

Coyote Creek

June 2026

Dear Coyote Creek Families,

We have reached the last day of school for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Bruce and I have had a terrific year being a part of this amazing school community.

Thank you to our amazing families, students and staff for such a positive and fun-filled school year 😊

Please see below for updates on next year, staff leaving Coyote Creek and a change in school administration.

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

JUNE

25th - Last Day of School, early dismissal 1:28 pm

26th - Administrative Day for Staff

HELLO SUMMER

GOODBYE

Thank you to our leaving staff for all of the things you have done for the students of Coyote Creek!

Goodbye to:

Ms. Ho, Mr. Duhra, Mrs. Nanda, Mrs. Miryans, Mrs. Sivia, Mrs. Yamamoto, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Toor, Ms. Randhawa, Mrs. Hagerty, Mrs. Harold, Ms. Sandhu, Ms. Beesla

**And happy retirement to Mr. Taylor
and Mrs. Geyer!**





Thank you!

Thank you PAC and Parents for all your support for the students of Coyote Creek this year!

2025/2026 Thank you!

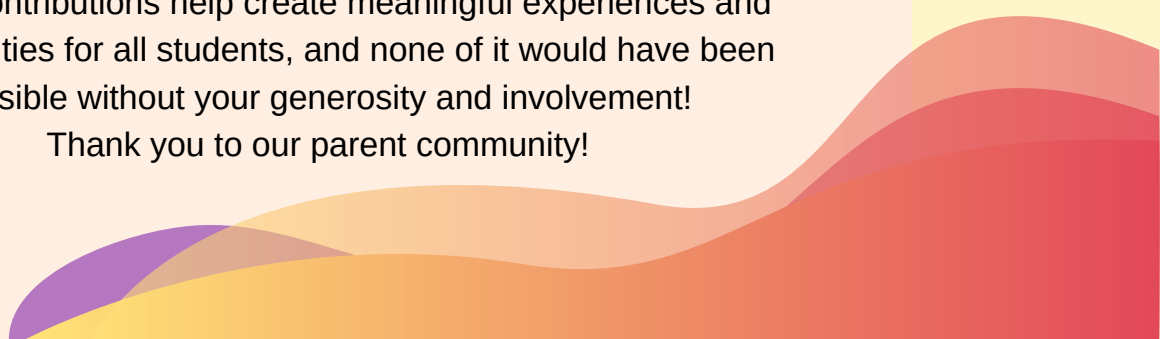
Thanks to your participation in our fundraising initiatives including: Halloween Social, HT Photography Christmas photos, Poinsettia sales, concession stands, movie night, Envision Financial donation and hot lunch program! We had a very successful 2025/2026 school year.

Your support allowed PAC to contribute to many important programs, events, and resources that enriched our students' educational experience, including:

- Terry Fox Foundation donation**
- Classroom enhancement funds**
- Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony contribution**
- Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch experience**
- Technology upgrades**
- School-wide Pancake Breakfast**
- Support for the Grade 3 fundraiser and Young Actors Program**
- Musical instrument replacements for the Music Program**
- Staff Appreciation Lunch and Professional Development Day treats**
- Freezie Rest Station for Sports Day**
- Library computer replacement**
- Sports equipment for outdoor play**

These contributions help create meaningful experiences and opportunities for all students, and none of it would have been possible without your generosity and involvement!

Thank you to our parent community!





Goodbye Mrs. Hillen

Over her five years at Coyote Creek, Ms. Hillen has not only built lasting relationships with students and families but has also created a true sense of belonging within the school community. She has guided and supported a team of over 100 dedicated educators and staff, each inspired by her unwavering commitment to putting students at the heart of every decision.

Ms. Hillen, it is with both gratitude and a heavy heart that we say goodbye. You will be deeply missed, and your absence will be felt in the hallways and hearts of all who have had the pleasure of knowing you. At the same time, we are so excited for the community at Lena Shaw. As you move on to this new chapter, we wish you endless joy, meaningful connections, and many more moments filled with laughter. Your impact at Coyote Creek will never be forgotten.



Welcome Mr. Marsden!

My name is Paul Marsden, and I am really looking forward to joining the Coyote Creek community as principal this September.

I have been a school administrator since 2009 and a principal since 2014. I have been at Beaver Creek Elementary since 2023. Prior to this, I was at Hazelgrove Elementary and Semiahmoo Trail Elementary. I was also a vice principal at two Surrey schools and have worked all over the district. Over my career I have taught at almost every elementary grade level, as well as Learning Support, but I spent most of my teaching years at grade 5 in the Delta School District.

I live in Delta with my family, two university-aged daughters, and our dog, Kona. I love to stay active and enjoy training, running, cycling, swimming, and playing tennis. My wife and I also have a passion for travel, and I'm always excited to experience new destinations and cultures.

I love my job, and helping to educate and nurture young people feeds my soul. I believe we have a vital duty in public education to prepare young people to live up to their potential in an ever-changing world, and schools need to be safe, caring, learning environments. I enjoy all aspects of school life and have a particular passion for sports, the arts, and mathematics.

I look forward to starting a new school year in September and meeting the students and families of Coyote Creek. If you have any questions over the summer, please reach out to me by email at marsden_p@surreyschools.ca. I will check my account periodically, but I do have some travel plans this summer. Please be patient if you message me and don't hear back right away.

All the best,
Paul



welcome!

