

12 November 2020

Good afternoon,

Lest We Forget



Thank you to our students and families who supported our efforts to raise funds for veterans' care through the Royal Canadian Legion. Students were able to share in our virtual assembly – thank you to Ms. Acorn and Ms. Messam who led the students in putting together a very meaningful video presentation to commemorate our veterans.

Program of Choice Applications

I know that I am getting *waaayyy* ahead of myself and I will remind you multiple times between now and then, but...



If you have a student in French Immersion at Coquitlam River Elementary, and have a kindergarten student starting in September 2021 that you *also* wish to be in French Immersion, you *must* still complete an application form for the district. Failure to do so will mean that your next year kindergarten student will not be placed in the program.

Be on the lookout for registration information on the school district's [registration information page](#). I will be sending home information as well when it is time to apply for programs of choice and English kindergarten for next year, generally sometime in January.



And speaking of French Immersion

If you have not yet completed the district's survey on proposed changes to French Immersion catchment boundaries, you have until Friday, November 13th to do so.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catchmentchanges>

I've attached the district document outlining the proposed changes as well.

Weekly Traffic Loop Nag

Once again, please DO NOT leave your car unattended in either traffic loop. It completely makes it nearly impossible and certainly dangerous for other drivers and traffic along Shaughnessy. If you are escorting your child to the classroom – or going to the classroom to pick them up at the end of the day – you *must* park on Shaughnessy and walk to the school.



Photo Retake Reminder – Wednesday, November 18th

If you would like your child(ren) to have a photo retake, please send an email to CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca to let us know. Next Wednesday, November 18th, the photographer will return to the school for re-takes in the afternoon. Please also double check you have completed your school photo permission form on [School Cash Online](#) (and any other required school policy forms...hint, hint) if you have not already done so.



Fido on the Property

We have had a number of incidents of dog....um...*deposits*....left *behind* (see what I did there?) on the school property. Please remember that our children are playing all over the school grounds, and we have already had a few unfortunate encounters between students and dog waste. If you are aware of people using the school grounds after hours as a place to exercise their dogs, please remind them to pick up after their pets. Port Coquitlam bylaws (Sec. 8[3]) *require* dog owners to immediately “remove excrement”.

Thank you to the many responsible dog owners we see every day, with dogs on leash and under control when coming to drop off or pick up their human brothers and sisters!

Personal Electronic Devices



Please be reminded that students are not to have personal electronic devices, including cell phones, iPads, etc., at school or the playgrounds at any time. We do not have a *bring you own device* practice at Coquitlam River at this time. Please help us to ensure that no devices are being brought out in classes or on the playground.

Grade 5 Grad Wear Orders

Parents and caregivers of students in Grade 5 will see on your [School Cash Online](#) account that orders for sweatshirts or t-shirts are now available to purchase. Orders need to be placed by **Tuesday, November 24th**.

Nut Reminder

Please be reminded that we have students at Coquitlam River Elementary with severe allergies to nuts and nut products. I ask that you pay particular attention to ingredients sent with your children to school and avoid nuts and nut products in lunches.



We are continuing to encourage healthy lunches and I thank you for your consideration in limiting the amount of waste and packaging that is sent with student lunches. This is all part of encouraging our *5, 2, 1, 0 practices*:

5 = minimum number of servings per day of fruits and vegetables

2 = hours or less per day of screen time (iPad, TV, computer)

1 = hour minimum per day of exercise

0 = sweet drinks per day (juices, Gatorade, pop, etc.)

Message from the PAC

Hey Everyone,

I just wanted to give an update on the Global Coffee Fundraiser.

As a community, we sold 129 bags of coffee, and made a profit of \$640! Thanks to everyone that supported this fundraiser!

Pick up for the coffee will be **Friday, November, 13th** from **2:30-3:30pm & 6-7pm**. We will be set up under the overhang on the Kindergarten side. If you're unable to pick up at either of these times, please email me at crepacexecutives@gmail.com. ****We won't be tracking people down to pick up their orders, so please be sure to pick up or let us know if you can't make it!****

Don't forget the two other fundraisers we have going.

1) DFS Canada (The Wrapping Paper Fundraiser). Deadline to order is November 20th. All orders and payments must be into the office by 3pm. Paper order forms can be paid by cash or cheque (made payable to CRE PAC). All online orders receive a FREE gift! www.shopdfscanada.com - Organization ID#: 7513.

2) Growing Smiles Fundraiser - this is a PAC & Grade 5 fundraiser! Deadline to order is November 20th. All orders and payments must be into the office by 3pm. Paper order forms can be paid by cash or cheque (made payable to CRE PAC). CoquitlamRiver.growingsmilesfundraising.com

Thanks for all your support,

Your PAC Team

Have a great weekend!

David