



# École Coquitlam River Elementary

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***And we're off!***

There's no denying it – summer (at least the vacation part) is over and we're well under way, as we head into the first full week of school. Students are settled into their classes and getting established into their routines, and we're looking forward to a great year ahead. Each week, we'll try to send out a quick message (some quicker than others!) with updates about the week ahead, reminders about upcoming dates, procedures, etc. This one may be a little longer than usual so you may want to pour a cup of coffee (or beverage of your choice – no judgement!) and take it all in. There's no test at the end but there is lots to know (and there's some more coming home with your kids tomorrow, then I promise it'll slow down).

The first part of each weekly message will usually be a little calendar update, like the one you're about to see. If you read nothing else (hard to believe, but some people don't hang on my every word), at least check out these dates. They are also posted on the calendar section of the school website and sometimes featured prominently on the front page. Seriously, other than coming and ringing your doorbell and telling you in person, for the most part, if you check your email at the end of the week, and check the website once or twice, there's almost no way you wouldn't know what's going on. : )

## **On the Calendar**

Thursday, September 12

Thursday, September 19

Friday, September 20

PAC Meeting 7:00 pm in the library

Parent/Guardian Orientation Evening 6:30 – 7:30 pm (see below)

District-wide Pro-D Day (school closed for students)

## **Divisions and Classroom Teachers at Coquitlam River Elementary this year**

Div 1	Ms. McKean/Ms. Pero	Grade 4/5	Div 9	Ms. Veer	Grade K/1
Div 2	Ms. Bourget	Grade 4/5	Div 10	Mme. Mourandian	Grade 4/5 FRIM
Div 3	Ms. Triggs	Grade 3/4	Div 11	Mme. Hiebert/ Lozynyc	Grade 3/4 FRIM
Div 4	Ms. Peterson	Grade 3/4	Div 12	Mme. Poudre	Grade 2/3 FRIM
Div 5	Ms. Togno/Ms. Howell	Grade 2/3	Div 13	Mme. Hewitt/Welch	Grade 1/2 FRIM
Div 6	Ms. Castro	Grade 1/2	Div 14	Mme. Kehoe	Grade 1/2 FRIM
Div 7	Ms. Mcinney/Ms. Record	Grade K/1	Div 15	Mme. Joy	Grade K FRIM
Div 8	Ms. Oliver	Grade K/1			

### **Student Services and Specialist Teachers**

Counsellor	Ms. Lozynyc (Monday-Wednesday)
Learning Support	Ms. Von un Ruh
	Ms. Leaf (Monday – Wednesday)
	Ms. Hewitt (Thursday)
	Ms. Kyle (Tuesday)
Skill Development	Ms. Kopf (Monday, Wednesday-Friday)
Teacher Librarian	Ms. Acorn
Music	Ms. Messam

### **Education Assistants**

Ms. Bailey	Ms. Carr
Ms. Croze	Ms. Flynn
Ms. Mckenzie	Ms. Melancon
Ms. Morwick	Ms. Stent
Ms. Wilker	

### **Office**

Ms. Tetangco	Head Secretary
Ms. Peirovi	Secretary (Thursday-Friday, Alt. Wednesday)

### **Caretakers**

Mr. Paeng	Daytime
Mr. Carswell	Evening



### **Parent Orientation Evening Next Thursday 6:30**

Next Thursday evening, we invite parents and caregivers to attend a brief parent information meeting, beginning at **6:30 pm** in the gym. The evening will begin with a presentation to all parents and caregivers, during which we will share school goals, expectations, introductions, and ways to best support your students.

Following this brief presentations, teachers will give **two** presentations in their classrooms to introduce themselves and their classrooms, share information, classroom routines and expectations. The evening will end at **7:30**.

### **Forms & Fees Checklist coming home tomorrow**

Please check your children's backpacks tomorrow as a checklist will be sent home with a list of the required and optional forms and fees that need to be completed. Most of our required documentation and all of our fees can be collected using your [School Cash Online](#) account, which is available on the front page of the [school website](#). Please watch for the checklist with instructions and I ask that you complete the forms and fees as soon as possible.

### **Attendance Procedures Reminder**

At the start of the year, it's worth a reminder about ensuring we are aware of your child's attendance for each day of school. Of course, we encourage students to be at school as much as possible, but if they are sick...like any of us, they should stay home. If students will be away, please use the [attendance report feature](#) accessible on the front page of the [school website](#). If you are unable to access the website, please call the office after **8:00 am** at (604)942-0241 or send an email to [CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca). We ask that you inform us of any absences before 9:00 am so we can account for all of our students' whereabouts.



### **Drop off, pick up and traffic congestion**

As we start off the year, let's all agree to start us off on a good foot – and good wheels – by following some really simple traffic rules that helps to keep everyone safe and moving. I'm sure you'll here about this a lot, but if everyone just abides by these **simple** rules, life is easier and safer for everyone.

- The *roundabout* loops at the front and back of the school are for quic drop off and pick up **only**. Call it *kiss and go* if that makes it easier to remember.  
If you're planning to pick up your children at the end of the day, please tell your children to be waiting for you at the traffic loop so they can quickly get in the car and you can clear the loop for the parent waiting to come in
- ***Do not leave your car parked in the traffic loops to walk into the school grounds***
- If you are walking your children to the classroom door, or waiting with them until the bell, ***you must*** park on Shaughnessy Street and walk with them onto the school grounds.
- ***Do not*** park along the fence next to the playground in the rear traffic loop. Drivers backing out of those spaces (which are reserved for daycare staff) poses a hazard to pedestrians and other drivers in the traffic loop. Again, the traffic loop is for drop off and pick up only.
- City by-laws require *right turn only* from 8:30-9:30 and 2:30-3:30. This also helps us to keep traffic moving smoothly
- ***Do not*** park or drop off/pick up in the staff parking lot. Our school staff has increased this year and we have a very limited number of spaces available. The parking lot adjacent to the school is reserved for school and district staff only

Following these simple protocols will allow for the safe, efficient movement of students and traffic as it enters and exits the property. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **Library books appearing over the summer?**

When you cleaned out the trailer, or emptied out the beach bag, if you found a school library book that magically appeared from last year, we'd still love to have it back! Please send it back to the library learning commons – no questions asked (we might ask if you enjoyed it!).

Also, Ms. Acorn is looking for a donations...specifically for a *sewing machine* that you're no longer using. She would love to give it a new lease on life in the library for craft projects, and would happily accept donations of yarn, thread, or other crafting materials you may be looking to part with. If you have questions, please contact her at [kacorn@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kacorn@sd43.bc.ca)

- Looking forward to a great year! -