



Coyote Creek

March 2026

Dear Coyote Creek Families,

February was a meaningful month at Coyote Creek as we recognized Black History Month and celebrated both Family Day and Heritage Day. These opportunities allowed students to reflect on diversity, culture, and the importance of community.

As we approach Spring Break, we look forward to our upcoming Diversity Assembly, which will celebrate the many backgrounds and experiences that make our school strong. Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up soon (in some divisions), and report cards will be sent home shortly — we encourage families to connect with teachers to discuss student progress.

We also have a few hot lunches, field trips, and a Spirit Day (March 13 - Tropical Day) planned before the break. It's a busy and exciting time of year!

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

March

2-6th - Scholastic Book Fair

5th - Fire Drill: notify teachers of dismissals

5th - Diversity Assembly: Lights Around the World

(Parental Viewing opportunity 1:00)

6th - Div 24 and 25 Skating Field Trip

6th - Hot lunch: Little Caesars

12th - Parent-Teacher conferences, reports go home

13th - Spirit Day: Tropical day

13th - Hot Lunch: Ming n Sing

March 16th to 27th - Spring Break, schools closed

30th - School reopens

Book Fair

March 2 -6

Open Monday to Friday

8:00-8:30am

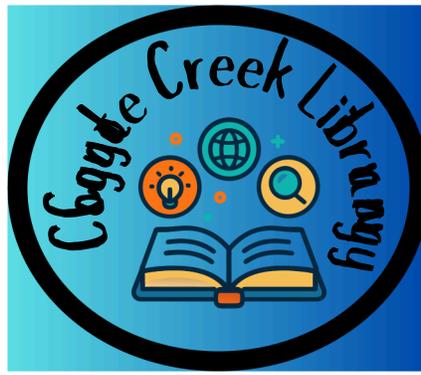
Monday to Thursday

2:30-3:30pm

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

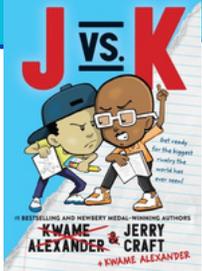


WHAT'S ON *in the*



March 2026
"Think before you speak, read before you think." ~ Fran Lebowitz

BOOK review



J vs.K
 by Kwame Alexander & Jerry Craft

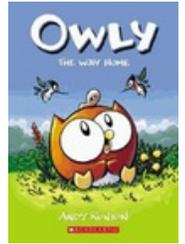
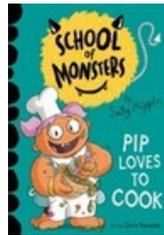
J and K are the most creative fifth graders at Dean Ashley Public School.

J loves to draw and his wordless stories are J-ENIUS! K loves to write and his stories are K-LASSIC!! Both J and K are determined to win the annual creative storytelling contest or at least get in the top five. And when they find out that they are both entering The Contest, it's the beginning of one of the most intense rivalries the world has ever seen. This epic match-up from Newbery medal winners Kwame Alexander (*The Crossover*) and Jerry Craft (*New Kid*) celebrates comics, creativity, and the magic of collaboration.

NEW books



Many new books were added to our Early Reader collection. These books are great for students who are new to reading, or new to reading in English.



Why did the library book feel so confident?



It had spine!



Kinders exploring and playing during library time

CIRCULATION stats

3,152 books were signed out of the library during February!

- Kinders signed out 162 books
- Grade 1s signed out 294 books
- Grade 2s signed out 295 books
- Grade 3s signed out 342 books
- Grade 4s signed out 669 books
- Grade 5s signed out 690 books
- Grade 6s signed out 375 books
- