bullying:

- **Be a Friend**: If you see someone being left out, invite them to play or talk with you.
- **Speak Up**: If you see bullying happening, tell a teacher or adult, or ask the person who is being bullied if they're okay.
- **Be Kind Online**: Bullying doesn't just happen at school. Always be kind and respectful on social media.
- **Treat Everyone Equally**: It's important to accept and celebrate differences, whether it's a person's appearance, culture, or interests.

Remember, when we all work together and show kindness, we can make the world a better place for everyone. Let's wear our pink shirts on February 26th and make this Pink Shirt Day a special day to remember.



#### <u> Pro-D Day – Next Friday, February 28</u>

A reminder that *next* Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, is a Professional Development Day throughout School District 43. All schools are closed for students during this district-wide Pro-D day.



#### Whoa, Rover!

Not to be too graphic, but two out of three days this week have started on a...ahem...*crappy*...note when we've had to clear away the...um...*after effects*...of four-legged family members from morning *drop off*. And yes, we didn't need to call in the canine CSI team to figure out the timeline of the unpleasant deposits were recent vintage, i.e., during the morning student delivery.

Technically, city by-laws prohibit dogs on school grounds during school hours, which we have always looked the other on since it gives our furry friends a walk when bringing kids to and from school. But please pick up after them. Our kids are playing here and we don't need them stepping in



your dog's *belongings*. And while we're at it...please bag up and take it with you – don't put it in the 'recycling' bin. It may seem like it goes with cardboard, but the fines we have to pay come right out of our school supplies budget!

Thanks for helping to keep our grounds clean!

#### Save the Date - Spring Concert

Mark you calendars for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – one month from today! – for our annual spring concert.



We're planning two performances, one at 1:15 in the afternoon, the other at 6:00 pm in the evening.

Blue and green will be the colours of choice for our water themed musical numbers, under the direction of Mrs. Messam. Please check your class emails for surveys from teachers to let us know if your student will be unable to make the performances, so Mrs. Messam can plan accordingly.

More information to come.

#### Slow your roll...and right turn only!

You may have noticed our friends from the Speed Awareness Unit in front of the school today, reminding drivers of the importance of adhering to the **30km/h** speed limit, not only at pick up and drop-off but throughout the whole day. Students are often being led on walks through the community and we want to make everyone is safe.

Also, please remember that during morning drop off and afternoon pick up, exit from the traffic loops is *right turn only*. And in case you forget...there are big old traffic signs starin' right back at you when you go to make that illegal left hand turn! That's right...I said it: *illegal!* That's not just me talkin'! That's an enforceable by-law, punishable by a \$50,000 fine (okay, I made up the dollar amount but the rest is true – please follow the law!).

# CRE PAC FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

#### WED FEB 5 - FRUIT/VEG - SNAP PEAS

Handed out to each classroom!

#### THUR FEB 6 - LITTLE CAESER'S LUNCH

We still need volunteers to make this go! Scan the QR code or visit www.TinyURL.com/HotLunchHelp





#### THUR FEB 6 - PAC MEETING

7pm in the library - free childcare available! Also on Zoom at https://tinyurl.com/CREZoomPAC

#### FRI FEB 7TH - MOVIE NIGHT

Tickets & Pizza preorder available on Munch under the fundraising tab! Volunteers needed https://tinyurl.com/WildRobotCRE



#### THUR FEB 20 - SUSHI FU LUNCH

Volunteers still needed, same info as Little Caeser's! Hot Lunch is ordered on MunchaLunch & cutoff is 10 days prior to handout

#### WED FEB 26 - FRUIT/VEG - CARROTS

Thank you to the parent volunteers who take care of our Fruit & Veg days!

SEND US AN EMAIL! CREPACEXECUTIVES@GMAIL.COM OR SCAN THE QR CODE



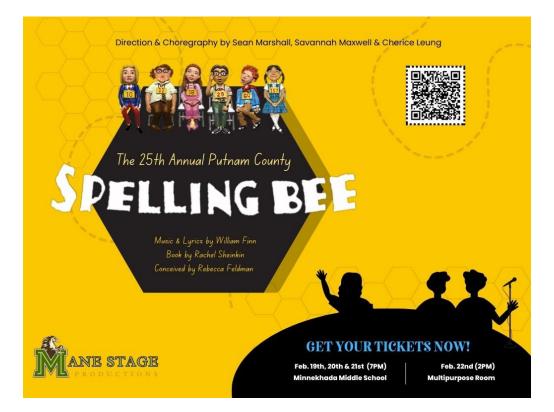


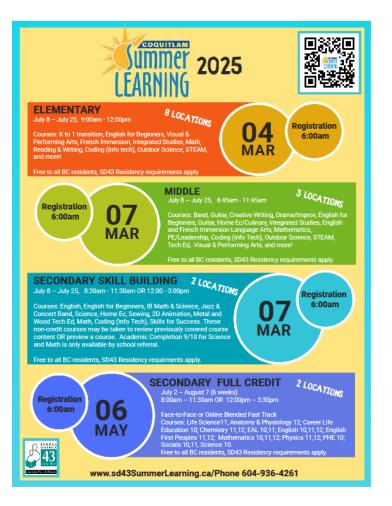
#### Spring Carnival - June 6

Join the Carnival Planning Committee! Our first meeting will be on Zoom, date tbc keep an eye on Mr. Mushen's weekly emails for date & time!

#### March at a Glance

- Thur Mar 6 Subway Lunch
- Thur Mar 6 PAC Meeting
- Fri Mar 7 TCBY
- Tue Mar 11 Fruit/Veg Eggs (?!)
- Thur Mar 13 Little Caeser's
- Thur Mar 13 Spring Concert
- Sat Mar 15-Sun Mar 30 Spring Break







\*Programs will NOT run on Holidays.

#### WEEK 1 OPTIONS:

#### **BUILDING IMAGINATIONS FOR GR.K-GR3**

Imagine, build, and play with Stellar Play's Imagination Playground. Children will work collaboratively to create structures and play facilitated games and challenges. With a emphasis on problem solving, focus, creativity, and fine & gross motor skills, children will be challenged to create and communicate!



Day	Grades	Time	Dates	#ofdays	Price	Rm.	item#
Mon-Fri	<u>K-Gr3</u>	9am-12	Mar 17–21	5	\$140	Gym	1-1

#### **DANCE & ART**

We will be spending the day creating art in different mediums which may include: clay, acrylic painting, watercolor painting and more. Staff will introduce the students to different dance movements and styles. No experience is necessary.



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Mon-Fri	Gr. K-5	9am-12	5 days	5	\$125	Rm202	1-2

#### MULTISPORTS

The Kids Multisports Program is an exciting, action-packed program for school students to explore a variety of sports in a fun and engaging environment. This program aims to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship while introducing children to the fundamentals of different athletic activities.



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Mon-Fri	K-Gr5	12-3pm	Mar 17–21	5 days	\$125	Gym	1-3

#### ROBOTICS

Robotics develops both physical and mental abilities of a child. Combines disciplines such as mathematics, physics, computer science and logic, creative activity and communication with others.We offer creative activities in which children create robots using special Lego construction kits, which can be launched using a computer program.



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# SPRING BREAK CAMP

## March 17 - 21, 2025

Central Community Schooll 2260 Central Avenue Lunch and snack provided

Grades K - 5 Monday - Friday 9:00 am drop off and 2:30 pm pick up

Scan QR code to register

Register \$250

Moresports

Once registered, watch for an email from: <u>TCPrograms@Moresports.org</u>