

# Coyote Creek



*February 2026*

Dear Coyote Creek Families,

February is recognized as Black History Month—a time to honor the achievements, contributions, and experiences of Black individuals and communities, both past and present. Throughout the month, our students will engage in age-appropriate learning experiences that highlight Black history, culture, leadership, and resilience.

February also offers us an opportunity to celebrate the many diverse backgrounds, cultures, traditions, and stories represented within our Coyote Creek community. Our students and families bring a wide range of experiences that strengthen our school and help us learn from one another every day. We are proud to be a community where differences are valued and every student is encouraged to feel seen, respected, and included.

In February, our staff is helping students prepare to celebrate their heritage for **Heritage Day on February 12th**, along with a student-led performance in our upcoming **Diversity Assembly: Lights Around the World**. Ticket details for our parent community will be shared soon!

[Kindergarten registration is now open](#) for any children born in 2021.

Warm regards,  
Ms. Hillen, Mrs. Bruce  
& Coyote Creek staff



# Coming up...

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN

### February

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Div 7. Burnaby Museum
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Div 10, 11, 12, 13, (Gr 5s) Science World
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Hot lunch: Boston Pizza
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Family day (no school)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Div 13, 20 Skating
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Immunizations
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Floor Hockey Program (some divisions)
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Hot lunch: Bubble tea
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Day: twin day
- 20<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL (Pro-D)
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Pink Shirt Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Floor Hockey Program (some divisions)

### March

- 2-6<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Diversity Assembly: Lights Around the World (Parental Viewing opportunity)
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Div 24 and 25 Skating field trip





# WHAT'S *in the* ON



February 2026

"Think before you speak, read before you think." ~ Frank Lebowitz

## BOOK review



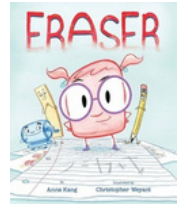
### Ballet Brown by Bellen Woodard

Bellen Woodard adores ballet and always looks forward to reaching new heights. Though as she moves through dance, she begins to notice that pink leotards, pink shoes, and pink or white tights – often referred to as ballet pink – are synonymous with ballet. But what about brown tights and shoes for dancers with brown skin? When her dance studio doesn't act, Bellen takes matters into her own hands and creates a way for all of us to see the "many beautiful colors of dance" – and she names it ballet brown.

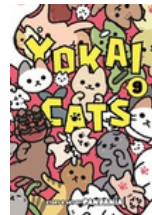
## NEW books



There were 95 new books added to the collection in the last month.



Students are really enjoying our growing Manga collection.



What advice do you get from a librarian?



**Believe in your shelf!**



## CIRCULATION stats

3,406 books were signed out of the library during January!

Kinders signed out 178 books  
Grade 1s signed out 325 books  
Grade 2s signed out 258 books  
Grade 3s signed out 372 books  
Grade 4s signed out 738 books  
Grade 5s signed out 776 book  
Grade 6s signed out 470 books  
Grade 7s signed out 289 books



There are currently **144 students** with overdue Library books!

**Tower challenge in the library!**



# Thank you Coyote Creek PAC!

Thank you to the PAC for hosting the movie  
night last Friday! The kids and family  
members sure enjoyed it! Thank you also for  
the amazing donation of **outdoor play  
equipment!**







**Coming  
Soon!**

Save the date: Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>!  
Diversity Assembly

Lights around the world: A celebration  
of our Coyote Creek Community.

*More information for parent  
viewing opportunities coming soon.*



# IT'S ALMOST HERE!



## Book Fair March 2 -6

COYOTE CREEK LIBRARY  
LEARNING COMMONS



Open Monday to Friday

8:00-8:30am

Monday to Thursday

2:30-3:30pm



K-3 students must have an adult  
with them if shopping before or  
after school



**NEW  
UPDATE**

# Lates & Attendance

Attendance Notification Update:  
Starting January 5th, if your child is marked absent and we have not received prior confirmation from a parent/guardian, **our primary method of contacting families for confirmation will now be via email.**

Please note that this does not replace the expectation that parents/guardians notify the school when their child will be absent. We kindly ask that you continue to contact the school office before **8:45 AM** by phone at **604-597-0858** or by email at [coyotecreek@surreyschools.ca](mailto:coyotecreek@surreyschools.ca).

Late students are asked to check in at the office.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain accurate attendance records.

# School Etiquette

Flex-days at Fleetwood Park: Older siblings are not able to visit staff during school hours and are not authorized to pick up siblings early (unless they are 18+ and on the pickup list).