Community Events

Connect & Learn | for Parents & Caregivers

Summer 2026 Event Series

Join us this summer! We are hosting a weekly event for parents and caregivers only, these are an informal opportunity to connect and learn with other families. Sorry, we don't provide childcare.

The video presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion by the Family Peer Support Workers on the Surrey ICY Team.

LOCATION: Maple Green Elementary at 14898 Spenser Dr, Surrey

TIME: 10:00 - 11:30 AM

COST: Free



DATES & TOPICS:

Thursday, July 9 - Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 4 to 8

Thursday, July 16 - Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 9 to 12

Thursday, July 23 - ADHD - The Real Deal

Thursday, July 30 - Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger

Thursday, August 6 - Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Age 13+

Thursday, August 13 - Now What? A beginning conversation for families when our kids begin experimenting with substances

Thursday, August 20 - Connecting With Our Kids When Anxiety Leads to Social Isolation.

Thursday, August 27 - Working Together: Families and Schools


QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: jen.weiss@familysmart.ca

TEXT/PHONE: (604) 607-9553



Register online at
familysmart.ca/events

A child with blonde hair is lying on their back on a grassy area, reading a blue book. Their right hand is raised near their head. The background shows green grass and parts of other people's clothing, including a blue shirt, a green and yellow striped shirt, and an orange shirt.

Kids who read for pleasure over summer break return to school performing significantly **BETTER** – and it only takes 15 minutes a day. No worksheets. Just the right book.

Summer reading ideas



Starts June 17!



**SURREY
LIBRARIES**
discover·connect·inspire



 Join the Summer Reading Club!

 Register at any library branch

 Read all summer and track your progress

 Earn stickers for every 7 days of reading

 Enjoy free programs and activities

 Complete your reading goal and collect your medal starting
August 4

Recommended goal: Read 15 minutes a day for 49 days!

Sora App

How To: Download Sora app

- **Search Surrey Schools sd36**
- **Login using district email & password**
- **Connect Surrey Libraries in account setting**
- **Read & listen to books!**

Free ebooks and audiobooks for all Surrey Schools students!

NEW

Looking Ahead... 2026 -27

Daily SCHEDULE 2026 -27

Principal: Vice-Principal: Head Secretary: Secretary: Secretary:	Paul Marsden Carla Bruce Kendra Fuller Sarah Mara Kate Watt
Warning Bell: Classes Start: Recess: Lunch: Lunch Recess: Classes Resume: Classes Dismissed: End of Supervision:	8:25 Line up outside the class 8:30 Class begins 10:00 – 10:15 am 11:45 am – 12:00 pm Eat 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Play 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm 2:30 pm Instruction ends 2:45 pm End of supervision

A large red arrow points to the right side of the calendar graphic.

Supervision is available only 15 minutes before and after school.
Families are expected to arrange for students to be picked up no later than 2:45 PM.

Stay up to date with weekly calendar updates and important school information by downloading the Surrey Schools App and selecting Coyote Creek as your school.

You can also visit our website at www.surreyschools.ca/coyotecreek and subscribe to the Coyote Creek calendar.

Looking Ahead...

2026 -27

School Calendar 2026-27

September 8th	Schools open
September 24th	Terry Fox Run/MeettheTeacher
September 25th	Non-Instructional Day
September 29th	Orange ShirtDay
September 30th	Truth and Reconciliation–Schools Closed
October 5th	Individual Photos
October 12th	ThanksgivingDay–Schools Closed
October 23rd	Non-Instructional Day
October 27th	Photo Retakes
October 30th	Halloween Parade
November 6th	Non-Instructional Day
November 11th	RemembranceDay–Schools Closed
November 18th	Parent TeacherConferences – Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
December 17th	First Term ReportsgoHome
December 18th	Last day of SchoolbeforeWinter Break
December 21 – January 1, 2027	Winter Break–SchoolsClosed
January 4th	Schools reopen
January 29th	Early Dismissal1:30pm
February 12th	Non-Instructional Day
February 15th	Family Day –SchoolsClosed
February 24th	Pink Shirt Day
March 11th	Second termReportsgohome
March 12th	Last day of SchoolbeforeSpring Break
March 15 – March 26	Spring Break–SchoolsClosed
March 29th	Easter Monday–SchoolsClosed
March 30th	Schools Reopen
April 8th	Early Dismissal1:30pm
May 3rd	Group Photos
May 7th	Non-Instructional Day
May 21st	Non-Instructional Day
May 24th	Victoria Day – Schools Closed
June 17th	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
June 24th	Last day of School, Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
June 25th	Administrative Day – Schools Closed

A photograph of a field of sunflowers at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The sunflowers are in the foreground, with their large, dark brown heads and bright yellow petals clearly visible. The background shows more sunflowers stretching into the distance.

**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.

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).

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.

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](#).

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](#)

**E-Scooters and E-Bikes
are not allowed on
school property**



June 25th

Last Day of School (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm) Third Term Reports go home

Get the School App!

Surrey Schools on the App Store



How to Download Our App

1



Visit Your App Store

Open the Apple iOS or Google Android app store on your device.

2



Download App

Search for your school district name in the app store, then click install.

3



Select Content Sources

After you download and install the app, go to the Menu > Content Sources section and select the school's you wish to receive your news and updates from.

4



Allow Notifications

Lastly, you may wish to make sure that you allow for Notifications. This is found inside Menu > Settings of the app.

You're All Set!