

15 October 2020

Good evening,

I'm aiming to keep this short and sweet...let's see how successful I am.



Terry Fox Run Update

As reported last week, Coquitlam River students participated in our modified Terry Fox Run. Since then, additional donations to the *Twoonies for Terry* have come in.

Our amazing school community raised **\$1,151.90** for the Terry Fox Foundation!

Cars and Kids – Again

Thank you for your cooperation during drop off and pick up. Our student population now is larger than it has ever been – meaning we all need to do our part to ensure safety.

As a reminder – both the loops at the front and back of the school are for *kiss and go* drop-offs only. Please do not exit your vehicle as this creates traffic backup, making it potentially dangerous for students and parents as they make their way to school.

Please also remember that Shaughnessy Street is a *school zone*. The speed limit in front of the school is **30 km/h**. We have a great many children and parents navigating the neighbourhood – please help keep them safe by keeping to the speed limit (and if you can gently remind your neighbours, it's much appreciated!).

Hallowe'en is Coming

Of course, Hallowe'en is a favourite time of year for students – and many of us as well. We will need to make some changes to how we do things during our Stage 2 opening protocols.

Unfortunately, that means that we are not able to share foods, even those that are individually wrapped, like candy bars, treats, etc.

Please also remind students that at school, we do not permit costumes that are violent, gory, scary, bloody, have weapons, etc. With our littlest ones here at the school, we want Hallowe'en to be a fun experience – not a scary one!

We will have more information about activities for Friday the 30th coming soon.

Rainfall Reminders



We have been so fortunate so far with the weather this year (well, there was that smoky period a while ago!) but we know the wetter weather.....*much* wetter weather...is coming soon.

Please remember to send your child(ren) with proper rain gear as they are likely to be spending at least part of their day, every day, outdoors, unless the weather is really severe. Boots and rain gear will ensure our students have the best experiences both outdoors and indoors.

Photo Day Next Wednesday – October 21st

Photo day is next Wednesday, October 21st. As previously noted, individual students will be taken on this day. Class photos are not scheduled at this time – we are hopeful we may be able to find a process in the spring.

Please note, you *must* complete the Photo permission form on [School Cash Online](#) before your child(ren) will be able to have a student photo taken. There are still about 1/3 of students who do not yet have their photo permission form signed. Please [log into your account](#) to complete that form as soon as possible.

And While We're on Forms Again....

Thank you to those who have completed their personal health check, school policy and information verification forms. Those forms are required and I really appreciate your attention to getting them completed as soon as possible. Once again, most of those forms are available on [School Cash Online](#) (the other was sent home with your student).

And also thank you to the many who have already paid their school supplies fees, also available for payment on [School Cash Online](#). Those fees are essential for us to acquire and supply the necessary school supplies for all Coquitlam River students.

From the PAC

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Raise the Funds BC Fundraiser. As a school, we sold over \$4,200 worth of product!! How amazing is that?

Pick up for the Raise the Funds BC orders will be delivered Thursday, October 22nd, and pick up will be between 2:30pm & 3pm. All orders need to be picked up as we don't have anywhere to store your items.

You can pick up under the overhang by the Kindergarten Playground.

Again, thank you for helping us raise funds to rebuild the Kindergarten/Strong Start Playground.

Your PAC Team

Drive-thru Pumpkin Pop-up for Families

The Port Coquitlam Community Foundation is hosting a Drive-thru Pumpkin Pop-up this Saturday, October 17, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Riverside Secondary.



On the Calendar Next Week:

Wednesday, October 21st – School Photos (see above)

Friday, October 23rd – Province Wide Professional Development Day – School Not in Session

All the best for your long weekend,

David