OCTOBER 22, 2024

COMING UP AT COYOTE CREEK



Dear Families of Coyote Creek,

We are thrilled to see our students thriving during this season of fall colours. The cool autumn breeze has ushered in not only a spirit of learning but also the excitement of new activities. Our Grade 7 students are eagerly gearing up for the volleyball season, ready to spike into action with enthusiasm and teamwork. Thank you to Mr. Lai, Mr. Johal, Mr. Poon and Ms. Fontana for coaching! With Halloween just around the corner, we are excited to invite students to wear their costumes on Thursday, October 31st. Please remember that costumes should be free of disturbing images or weapons, and while masks are not to be worn during the school day, they are welcome for our much-anticipated Halloween Parade. To keep the festive spirit alive, November 1st will be a cozy Pyjama Day, providing a relaxing transition after the Halloween fun. We look forward to celebrating these events with our wonderful students and families!

Warm regards,

Ms. Hillen, Ms. Gill and the Coyote Creek Staff

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October 28 - No events today October 29 - No events today October 30= Interim Reports Go Home October 31 - Halloween Parade (Students can wear costumes) November 1 - Happy Diwali!

LOOKING AHEAD

- November 4 Div. 15 & 16 Field Trip to Tynehead Park
- November 5 Individual photo retake day
- November 5 Early dismissal 1:28
- November 5 Parent teacher conference
- November 8 Non instructional day
- November 11 School closed for Remembrance Day
- November 15 Spirit Day: Character Day
- November 25 Div. 17, 19, 20, 21 Science World
- November 29 Spirit Day: Fan Friday
- December 2 Gr. 6 Immunizations; Div. 19&20 Field Trip
- December 5 PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- December 6 Spirit Wear: Ugly Sweater Day; Early Dismissal 1:28

December 23 - January 3 - School closed

January 6 - School Reopens

ATTENDANCE & LATE ARRIVALS

If you know your child will be away from school, please phone our school at 604 597 0858 and listen to the prompts (press 1) directing you to leave a message in our absentee mailbox. Alternatively, please email us at coyotecreek@surreysc hools.ca at any time throughout the day.

Additionally, we know mornings are busy times, but our teachers begin instruction at 8:35 and students who arrive late miss many wonderful parts of the morning learning routines. Students who arrive past 8:45, please report to the office.

LET'S KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE THIS COLD AND FLU SEASON





Stay home if you are not feeling well or are experiencing symptoms including fever and/or chills, recent onset of coughing, or diarrhea.

The general guidelines are:

- For fever: stay home until you do not have a fever and feel well enough to return to your regular activities.
- For undiagnosed vomiting and diarrhea: Stay home until there has been 24 hours since your last episode.

Staff, students or visitors can attend school if their symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies) or symptoms have improved enough to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities, and any fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication (e.g. acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

If a staff member, student or visitor develops symptoms of illness while at school and is unable to participate in regular activities, they should go home until their symptoms have improved.

> If you are unsure or concerned about your symptoms, please connect with your health care provider or call 8-1-1.



GET YOUR RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations remain the best defence against COVID-19 and influenza.



The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for everyone. This choice will be supported and treated with respect in all our schools. Disposable masks will continue to be available at our sites for those who wish to use them.



PARKING



As we continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of our school community, we would like to address an important matter concerning our parking and road safety protocols. It has come to our attention that some students and parents have been parking in the staff parking lot. This area is reserved exclusively for teachers and staff to ensure they have necessary access to their workspaces. We kindly ask that you refrain from using the parking lot that is for staff only. Additionally, we would like to remind everyone to exercise caution when driving to school and in the surrounding areas. Please adhere to all posted speed limits, be vigilant of pedestrians, and follow the drop-off and pick-up procedures to ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

RAIN DAYS & RAIN GEAR (CHANGE OF CLOTHES)



A REMINDER THAT AT RECESS AND LUNCH STUDENTS GO OUTSIDE RAIN OR SHINE. AS THE WEATHER CHANGES, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR THE WEATHER (JACKETS, BOOTS, ETC.), AS WELL AS A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS.

PAC MEETING Calling All Parents!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, GET INVOLVED, VOLUNTEER AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR PAC THIS YEAR! PAC VOLUNTEERS WORK TO SUPPORT SCHOOL FUNDING GOALS AND ENHANCE STUDENT EXPERIENCE. OUR PAC ALSO KINDLY RUNS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL. PAC CAN BE REACHED AT COYOTECREEKPAC36@GMAIL.COM

Next Meeting is December 5th at 6:30pm



Photo Retakes

Dress your best for student retake Photo Day on:

November 5th!



Oct. DO'S & DONTS

Halloween is fast-approaching, and as kids gear up for school events and a night of tricks and treats, it's important to remember to be safe and respectful while celebrating the spookiest time of the season. Students and staff alike may be excited to dress up, and it's important that costumes do not include elements of cultural appropriation or other potentially offensive themes.

Cultural appropriation is the unacknowledged or inappropriate adoption of customs, practices, ideas or elements of a culture or identity by members of another.

