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## *Welcome Back!*



....and a special *welcome* to our new Kindergarten students and families (and others!) joining us for the first time!

### **Principal's Message**

It's nearly time to say goodbye to those lazy, hazy days of summer and get ready for the always exciting days of fall when our students head back into class for the school year. We're looking forward to welcoming you back to Coquitlam River Elementary, and having our newest kindergarten students, and those new to the CRE community join us for the first time.

During these last two weeks of August, myself, the staff, and district personnel are working hard to ready classrooms and facilities for the coming year.

Now is a good time to start readying your students for the transition back to school – or coming to school for the first time. For most students, getting back to school routines is easy. All students, however, benefit from getting ready for school by starting to practice those routines that help them to be successful. Those routines include getting back into a school sleep schedule, going to bed earlier and getting up earlier. Consistent winding-down activities such as bath time and reading before bed can help your children to relax and be ready for sleep. Consider getting into the practice of eating a healthy breakfast, setting out clothes the night before, reading every day (if you haven't been already!), limiting screen time, playing word and board games. It's important too to talk about back to school as a celebration, an event to be excited about! These can help all students to ready themselves for September.

Please regularly check your email and the school website for information and updates. Most weeks, I will send out information on an as needed basis. Be sure to give us a follow on Instagram (@CoquitlamRiver) in the coming weeks as another easy means to keep up to date.

Please see the next page for information about the first week of school, and note our start bell time of  
**8:52**

Starting Monday, our office will be open regular hours, 8:00 – 3:30. If you have questions, please send an email to [CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca) or email me directly at [dmushens@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dmushens@sd43.bc.ca) or call the office.

*David Mushens*

### **First Week of School**

#### **Tuesday, September 3rd 8:52 am (9:30 for new kindergarten students)– Registration Day**

Students go to their *last year* class where they will be met by last year's teacher. Please go to the designated exterior door through which students entered and exited last year. Any room changes will be posted outside classrooms and on the website.

Tuesday is an important day for registration and ensuring we have accurate numbers for our class organization. Though students will only be here for 20-30 minutes, it is very important that we see our students so we can confirm who is or is not returning. Please contact the office at [CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca) if you will not be present that day but *will* be returning to Coquitlam River.

***Note: New kindergarten students will come at 9:30. English kindergarten students should report to the paved area outside our primary playground. French Immersion kindergarten should report to the classroom door next to the main entrance (we'll have signage and people to help!)***

*New students in grades 1-5 who were not at Coquitlam River last year should report to the library, just inside the front doors.*

#### **Wednesday – Friday, September 4th – 6th**

Regular bell schedule **8:52 – 2:40** for students in Grades 1 – 5

Students Report to *last year's* class during the first week of school. Students will be assigned to *this year's class* once our final numbers and organization are confirmed by district staff. Once students are assigned to classes, teachers will let students and families know when to bring classroom items like indoor shoes, comfort kits, etc.

***Note: Kindergarten students will attend on a gradual entry. The gradual entry schedules were sent out in June and are attached again in a separate document.***

Thank you for your patience as we finalize our school and class organization. It is vitally important we are made aware of any changes in our anticipated enrollment as it may affect the number and structure of our classes.

### **School Supplies**

Please remember that at Coquitlam River Elementary, the school purchases supplies in bulk so there is no need for parents to shop for supplies. School supply fees will be sent out in the first week or two of school, and will be payable through your [School Cash Online](#) account. Purchasing school supplies at the school level allows us to ensure all students have the correct supplies and we are able to secure the best prices for materials. We do not have individual school supply lists for parents and ask that you ensure your [School Cash Online](#) account is up to date so we can collect supply fees in a timely manner.

### **Meet the PAC while you wait!**

Our lovely *Parent Advisory Council (PAC)* will be hosting coffee and treats to welcome parents back to school on that first Tuesday morning. It's a great way to find out about the PAC, meet some fellow parents and caregivers, or catch up with some old friends over coffee. They'll be set up out front from 8:30 until 10:00!

### **Revised Calendar attached**

Please see the attached calendar of significant dates for the year (apparently I'm *not* powerful enough to make a February 29<sup>th</sup> in 2025 like I put in the last version I sent out!). Dates *still* subject to change : )