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October 23, 2025

Thursday, October 23	PAC Movie Night (see below)
Friday, October 24	Provincial Professional Development Day – school closed
Thursday, October 30	PAC Hot Dog Day
Wednesday, November 5	School Photo retakes
Thursday, November 6	PAC Shopping Night

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

PAC Movie Night – Thursday

Our welcome back movie night is this week! Thursday October 23rd - doors open at 6:30 with the movie starting at 7. Ticket & pizza preorders are open until end of day Wednesday on Munchalunch, and then entry is cash at the door. Costumes are welcome and encouraged!

Concession will be open from 6:30 in the gym where we can accept cash & tap for things like pizza by the slice, juice boxes, soda, popcorn, and a limited number of hotdogs!

We still need a lot of people to help out at this movie night - Signup available at www.tinyurl.com/cremovie25. A couple of our PAC exec members who typically float around filling in aren't able to make it this time and I'm recovering from an injury so while I'll be there to help I can't lift anything... Or stand for very long... Or sit for very long... In fact I may have to lay on the floor for at least a portion of the event but by golly I know we can come together to make this happen!

Thank you in advance and we'll see you on Thursday for Elio!

-Tanya Wu and the rest of your PAC team

After school time

We have noted lately that a number of students have been sticking around after school on the playground while waiting for pickup or time to go home.

Please note that we do not have supervision available after school and students are encouraged, as much as possible, to head for home as soon as possible, unless they're here with adult supervision. All school rules for behaviour and expectations remain in place, even after the bell. Thank you for your support.

Professional Development Day – Friday

A reminder that this Friday, October 24th, is a province-wide professional development day. School is closed for all students. See you back here on Monday!

Carpool Conversations

Check out this link for some great common sense carpool conversations, a great source for tech safety:

[Common Sense Carpool Conversations](#)



Forms and fees are due

Thank you to families who have completed their online, mandatory forms, as well as paying the school supplies fees. If you have not yet done so, please make your way to your [School Cash Online](#) account to complete forms and fees as soon as possible.

School supplies are purchased directly by the school, rather than by individuals, which allows us to get the supplies we need at the most cost effective price. Bringing accounts up to date allows us to ensure we are stocked and ready to go.

Please note that one of our permission boxes requires agreement to the district's *computer use* policies. Parents must agree to abide by the computer use policies in order for students to be able to use technology at school.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please contact the school office for assistance, either by phone at (604)942-0241, or by email at CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca

If this presents a significant challenge, please reach out to me in confidence at dmushens@sd43.bc.ca

Halloween Planning

Hallowe'en is next Friday. This year, as you're thinking about costumes, a few important things to keep in mind:

- Please do not send students with *inflatable* costumes. These have become increasingly popular and present a host of challenges. Each year, students bring them and need a great deal of assistance getting in and out of them, costumes get ripped or torn, batteries die (remarkably quickly!) and there are lots of tears when the costume is essentially *kaput* by lunchtime. They're also quite cumbersome and make it difficult to navigate crowded classrooms. These costumes are great fun so let's save them for the Trick-or-treating in the evening!
- Also remember that school-based Hallowe'en is intended more fun than scary, especially with our littlest ones being here. Costumes must not depict gore, violence, or include weaponry. This can be disappointing for older costumers but again – save that for the evening festivities!
- Please do not send treats, candies, cakes, etc. on Hallowe'en. We have lots of fun activities planned, and with Treak or Treating in the evening, we're sure they'll have plenty of opportunity for sugar!



The following Hallowe'en message was also recently sent home by our superintendent:

A Message to SD43 Families: Ensuring a Safe and Respectful Halloween

Dear SD43 Families,

Halloween is a fun and festive time across all our schools, bringing the community together in celebration. Typically, this period is incident-free and marked by respect and enjoyment.

However, occasionally, some students may push the boundaries of what is socially acceptable or appropriate behavior in schools, sometimes at the expense of others. To ensure the safety and positive climate of our schools, and to make sure everyone in our community enjoys Halloween, we ask for your help in reinforcing the following guidelines with your children:

- **Recognizable Costumes:** Students in costume should be easily recognizable and able to identify themselves to any staff member when asked. Additionally, students “in character” should behave appropriately. Intimidating, harassing, or humiliating behaviors do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment.
- **Appropriate Costumes:** Replica weapons (e.g., guns, knives) are not allowed, nor are hypersexualized costumes or those depicting elements of sexual exploitation.
- **Respectful Costumes:** Costumes should not portray negative stereotypes or demean any group of people. They should not make light of anyone’s religious, cultural, ethnic, or racial background.