Early pick-ups: Please ensure that all early pick-ups and appointments are communicated to your child's teacher in advance. This helps the teacher anticipate a pick-up when classes might be transitioning from music, gym, or other classes. It is especially important during emergency procedures, such as fire drills or lockdown drills, when access to the building may be temporarily restricted. You can find the staff directory here: [Teacher Directory](#)

Lunch drop-offs: We have a table at the front door where you can drop off forgotten lunches. Please label the lunch with the child's name and division. Please have lunches delivered before 11:40 am, and be reminded that we do not accept food deliveries from Uber, Skip the Dishes, or any other food delivery service.

Late Pick-ups: We've noticed an increase in students not being picked up on time during early dismissals and special schedule days (and regular school days). This creates safety and supervision challenges for the staff and stress on the children. Please make sure you are familiar with the school schedule and pick-up requirements.



# KINDERGARTEN & 2026/2027 REGISTRATION

OPENS JANUARY 12, 2026

REGISTER NOW





# School Policies

The lot is reserved for staff only as we have very limited spots to accommodate all who work in our school.

Please refrain from leaving your vehicle unattended in the drop off and pick up lane.

Exercise caution when driving near the school, adhere to posted speed limits, and follow drop-off/pick-up procedures to ensure everyone's safety.

Please refrain from bringing your pets on school grounds as it is a Local bylaw and District policy.

Many people are afraid of dogs and we would like to ensure our playgrounds remain sanitary for little hands at recess and lunch.

## Criminal Record Checks for Volunteers

**Our district has moved to a new online Criminal Record Check (CRC) system managed by Human Resources.**

**Volunteers can submit the Volunteer Form here: [FORM](#)**

**For questions about the CRC process, please email [volunteerchecks@surreyschools.ca](mailto:volunteerchecks@surreyschools.ca)**



# School Calendar

February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Day (Statutory Holiday)</b>
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm) Second Term Reports go home
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of School before Spring Break
March 16 <sup>th</sup> – March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Break – School Closed</b>
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Good Friday (Statutory Holiday)</b>
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)</b>
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class and Group Photos
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)</b>
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal at 1:28pm
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm) Third Term Reports go home

[Subscribe to our school calendar here](#)  
[Info on how to subscribe to our calendar](#)

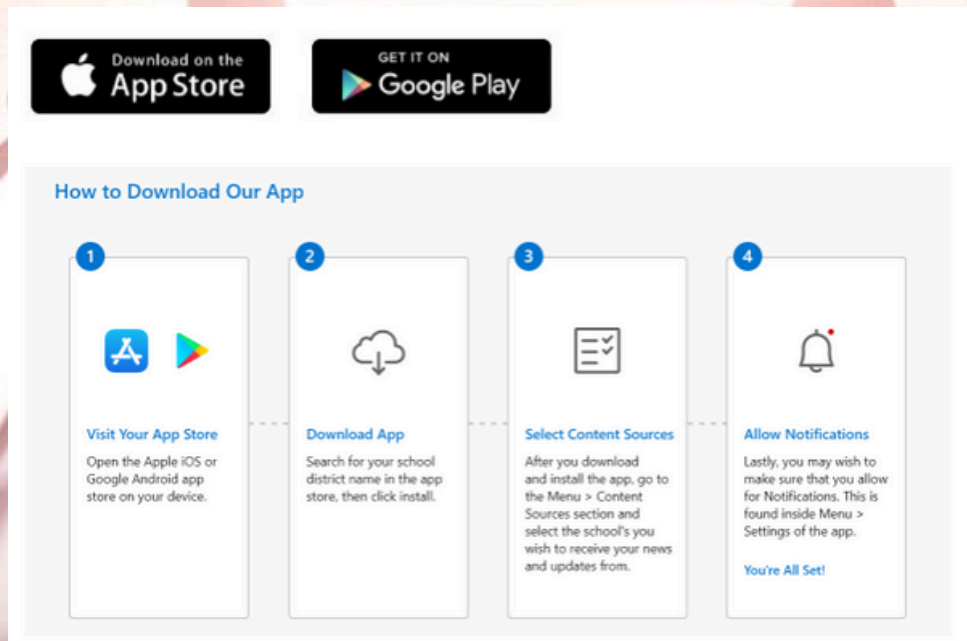




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Never miss an update! By downloading our school app, you'll have quick access to important dates, reminders, newsletters, and announcements—all in one convenient place. The app makes it easy to stay connected with what's happening at our school and ensures you have the latest information right at your fingertips.

## [Surrey Schools on the App Store](#)

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