



École Coquitlam River Elementary

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September 11, 2025

Monday, Sept 15	Strong Start opens
Thursday, Sept 18	PAC meeting – 7:00 pm in the library
Friday, Sept 19	Professional Development Day – school closed for students
Wednesday, Sept 24	Early dismissal at 1:40 for <i>Welcome Conversations</i>
Thursday, Sept 25	Early dismissal at 1:40 for <i>Welcome Conversations</i>

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



...And....we're off!



Welcome and welcome back to Ecole Coquitlam River Elementary for 2025-2026. Students are now settled into their classes and adjusting to their school routines. We're looking forward to a great year.

Most weeks, we send out a *brief* newsletter with any information about the week or two ahead, any changes to schedules, etc. The newsletter always starts with a list of dates, like the one you see above. All of our dates – and the weekly newsletter itself – are also posted on the [school's website](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/coquitlamriver). Nearly all communication between school and home is via email or the website, so it's important you're checking.

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. Cohen	Grade 4/5 FRIM
Div 3	Ms. Triggs	Grade 3/4	Div 11	Mme. Lozynyc/TBA	Grade 4/5 FRIM
Div 4	Ms. Peterson	Grade 3/4	Div 12	Mme. Poudre	Grade 2/3 FRIM
Div 5	Ms. Record	Grade 2/3	Div 13	Mme. Kehoe	Grade 2/3 FRIM
Div 6	Ms. Castro	Grade 1/2	Div 14	Mme. Yu/Welch	Grade 1 FRIM
Div 7	Ms. Mcinney/Ms. Rao	Grade 1/2	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. Yu (Tuesday)
	Mme. Peyton (Friday)
Skill Development	Ms. Kopf (Monday, Wednesday-Friday)
	Ms. Ross (Tuesday)
Teacher Librarian	Ms. Acorn
Music	Ms. Messam

Education Assistants

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

Office

Ms. Carruthers	Head Secretary (temporary through September)
Ms. Raynard	Secretary (Thursday-Friday, Alt. Wednesday)

Caretakers

Mr. Paeng	Daytime
Mr. Carswell	Evening

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. We ask that you inform us of any absences before 9:00 am so we can account for all of our students' whereabouts.

Forms & Fees Checklist coming home...shortly

Please be on the lookout as a checklist will shortly be sent home with a list of the required and optional forms and fees that need to be completed (as soon as our *new* photocopier is repaired!). 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.

Electronic devices at elementary school

As technology continues to proliferate, it is important to be aware of school and district policy around the use of electronic devices, including cellular phones, smart watches, and other communication devices.

All cellular phones, smart watches, or similar personal communication devices are to be appropriately stored during the school day, and are not permitted for use during the school day. This is in accordance with [School District Policy 17](#), and [Administrative Procedure 140.2](#).

We recognize some students, particularly those traveling alone, may have been provided with communication devices for safety purposes on the way to and from school. Devices must be kept in backpacks once students arrive in class. If you need to get a message to your student, please contact the office and we will happily get a message to your student for you.



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.

Thank you to the many parents who are already following our traffic rules.

- The *roundabout* loops at the front and back of the school are for quick 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

We were contacted by Port Coquitlam Fire & Rescue about the requirement to keep our fire lanes clear ***at all times***, including during pick up and drop off. That means, you absolutely may not leave your car unattended in the traffic loops as they are designated fire lanes. The school and drivers could be fined for failure to comply.

It has been pleasing to see that *most* drivers are adhering to the 30km/h speed limit in the school zone. Please ensure you approach the school slowly, especially as there are many people parallel parking and lots of little friends near and crossing the road.

Please also ensure to cross Shaughnessy using one of the two designated crosswalks, one at the front and one at the rear of the building. Last year, pedestrian activated flashing lights were installed to assist in slowing traffic as children are in the crosswalks.

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.

From the PAC

Our first PAC meeting of the year will be Thursday, September 18th at 7pm in the library, with free childcare provided (we will also be on zoom - link to follow).

Starting Monday, September 15th we will be accepting clean, good condition costume donations for our \$5 Halloween costume sale! Date of sale TBA, there will be a labeled bin in the front lobby for all donations.

We are currently running our annual Sun Oka apple fundraiser, ordering is open until October 6th with delivery to the school shortly thereafter (apples will be available for pickup in the front lobby when they arrive). https://fundraising.sunokafruit.com/seller_1/082172545/org-campaign/cre-pac-harvest

And finally, coming soon is our Community Values coupon book fundraiser - which will be run differently than last year, for everyone's sake.