Some Halloween costumes may be unsuitable if they contain elements of:

- Race or ethnicity (i.e. blackface, brownface)
- Culture (i.e. Indigenous regalia/headdresses, hijabs, dreadlocks)
- Religion or faith (i.e. religious figures, gods, saints, gurus)
- Gender (i.e. gender switching for the purpose of humour or mockery)

 Ableism (i.e. mocking physical or mental abilities)
Some costumes may also be traumatic if they contain violent imagery, such as weaponry or a hangman's noose.
Students and staff are reminded that weapons (including fake ones) are not allowed at school, even as part of a costume. And everyone is urged to be mindful of cultural or racial stereotypes with their costumes, and consider if their outfit may be offensive to others.



On Nov. 01

We invite families who celebrate Diwali, to dress in cultural wear and share their traditions with our Coyote Creek Community.

Protect your children from respiratory illnesses this winter

Learn the best way to prevent illnesses this fall and winter.

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people breathe in or touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks here: <u>Masks (bccdc.ca)</u>

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to <u>get immunized</u>. The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: Immunizations - Fraser Health Authority

School-aged immunizations

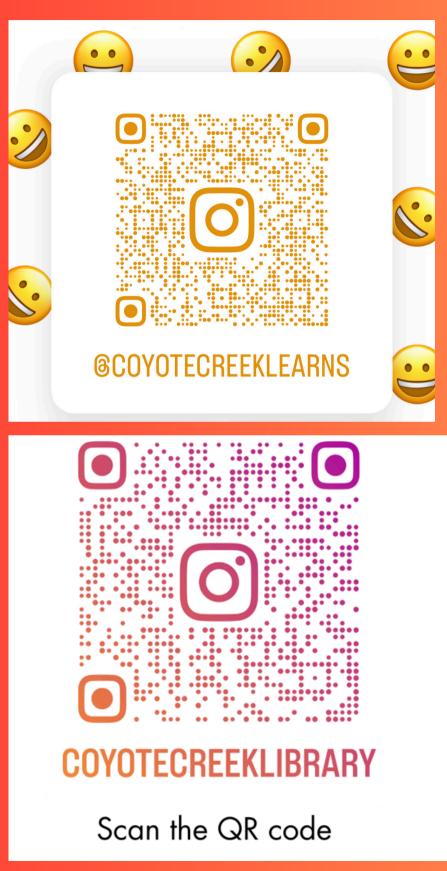
As children get older, the protection from some <u>infant immunizations</u> can wear off. Children can be at risk of new diseases as they enter kindergarten and, in their preteen and teen years. Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect them from many dangerous diseases.

All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child has not yet had all their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy. If your child's record shows their vaccines are not up to date but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

• Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.

• Report these immunizations to Public Health online at <u>Your paragraph text</u> Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: <u>Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority</u>





AFTERSCHOOL ROBOTICS PROGRAM





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Coding and Digital Arts









AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Beginner - L0 Coding (Gr1 to Gr4)

Beginner - L0 Digital Arts (Gr1 to Gr4)

Our coding classes make computer programmingThis program reimagines traditional art classes as fun and accessible for kids aged 6 to 9 throughdynamic digital experiences for the 21st century. play! With the visual coding tool Scratch, childrenEach week, kids explore AI-based digital tools that develop problem-solving, logical thinking, andbring their imaginations to life through fun creativity in a stress-free, playful environment.activities like digital drawing and animation,

Each session brings new challenges to keep both new and returning students excited, sparking an early interest in computer science pressure. Join us for coding sessions from 2:45 pmw

sparking a passion for future digital careers—no coding required, just creativity! Enroll now and withoutwatch your child's creativity soar in the digital

pressure. Join us for coding sessions from 2:45 pmworld! Sessions run from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm! to 4:00 pm!

Coding Only: Wednesdays: School Dismissal/2:45 pm to 4:00 pm: \$24.75/per class, Classes once a week. ~\$99/Month Coding & Digital Arts: Wednesdays: School Dismissal/ 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm: \$35/per class, Classes once a week. ~\$140/Month

OUR METHODOLOGY & COURSES

Level 0 (L0) - PLAY: Students are engaged in play with tech things and learn passively. Create positive experiences with Tech. ~1-2 years, ie; until they feel comfortable to move a Level 1. Level 1 (L1) - LEARN: Students follow a curriculum and learn fundamentals. 1 year. Level 2 (L2) - EXPERIENCE: Series of 3 month real life projects in robotics/coding. Build your portfolio. ~2 years.

Our programs offer flexibility and convenience for both students and parents. Kids can learn at school, at our centre, online, or switch between these options to suit your family's needs. Trial classes are available at our centre–contact us for details

DATES: Coding and Digital Arts: Wednesday, Oct 2, 2024 to Jan 22, 2025 LOCATION: Rented space at 8131 156 Street, Surrey, B.C. Canada V3S 3R4 (School's Library)

FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION VISIT

WWW.CLOVERDALEROBOTICS.CA

SELECT YOUR SCHOOL FROM THE REGISTER MENU PHONE: (604) 404-4124 EMAIL: INFO@CLOVERDALEROBOTICS.CA