

Good evening,

I hope that you enjoyed this late burst of fall sunshine over the weekend.

We are well underway and starting to settle into a groove as we sailed through our third week. I had hoped to send this out on Thursday but...these weeks have been a bit harried. Fingers crossed for the coming week. I do want to share a few things about the week(s) ahead.

### **PAC Meeting**

This coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, the Coquitlam River Parent Advisory Council will meet via Zoom. For more information, [see the PAC section](#) of the school website. If you'd like to join us, go to the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85068845882?pwd=TUcrUEJSWXVNSIFmRTIENVI6cjNmQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 6884 5882

Passcode: 6Mv6YF

### **Terry Fox Run – Thursday**

On Thursday, Coquitlam River students will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run, which will look quite a bit different than it has in past year. We will be doing a school-wide activity inside our classrooms on Thursday morning. In the afternoon, each class will participate separately in a commemorative Terry Fox Run on the back field. We encourage students to bring a *Twoonie for Terry* this week (in a clear plastic bag). Moneys collected will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Please see the attached letter from Mme. Joy, who is coordinating our activities.

*Note that due to Covid 19 restrictions, we are not able to have parents participate in the Terry Fox Run as we have in past years.*

### **Student Photos – Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Student photos will be taken on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> for Coquitlam River students. Please note that new protocols have been established by the school district, in consultation with the public health authority, that limits us to individual photos only at this time. Parents must also complete the school photo permission form that is available to be completed using your [School Cash Online](#) account. Your [School Cash Online](#) account can be accessed by clicking on the preceding links, or by following [Online Payments Link](#) from the front page of the [school website](#)

### **School Forms for Completion**

And speaking of forms....

If you have not yet submitted these forms, please do so as soon as possible:

#### **EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM (Lilac)**

The Emergency Preparedness form is used to collect information so that in the event of an emergency, this will assist us in providing a controlled release of students.

#### **STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM (Yellow)**

This form will have your child's information already on it for you to verify. Please check carefully, including email addresses. If no changes need to be made, please sign and date the form and return it back

to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you have any corrections, please indicate clearly by using a red pen or by highlighting the information being changed. Sign, date and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If an address change is required, new documentation will need to be provided (please contact the office).

### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE FORMS**

The following four forms are in your child's [School Cash Online](#) account:

Daily Health Check - September 21 (Mandatory)

- revised from start of the year
- thank you to all parents who completed the original form - sorry for having to request twice!

School Policies Form (Mandatory)

- needs to be signed off for every student
- also includes permissions such as: walking field trip, photo, child and parent info sharing

Photo Permission Form (Optional)

- we will need your explicit permission this year for your child to participate in photo day
- please fill out this form if you will be giving permission for your child to have their photo taken for both your ability to order photos and our ability to have a current photo uploaded into their student record

School Volunteer Application Form (Optional)

- a valid Criminal Record Check must also be on file in the office (good for 5 years)
- please call the office if you need a waiver form (does not apply for Port Moody)

**Note: If you do not have a school cash online account set up for your child, please follow this link:**

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/coquitlamriver/WebPages/Online%20Payments.aspx#/=>

If you are having any issues with School Cash Online, please contact their support team at 1 866 961 1803.

(If you are receiving a message to supply a student ID number when creating an account, please contact this number.)

### **MEDICAL ALERT FORMS**

If your child has a medical alert, please complete the applicable Medical forms under "Quick Links > Parent eForms > Medical Alert" on our school website.

Please note: new forms must be submitted each school year.

### **School Supplies Fees**

In the coming week, we will be sending home information about bulk order school supply fees, which will be available to be paid through our online payment form. I will send information out later this week.

### **Gifted Assessments**

Coquitlam School District normally administers assessments to all students in grade 3 to determine designation for additional service to students designated as gifted. Due to Covid, we were unable to administer those assessments last spring. Therefore, we will be administering those assessments in the coming couple of weeks to all **Grade 4** students to determine appropriate services for students.

### **Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA)**

You may have heard in the news media that the Foundations Skills Assessments (FSA's) required by the Ministry of Education for students throughout the province in grades 4 and 7, have been postponed. The assessments were originally scheduled to be in October and, well, we've been kind of busy! The Ministry has now changed the assessment dates to the new year. I'll have more information as the date approaches.

### **Some quick Covid-19 reminders...**

- Please remember that parents and caregivers are not able to enter the building at this time unless an appointment has been made in advance. If you do have an appointment to enter the building, all adults *must* wear a mask upon entry, in compliance with public health safety protocols for schools
- If you are dropping your child off late after an appointment, or need to pick them up early, please contact the office upon arrival in the drop-off loop. We will come to the front to greet you – either for you to hand off your child to us for late arrival – or us to hand off your child to you for early dismissal. This limits the number of people entering the building and ensures safe drop off and pick up of your child. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Please remember that we are doing our best to limit contact to our established Learning Groups. At the end of the day, I ask that you do not have children playing on the playground with other students. We are trying to set an example of maintaining our interactions with our learning groups and cohorts. All children and families should be heading for home after dismissal, as tempting as the playground is!

### **The Rains are A-Comin'!**

At Coquitlam River Elementary, we value our time outdoors in our beautiful, natural surroundings. Therefore, please ensure that your children have appropriate rain gear – including boots or other protective footwear – for those *wet coast* days. With the exception of very heavy downpours, students will be playing outside and we need them to dress appropriately to the conditions.

And finally, a word to our Grade Five parents....

### **Grade Five Parents/Guardians meeting**

Hi Everyone!

Grade Five parents/guardians meeting is....

OCTOBER 13, 2020 @ 7:00pm

We are using zoom 😊

Here's the link:

Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4771976999?pwd=dUhNaVFmYWNIMEhQZytYmVZMR1Y5UT09> to start or join a scheduled Zoom meeting

Hopefully all goes well, see you there 🙏

Thank you 😊

Patricia Chitsaz

Thank you so much for all of your encouragement and patience as we began this highly unusual year. We are looking forward to getting into our regular routines as we move into October.

David