

Dogs on Porter School Property

We recognize and appreciate that dogs are significant and adored members of some of our families, and caregivers take advantage of the morning and afternoon walk to school to exercise their dogs. We need to balance this with the acknowledgement that not all of our community members are comfortable with dogs. When dropping off and picking up your child, all dogs should be leashed and under the direct control of the owner. Dogs should never be off leash or tied unattended to fences or other objects. We also ask that owners be mindful not to enter the school with their dog and not to block the major entrances and exits to the school or be around the playfields/structures, as some of our students and parents are uncomfortable coming into contact with dogs.

Concerns have also been raised about dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. We are requesting that pet owners ensure that feces and residue is not left on school grounds, especially where children play, including the fields, wooded playground borders, and in many other areas of our school. While it is difficult for school staff to supervise school property usage during the evenings and weekends, the City of Coquitlam Bylaw Office has been contacted to help monitor school grounds during these times.

The staff at Porter Elementary School is working hard to ensure a safe and caring school environment and with your cooperation we hope to continue to work with all of our community members.

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