

January 28, 2021

January always feels like a long month but...we made it! Right off the top, a quick reminder that **Monday, February 1st** is a Pro-D day – no school for our Coquitlam River students.

Kindergarten 2021 Registration Update

As I mentioned last week, registration for kindergarten placement for September 2021 is now open. Registration packages, including the necessary registration form, are available on the [school district website](#). You can download registration materials [here](#).

The download includes the school district's *funding eligibility checklist*, showing the required documents. If at all possible, please scan and email your documents to CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca We are doing our best to ensure *contactless* registration.

A reminder too, that if your incoming kindergarten student is from *out of catchment* but has an older sibling who will continue to attend Coquitlam River next year, you *do not* need to register at your catchment school. The kindergarten sibling will be automatically accepted at Coquitlam River.

Applications for French Immersion kindergarten have closed and families have been informed of their children's placement.

If you have questions about kindergarten registration, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Kopf's Korner

Bell Let's Talk Day is today, Thursday Jan 28, 2021.

This mental health initiative brings awareness to the importance of, now more than ever, talking about our mental health. More information and resources can be found here: <https://letstalk.bell.ca/en/bell-lets-talk-day>

To open up conversations with your family about what Mental Health is, check out this child friendly video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCrjev3-Js&t=213s>

PAC Meeting – Tuesday

No school on Monday, but there is a PAC meeting Tuesday. PAC meets the first Tuesday of the month, virtually, this year. If you'd like to attend to get involved with PAC, join us via [Zoom](#). The Meeting ID is 363 196 3770 and the Passcode is: 7vhdmb Connection links are available under the calendar section of the [school website](#).

Looking for some parenting help?

See the attached brochure offering Parent Education Webinars focused on Making Family Routines Easier and Managing Your Child's Challenging Behaviours.

February Focus on Kindness

It has been a longstanding tradition in Coquitlam that in February we shine an explicit spotlight on kindness and caring, including lessons and topics about *inclusion*, *anti-bullying*, acts of kindness and others.

I know it should be obvious but in these challenging times of physical and social separation, limiting social interactions to those within our immediate family, travel restrictions and other ways our lives have been impacted by the pandemic, it's worth reminding our students (and ourselves!) that *kindness* is more than an attitude – it often requires action. Let's help our children remember that these unusual times will be much better when we treat one another with kindness and caring.



Cold Weather Reminders

Well, *Snowmageddon 2021* didn't happen like they seemed to think it would (I think the newscasts just want a chance to bust out the *snowstorm* theme music and graphics!) but it is a reminder of a few things:

- Please remember those layers – as much as possible, kids will still spend time outdoors so it's important they have their outdoor jackets, rain gear, hats and the all-important boots!
- If you think your child has come home with fewer layers than they left with – please encourage them to check the lost & found, this year right outside the office in the main foyer. Our collection is growing and we will plan a couple of *walk-by* viewings at the end of the day when weather permits in the next couple of weeks
- In the event of snowfall, it is highly unlikely that schools will be closed. Decisions to close the schools are generally made by the Superintendent's office by 6:30 am. If schools are closed, an announcement is made on the front page of the [school district website](#) that looks like this:



- Announcements will also be made on local media, including:
 - CBC Radio One (690 AM/88.1 FM)
 - CKNW (980 AM)
 - News 1130 (1130 AM)
- I will also send out an email as soon as I have confirmation that schools are closed

If none of those things have happened...we're open! Of course, parents are able to make their own decisions about attending if conditions in your neighbourhood or for your commute have you determine you would rather not attend. In that case, simply contact the school by email or by phone to let us know, so we know all our little ones are safe and accounted for!

Have a great weekend – *see you on Tuesday!*

David