



## École Coquitlam River Elementary

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**Principal:** Mr. D. Mushens

September 25, 2025

Monday, Sept 29	Truth & Reconciliation Ceremony – 11:15 (see below)
Tuesday, Sept 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – all schools closed
Thursday, October 2	PAC hot lunch – Little Caesar's
Monday, October 6	Student Photo Day
Tuesday, October 7	Strong Start Closed
	October PAC meeting – 7:00 pm in the library

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



### **Orange Shirt Day, Truth & Reconciliation Ceremony – Monday at 11:15**

The slogan for Orange Shirt Day is "Every Child Matters". At CRE, we focus on what it means to matter and how children matter in our communities. Our goal at school is to teach lessons that allow students to develop an understanding of the importance of Orange Shirt Day and the impact residential schooling has had on Canada both past and present. Teachers use age-appropriate stories and activities to explain this at the various grades at CRE and commit themselves to actively demonstrating reconciliation in their classrooms.

Why curriculum about Indian Residential Schools? This was in response to the call by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada to develop age-appropriate educational materials about Indian Residential Schools. The Commission concluded that "Canadians have been denied a full and proper education as to the nature of Aboriginal societies, and the history of the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples."

Students are invited to show their acknowledgement and honouring of Truth and Reconciliation by wearing orange shirts, if they are able.

Thank you for reading! You are all welcome to join our school at our Orange Shirt Day assembly on Monday September 29 at 11:15am in the Outdoor classroom (basically the traffic loop).

A reminder that schools are closed on **Tuesday, September 30**, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

### **Dental Resources information**

Below is dental referral information the district is providing to families. The links to the programs are included, where you will find information on how to apply, forms to complete, etc. Some families may not have private dental insurance but may be eligible to apply for the following programs.

- [Healthy Kids Program](#) - children under the age of 19 years may be eligible for basic dental services.
- [Canadian Dental Care Plan](#) - children under the age of 18 years who do not have access to a private dental insurance plan.
- [UBC Dentistry](#) - offers a free dental program for children 12 years and younger.
- [Affordable dentistry options for children](#) - Fraser Health Authority



### **Snacks and food support at school**

As you may have heard in media coverage, funding for food support in schools has been significantly reduced this school year. While we will continue to do our best to provide healthy snacks for infrequent occasions when a snack from home was forgotten, or a student is feeling *extra* hungry. Please note that our ability to provide consistent, regular healthy additional snacks for students is much more limited than it has been in the recent past.

### **All adults to the office**

A reminder again that all adults ***must*** check in at the office. As part of our security protocols, we ask that you do not go directly to classrooms. If your child is coming late, or you are picking up early, please come to the office and we will take the child to the class, or bring the child to the office for pick up. Similarly, if you are dropping off an item (backpacks, lunches, etc.) please bring it to the office and we will deliver the item to classrooms. This helps us to ensure we are aware of all adults in the building and we keep our school safe and secure.



### **School photo day is coming – Monday, October 6**

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> is student photo day at Coquitlam River. Students will be brought down for individual photos by Edge Imaging.

Purchase of school photos is optional, and information will be provided on how to order. We do ask that all students have photos taken, regardless of whether or not you are looking to purchase pictures, as current photos are required to update our student records.

*Good to See You!*

*Thank you to the many families who were able to come out to our Welcome Conversations on Wednesday and/or Thursday this week. Getting the chance to meet and learn about each other helps us to continue to create the best learning environments for all of our students.*



PLEASE DONATE USED  
**HALLOWEEN  
COSTUMES**  
TO THE SCHOOL



Please drop off at  
the front foyer  
*Thank you!*





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**