As a reminder, the use and possession of firecrackers or fireworks at school are strictly prohibited by law and School District expectations. This applies to students before, during, and after school, whether on or offsite.

By respecting each other, we can prevent disruptions to our school communities, such as vandalism or disrespectful and potentially dangerous behavior. Students and parents should be aware that inappropriate behavior will be addressed by school administration under the authority granted to them by the BC School Act, with police involvement where appropriate.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this Halloween safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Please refer to these readily available public websites for more information:

<https://www.coquitlam.ca/286/Fire-Safety-Tips>

[Fire | City of Port Coquitlam](#)

<https://www.portmoody.ca/resident-services/fire-rescue/fire-and-home-safety/>

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Sincerely,

Nadine Tambellini

Superintendent/CEO

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

We are enrolling...

Please help us spread the news, we have available part time and full time spaces in our Infant Toddler and 3-5 years program for October or November start. Our website has been updated, please share with prospective families: [The Alex Early Care & Learning Centre - Atira Women's Society](https://atira.bc.ca/)



[Click here to read about the Early Learning Framework](https://atira.bc.ca/)

From the team at the alex ECLC

<https://atira.bc.ca/>



OCTOBER PAC Newsletter

DATES TO NOTE

Oct 2 & 3 - \$5 Costume Sale

Costume donations accepted until Oct 2nd in the front lobby! On the 2nd & 3rd, come to the kindergarten playground 2:40-3:15pm and shop our \$5 Halloween Costume Sale!

Oct 2 - Hot Lunch - Little Caesar's

Sign up to help distribute lunch at www.tinyurl.com/crehotlunch25

Oct 6 - Sun Oka Cutoff

Get your apple orders in ASAP!

Oct 7 - PAC Meeting

7pm in the library & on zoom!

Oct 10 - TCBY

Ordering cut off is 10 days prior, as with all Hot Lunch vendors. TCBY is handed out at the end of the day as students head home.

Oct 16 - Hot Lunch - A&W

Our new Hot Lunch vendor for 2025/2026!

Get your orders in & sign up to help at www.tinyurl.com/crehotlunch25

Oct 23 - Welcome Back Movie Night

Oct 30 - Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs

Hot Dog days are BACK! Order on MunchaLunch & sign up to help, so we can continue offering this school-wide favourite.

WELCOME BACK MOVIE NIGHT!

Pixar's Elio

Thursday, October 23rd

Doors open at 6:30, Movie starts at 7pm

Tickets & pizza preorder available on MunchaLunch, concession will have pizza by the slice, snacks, popcorn, and drinks available, cash & tap accepted at concession.

Sign up to help: www.tinyurl.com/cremovie25

NOVEMBER DATES

- November 4: PAC Meeting
- November 6: Shopping Night
- November 7: TCBY
- November 13: Hot Lunch - Red Robin
- November 21: Treat Day
- November 27: Hot Lunch - Subway
- November 29: Snowflake Ball setup

PAC MEETINGS & CONTACT INFO

PAC Meetings will take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the school library and streaming live on Zoom!

Free childcare is provided at each meeting. If you have any questions about anything, please reach out!

crepacexecutives@gmail.com



Parents of School District 43 -- ...



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Hello everyone

If you need before and after care for your child, full time, Monday to Friday (7 to 8:30am and 2:30 to 6pm) please reach out to me. I am a local mom, have done a responsible adult course with first aid/CPR, providing home based child care services. I have experience and can provide references. I am near to coast salish, Coquitlam river, Leigh ,smiling creek elementary school.

Safe Steps Club

AFTER & BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Winter Break
Spring Break
(Pro-D) Days

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Physical Activities
- Art & Craft Programs
- Recreational & Social Programs
- Therapeutic Art Programs

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7 to 8:30
2:30 to 6

REGISTER TODAY!

more information :
7788893035 or 2368672567

1310 Mitchel street