



# École Coquitlam River Elementary

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January 9, 2025

Thursday, January 9 -15	Programs of Choice Registration – See below
Thursday, January 16	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm in the library
Friday, January 17	TCBY Frozen Yogurt Treat Day

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



## **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 **Today** 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#/=)

## **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 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached flyer for details.

### **New Year, New drop off loop resolutions**

As we get back into the swing of school, let's all resolve to follow the pick up and drop rules in the traffic loops, especially as we get into the colder and icier conditions:

- Pick-up and drop off **only!**
- That means – **do not** park and leave your car in the traffic loop, even for a few moments. If you are walking your child to the classroom, **you must** park on Shaughnessy Street and walk onto the school property. Leaving your car in the traffic loop blocks the roadway, creating dangerous conditions for other students.



Please be considerate of your fellow CRE families and follow these very simple procedures to keep all our students safe and traffic moving safely and efficiently.

### **ROYAL PARTY AND MAYPOLE DANCERS SOUGHT FOR PORT COQUITLAM'S MAY DAYS**

The City of Port Coquitlam is inviting children and youth to take part in the vibrant tradition of May Days by joining the Royal Party or participating in school maypole dances.

Children can apply to be part of this year's Royal Party, selected through a random draw. Flower Girls and Junior Lancers are chosen from Grades 1 and 2, while Princesses and Lancers are selected from Grades 4 and 5.

Online applications are being accepted to be part of this exciting traditional May Days Royal Party at [portcoquitlam.ca/maydays](http://portcoquitlam.ca/maydays) until January 12, 2025.

#### **Royal party members will participate in:**

- Hip hop dance practices: Wednesdays and Fridays beginning February 5 until May 2 at the Port Coquitlam Community Centre (PCCC). No practices during spring break.
- Flower girls and Junior Lancers will practice from 4:00 to 4:40 pm
- Princesses and Lancers from 4:45 to 5:30 pm
- Royal Party Selection Luncheon: March 9 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- Opening Ceremony Rehearsal: May 4 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
- May Day Opening Ceremony performances: May 4 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm
- Rotary May Day Parade – May 10 from 10:30 am to 1 pm

#### **School Maypole Dances**

Elementary schools in Port Coquitlam will be performing the Maypole dances during the May Days opening ceremony on Sunday May 4, 2025. Students in grades 3 to 5 who live in Port Coquitlam are encouraged to join their school's maypole team. Maypole practices will be coordinated by the schools. For more information, please contact the school directly.

For more information or for assistance with applications, contact [events@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:events@portcoquitlam.ca) or apply online at [portcoquitlam.ca/maydays](http://portcoquitlam.ca/maydays). The application deadline for Royal Party is Jan. 12, 2025.

#### **About May Days**

The tradition of May Day royalty in Port Coquitlam began in 1923 with the crowning of the first May Queen. Over the years, May Days has grown into a week-long festival celebrating spring with the Rotary May Day Parade, outdoor activities, and a variety of artistic performances and displays.

This year's May Days festival will take place from May 4 to 10, 2025, with additional event details to be announced closer to the date.

# CRE PAC NEWSLETTER

JANUARY  
2025

## This Month

### THUR JAN 9 - SUBWAY HOT LUNCH



We still need volunteers to make this go! Scan the QR code or visit [www.TinyURL.com/HotLunchHelp](http://www.TinyURL.com/HotLunchHelp)

### WED JAN 15 - WEST COAST SEEDS CUTOFF

Order cutoff extended! Take advantage of seed delivery right to the school in time for spring gardening  
<https://tinyurl.com/WestCoastCRE>



### THUR JAN 16 - PAC MEETING



7pm in the library - free childcare available! Also on Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/CREZoomPAC>

### FRI JAN 17 - TCBY

Handed out at the end of the school day (& available at the office if your student is away on hand-out day!). Available to order on MunchaLunch up to 10 days prior to handout (as is the cutoff for all Hot Lunches!).

### WED JAN 21 - FRUIT/VEG -SNAP PEAS

Fruit & Veg day is now moved to Wednesdays, as delivery often happens too late on Tuesdays to make this happen same-day.

### THUR JAN 23 - RED ROBIN HOT LUNCH

Come help us deliver smiles (& food). Signup details same as Subway's above!

## Spring Carnival?

At the end of last school year, the PAC purchased a dozen school carnival games with the idea of bringing back a Spring Carnival to CRE. To make this happen, we will need lots of support! Have a game, skill, or secret talent that would add some fun to this? Send us an email! [crepacexecutives@gmail.com](mailto:crepacexecutives@gmail.com)

## February at a Glance

- Tue Feb 4 - Fruit/Veg - Snap Peas
- Thur Feb 6 - Little Caesar's Lunch
- Thur Feb 6 - PAC Meeting
- Fri Feb 7th - Movie Night
- Thur Feb 20 - Sushi Fu Lunch
- Tues Feb 25 - Fruit/Veg - Carrots

SEND US AN EMAIL!  
[CREPACEXECUTIVES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CREPACEXECUTIVES@GMAIL.COM)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

