

COAST MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY

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BIRTHDAY AND CLASS TREATS AT SCHOOL

We are requesting that families DO NOT send treats/sweets or any food items for the class to celebrate birthdays. We know that this is a kind gesture to help celebrate your child's birthday; we have decided not to have birthday treats at school for a variety of reasons, including:

- student allergies (many students have allergies or cannot eat the food provided which can cause students to feel left out)
- the distribution of food/snacks can be disruptive (given that we have between 18-29 students per class this happens often)
- there is unnecessary pressure on families to provide a treat for birthdays

This decision was made in consultation with the school staff and the PAC. Thank you for your understanding.

CAR SAFETY AND PARKING LOT RULES **LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

We want to continue to ensure the safety of every child at Coast Meridian. In addition, we need to ensure we have a CLEAR driveway for district and emergency vehicles. We appreciate your continuing cooperation in the following areas:

- The lower parking lot is for School District trucks, school busses and staff vehicles only. It is not to be accessed by parents before school for drop-off or after school for pick-up of students as this creates congestion and very unsafe areas for our students. *When you drop off student lunches, please park on the street and walk down to the school. Do not leave your car unattended in the front/lower school parking lot.*
- The upper parking lot is for student drop off and pick up.
- There is a 15 minute drop off/pick up zone on 168A Street in front of the school.
- Please DO NOT drop off your child by pulling over in front of the school driveway entrance. This blocks all traffic behind you and creates blind spots for others, which is dangerous for the children.
- Please be respectful of our neighbours as you park in the community. Do not block driveways, even 1 minute is too long to block others from entering or leaving their homes.
- Despite repeated cautions, every day we see parents and students walking across 168A Street unsafely and illegally with their children. The marked crosswalk on the north end of our school is the only safe way to cross 168A Street.
- Students must walk their bikes, scooters and skateboards as they cross the street and on the school grounds.
- Do not make stops or U-turns in front of our school as this creates very dangerous situations for pedestrians and vehicles alike.
- Kindly notify all adults who drop your children off or pick them up in of the above expectations.
- Please remember the school zone speed limit is 30km – we have seen many cars flying over the speed bumps and we do not want any children to get hurt.

Together, we can work to ensure the safest possible environment for our children.