

École Nestor Community Update for October 16, 2024

Good Afternoon Nestor Community,

A few announcements and items for the week:

Quick Links

Nestor Home Page: [NESTOR HOME PAGE](#)

Online Absence Reporting Form: [ABSENCE REPORT](#)

Coquitlam School District Home Page: [SD43 HOME PAGE](#)

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, October 15 to 18 – Informal Reporting Week

Thursday, October 17 – Hot Lunch Day – Red Robin

Friday, October 18 – Student Vote Day

Thursday, October 24 – Early Dismissal at 1:40 PM and Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Friday, October 25 – Pro-D Day – School Not In Session

Thursday, October 31 – Halloween Parade and Hot Lunch Day - Subway

Friday, November 1 – Pyjama Day

Friday, November 8 – Remembrance Day Assembly and Photo Retake Day

Monday, November 11 – Remembrance Day – School Not In Session

Tuesday, November 12 – Will et Seeka Musical Performance – AM

Thursday, November 14 – Hot Lunch Day – Little Caesar's

Monday, November 18 to 21 – Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, November 20 to 22 – Circus School

Tuesday, November 26 – Theatrix Performance – PM

Absence Reporting

Please let us know if your child will be absent. You can do this one of two ways:

1. Using the Quick Links – Absence Report on the Nestor Homepage found here
<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/nestor/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
2. Calling the school at 604-464-9422 in the morning after 8:00 AM.

Nestor Informal Reporting Week – October 15th to the 18th

This week, Nestor families will receive an informal report about how your child is progressing thus far. This report is not a formal report card, but an update for how your child is settling in to the school year. The informal report will look different depending on your child's classroom context, but you will receive feedback about the your child's learning journey so far this year.

First Term Reports will be published to the MyEd Family Portal on Friday, December 13th, 2024.

Early Dismissal at 1:45 PM and Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, October 24th

A reminder about our first Early Dismissal of the school year **Thursday, October 24th at 1:45 PM** to accommodate parent-teacher interviews. Information from individual classroom teachers will be sent home and if you would like to book a time to meet with your child's teacher, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Halloween 2024 – Thursday, October 31st – Information & Reminders

Thursday, October 31st will be “Halloween” at Nestor Elementary. We are inviting students (and staff) to dress up on this day to celebrate the season.

Nestor will be hosting a Halloween parade in the afternoon – details will be provided closer to the date when we have a better idea of what the weather may be like. Last year we had a parade in the afternoon on the upper gravel field and if the weather cooperates, we will do the same.

Some reminders and points to keep in mind:

COSTUMES

Costumes will be worn throughout the day. My suggestion – ***only have your child wear what they can manage for a full day.*** This may be only part of their costume.

Halloween-themed clothing and colours are an option - I would encourage this if your child's costume is difficult to wear for the entire day (can they use the restroom easily while wearing their costume?).

APPROPRIATENESS

No weapons or items that look like weapons. No glamorization of gang or drug culture. Nothing that could be deemed racist, sexist, homo/transphobic or offensive.

FOOD/CANDY

You're welcome to send treats to your child's class as long as the treats are school-safe and nut-free. If your child is sensitive to gluten or dairy, please make sure your child's teacher is well informed in advance.

Any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

School Forms Reminder

A reminder to please see the attached school start up checklist for your convenience. These forms include the School Policy Form, the Student Emergency Release Form, the Student Information Verification Form, the Medical Alert Form, the Volunteer Application Form and the Volunteer Driver Application.

- Please make sure the the school policy form is filled out **ASAP** as this gives your child permission to use laptops/ipads at school. Without permission your child will **not** be allowed to used these devices.
- Student Verification forms are now on MyEd Portal. Here is the link: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

Traffic Safety Reminder

Our school community is committed to having drop off and pick up done in a safe and consistent manner. Following predictable routines is a way to keep our students safe. I'm asking families to please be mindful of the following to ensure the safest conditions for our students and children:

10 Guidelines for a Safe and Positive Drive-Thru Pick-up/Drop-off Experience

1. Drive slowly on school property.
2. Stay with your car during drop off and pick up.
3. Respect no U-turns on Nestor Street.
4. Staff lot is for staff, except for one accessible spot with displayed sign.
5. No parking in front of the bus/daycare area on Nestor Street.
6. Students exit on the passenger side of your vehicle.
7. Check before pulling out to exit the area.
8. Right turn only on to Nestor Street when leaving.

9. Use crosswalks on Harwood Street and at the drive-thru area on Nestor Street.
10. Children need an adult crossing on Nestor Street; no crossing in front of school please

Terry Fox Run Update – Thank You!

The Nestor School Community raised \$1250.00 to support the Terry Fox Foundation – thank you for your generosity!

Best wishes for the rest of the week,

Mr. C. Hunter
Principal
Nestor Elementary School