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On the Calendar

Friday, September 27

Monday, September 30

Thursday, October 4

Truth & Reconciliation Day Assembly/Orange Shirt Day

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Closed

TCBY Frozen Yogurt treat day

PAC meeting 7:00 pm in the library

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



What is Reconciliation?

Reconciliation can be defined as “the idea of restoring friendship and harmony – about resolving differences, accepting the past and working together to build a better future”.

The process of reconciliation is complex and requires full and active commitment from all parties. As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission acknowledges, it will take time and commitment to reverse the legacy of residential school system. It affected many generations of students and their families; it will take several generations to bring about reconciliation.

Our job at school is educate students about this dark part of Canada’s history and its effects on Indigenous peoples currently living in our communities. It’s likely many of you did not learn about residential schools during your elementary or even high school years. We all have work to do though, because as residents of Canada we all have benefitted from the unjust treatment of Indigenous folks across our country.

Here’s how you can work towards reconciliation at home with your child:

1. Listen to them when they come home with something to share
2. Be curious and ask questions about what they have learned
3. Take your child to an Orange Shirt Day event in your community on Sept 30
4. Support local Indigenous businesses
5. Educate yourself through reading books or following some Indigenous content providers on social media

Thank you for reading! You are all welcome to join our school at our Orange Shirt Day assembly on Friday September 27 at 11am in the Outdoor classroom (basically the traffic loop).

Say "Cheese"

Monday, October 7th is our Student Photo Day at Coquitlam River. Individual student photos will be taken beginning in the morning. Stay tuned for details from our photographer on how to order packages, if you choose. We do ask that you have photos taken, regardless of whether you are planning to purchase, so that we have a current photo available for our student identification system.



The job ain't over...

...til the paperwork's done, as the old saying goes (I'm *old* – you may not have heard of that saying!). This is a friendly reminder to please make sure you've completed all the necessary forms on [School Cash Online](#), in addition to completing and returning the *Emergency Release Form* that was sent home with students.

Additionally, you should have received an email yesterday from me, via [MyEd BC](#), with directions to complete your Student Information Verification Form, that is available in the Parent Portal. Verifying this information is very important in the event that we need to contact you in an emergency or otherwise. For grade 5 students, the information on that form also determines placement at middle school, so ensuring we have up to date information is critical. Please check over the information. If no changes are necessary – *you're done!* If information needs to be updated, please print out the form, make any necessary changes, and send it to school.

If you need any assistance with either the [School Cash Online](#) forms or the Student Information Verification Form on [MyEd BC](#), please contact the office. Please have all of this pesky paperwork completed no later than **October 11th**.



Still on the lookout for an unwanted sewing machine

If you have a sewing machine just taking up space in your closet, Ms. Acorn is looking to give it a new home in the library learning commons for projects and crafts. She would also happily accept donations of yarn, thread, and other craft materials. If you have some you can spare – please drop them by, or contact Ms. Acorn for more information at kacorn@sd43.bc.ca

T he nasty weather has arrived

Fall seems to have arrived...with a vengeance! This is a good place to insert a reminder to please pack rain gear (boots, jackets, etc.) for students as most days we will be outside unless the weather is *extremely* wet. A change of clothes is always good to have as, try though they might, some of our students are drawn to puddles like moths to a light bulb, or me to peach pie (we all have our weaknesses).



From the PAC

Munch a Lunch is now OPEN to order TCBY & Hot Lunches for Oct/Nov/Dec! <https://munchalunch.com/schools/CoquitlamRiver> - Volunteer signup to follow shortly - watch the CRE Parents Facebook page for first look when it's ready <https://www.facebook.com/groups/269000019831634>

Costume Collection & Sale - You may have noticed a bin labeled Halloween Costumes across from the CRE Office. If you have any costumes/dress up clothes for any age, baby through adult, that need new homes - come drop them off in the bin. Then stay tuned for our first ever Costume Sale, happening October 10th & 11th after school, where every costume will be a flat rate of \$5! (When dropping off costumes, please make sure they are in good condition & clean).

Apple Fundraiser - Our Sun Oka Farms apple fundraiser has just under 2 weeks left for ordering - cut off is October 9th with delivery to be finalized sometime mid-October. This year you can even create your own seller's account for a link to share with friends & family! <https://tinyurl.com/creapples>

Purdy's - our annual Purdy's fundraiser is running until November 22nd at <https://tinyurl.com/crepurdys>

My Safe Life / Stay Safe - the My Safe Life course (ages 7-10) is now full, and we are adding students to the wait list in case of cancellations. Stay Safe (ages 9-13) is still open, and if your child is registered for My Safe Life but is just on the cusp of turning 9, they have the option of switching to the Stay Safe (Home Alone) course - just send us an email at crepacexecutives@gmail.com to switch.

Shopping Night - We are still accepting applications for our annual Shopping Night, happening on Thursday, November 14th from 5-8:30pm. Early bird pricing of \$25 for adults or \$5 for kids tables is in effect until the end of day on September 30th. Email crepacexecutives@gmail.com for an application - first come first serve so don't miss out on this great event!

PAC Positions - We are still looking for a few more folks to help us on a regular/semi-regular basis. If you can help with any of the following positions, please send us an email, or reach out to Tanya Wu! (Just look for the blue hair).

- Milk Person - Every other Thursday-ish (on Hot Lunch days) this person would pick up the milk order from PoCo Freshmart and bring it to the CRE kitchen by noon.

- Event Coordinators - These folks help plan & organize our events (movie nights, dances, potential carnival)

- Shopping Night Team - CRE has two shopping nights, one in November and one in May. We need a +1 to join the existing team to help organize and run these two nights, making sure tables are ordered, volunteers are recruited, etc.

Next PAC meeting: Thursday, October 3rd at 7pm, in the CRE Library & on zoom