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November 2025

Wednesday, November 5	School Photo retakes
Thursday, November 6	PAC Shopping Night
Friday, November 7	TCBY Frozen Yogurt
Monday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Tuesday, November 11	School Closed for Remembrance Day Observance

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

Changes are afoot!

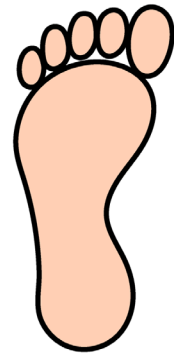
After some feedback, I am making a change to our *weekly* newsletter (the critical eyes among you may already have noticed the date format change above), and moving to a *monthly* newsletter for the next little while.

Let's face it: you're all busy and probably have lots to read, and as you can tell from how long this sentence is...I do have a tendency to go on and on and on.....

Thus (who says *thus*?), I will send out one *large-ish* newsletter at the end of the month with upcoming events and information, with maybe an occasional quick email reminder if there is something that pops up and can't wait.

Please continue to check the school website. The calendar is posted right on the front page with any upcoming dates of note, and larger events are always prominently displayed on the front page.

Let's see how this goes!



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Halloween fun on Friday

We're expecting a lot of fun (and rain, and wind, and a Blue Jays game 6 win!) One last reminder about our *school based* Hallowe'en activities:

- 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!

Don't forget the time change

Because in addition to rain and windstorms, what could be more fun than leaping off of Daylight Savings? Remember to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night. We'll be back on Pacific Standard time when we get back to school on Monday (yeah, that's right – it'll feel like 7:52 when we start).



Photo Retakes Wednesday,

November 5th

Our school photographer will be back at Coquitlam River next Wednesday, November 5th. If your student was absent during the first photo day, we ask that your student has their photo taken, even if you are not planning to purchase photos (so we can update our photo records).

If you would like to have photo re-taken, please complete the permission slip attached and return to the classroom teacher.

Emergency Release & District Forms

Thank you to the many who have ensured their Emergency Release forms have been returned to the school, and district forms completed via [School Cash Online](#). If you have not already done so, it is imperative that this paperwork is completed right away as it is now past due. This is the information on which we would rely in the event of a significant emergency, like a large earthquake.

In the event of an emergency, our primary location for evacuation is the school field. However, if circumstances required us to evacuate the property, we have a secondary evacuation location, as well as a *tertiary* location, to which we would evacuate the children.

In the event of an earthquake significant enough to warrant property evacuation due to potential flooding, the school would make its way to **Norm Staff Park**, located at the corner of Oxford Street and David Avenue, as this is considered safe, higher ground.

If we were forced to evacuate the property due to unsafe conditions, but not to higher ground, we would make our way first to *Learn and Play Preschool*, located at 1237 Beedie Drive, though it fronts onto Shaughnessy Street, or to Kwayhquitlum Middle School, 3280 Flint Street, Port Coquitlam.

Emergency communications would be sent via district messaging, if it remained available. While the likelihood of this level of evacuation remains know, it is important to note our alternate locations and familiarize yourselves to where we may have to evacuate.

It's also, of course, the reason those emergency release forms are so important, as they would come with us in the event we needed to evacuate.

Food security support

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the degree of funding that was previously provided by the Ministry of Education has been greatly reduced this year. If however, you are experiencing challenges, please know you can reach out to our coordinator, Mme Joy at sjoy@sd43.bc.ca or to myself, in confidence, and we may be able to find some resources for support.

Photo Retakes

Edge Imaging will be back at your school for retake photos. If you would like your child to have a retake photo done, please fill in the information below and submit to the classroom teacher.

Students Name: _____

Grade: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____



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