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March 7, 2025

Friday, March 7	Frozen Yogurt Treat day
Thursday, March 13	PAC hot lunch – Little Caesar's
	Spring Concerts – 1:15 and 6:00 pm
Friday, March 14	Last day of school before spring break

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

Spring Forward Reminder!

Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend.

Set your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night... and we'll see you here for 8:42 Pacific Daylight Savings Time on Monday!



Spring Concert Next Thursday

Next Thursday, May, 13th is our spring concert, with two performances, one at 1:15 in the afternoon, the other at 6:00 pm in the evening.

Students are asked to wear blue or green for our water themed musical numbers, under the direction of Mrs. Messam.

Use your *School Cash Online* account to order "tickets" for one of the two shows, if you have not already done so.



Note: while you are ordering "tickets" online – you will not need a physical ticket to attend. We will simply have a list of reservations made at the door.

*Also note: for the evening performance **only**, additional parking will be available on the rear field, accessed by the back traffic loop entrance. Please follow the direction of the traffic guides and park where directed. For the afternoon performance, parking is on Shaughnessy Street only.*

As much as possible, we encourage attendance at the afternoon performance as there is generally more space available. We also recognize that some families have more than two parents – in those cases, please contact the office at CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca or dmushens@sd43.bc.ca and we will work with you to arrange attendance.



Returning salmon to the Coquitlam River

Hello families! Ms. Messam and the students have been busy for weeks preparing for the upcoming spring concert. Our theme for this year is "Water". I know you will be amazed by your children's incredible singing talents.

This year, CRE staff and students will be collecting donations at the door for both concerts to support a local water initiative. Any gift big or small is greatly appreciated! We have decided to support the Kwikwetlem First Nation's new Sockeye Hatchery near the Coquitlam Dam.

When the dam was built in 1913 it virtually eliminated the Sockeye species that came up the Coquitlam River. The name Coquitlam (Kwikwetlem) means "red fish up the river" in the local hə́nqə́mínə́m language. The nation is proud to return as stewards of the water and salmon in their traditional territory.

When our classes go to visit the salmon spawning every fall in the Coquitlam River, they are in awe of the salmon and their struggle. We are so lucky to have this type of learning in our backyard. Now we only see the chum salmon, but before the dam was built Kwikwetlem elders spoke of sockeyes running so thick that it was difficult to navigate canoes.

Please help us return the Sockeye Salmon to the Coquitlam River for generations to come!

Thank you!



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Kwikwetlem First Nation

Lost & Found Season

As we close in on spring break, this is a reminder to pop by our lost and found, which is located in the hallway just outside the gym doors. When you're coming to the spring concert, for example, maybe peruse the collection to see if you recognize any wayward clothing items – and remind your little ones to do the same.

Those items not collected by spring break will be bagged and donated to local charity.