



École Coquitlam River Elementary

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December 18, 2024

Thursday, December 19	PAC Hot Lunch – Sushi Fu
Friday, December 20	Last Day of School – <i>Soft Dismissal at noon</i>
Monday, December 23 –	<i>School Closed for Winter Break</i>
Sunday, January 5	

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



Last day of school before winter break, this Friday

Our final day before the winter holiday will ease into the break with a pyjama day – come as you are when you roll out of bed!

We will enjoy a holiday-themed assembly at 11:00 am, with a school-wide sing-a-long. Parents are welcome to attend to join in the festivities. The assembly will end in time for outdoor play at 11:55, at which time, students are *soft dismissed* for those parents who are able. We will have an indoor activity for families who need for students to remain at school in the afternoon.

Bon voyage et Bienvenue!

As we head into the New Year we are wishing a *bon voyage* to Mme Poudre, who is heading off on a whirlwind travel adventure with her family. Mme Poudre will be away from January to June traveling with her family – we wish you well and look forward to hearing about your adventures!

We are excited to welcome Mlle Rao to Division 12, who officially begins January 6, but has been in the class and met with the students. We are super glad to have you join us at Ecole Coquitlam River Elementary!

We also welcome to the school Ms. Slinger, who joined us on Tuesday in our Student Services department. Ms. Slinger will be working with us on Tuesdays until the end of the year – welcome!

Transition to Kindergarten evening

School District 43, in partnership with Kinsight is hosting an information session for parents of preschoolers with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session in the New Year, on Wednesday, January 15th. Please see attached flyer for details.

Programs of Choice Reminder from the School District
Programs of Choice: French Immersion, Montessori and Mandarin Bilingual

Programs of Choice On-Line Applications for Students entering Kindergarten in September 2025:
Opens January 9, 2025 at 9am
Closes January 15, 2025 at 4pm

The on-line application link will be posted on the school district website. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca>

Parents must apply in this time period for their child to be considered for a Program of Choice. Selection will be done by a random lottery draw with priority given to younger siblings of students who will be attending the Program of Choice at the same school in September 2025. Children who are not successfully placed, will be on a waitlist and then must register for Kindergarten at their catchment school.

Parents who currently have a child attending a Program of Choice and wish their upcoming kindergarten child to join must still apply.

Please ensure the school has your most current address.

For more information on Programs of Choice, please visit:
[http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Please note that during the holiday period, the office is not staffed, and school and teacher emails are not monitored. I ask that you hold any requests for information or communication until school reopens on January 6th.



From all of us at École Coquitlam River Elementary, we wish you a safe, restful, and joyous holiday season!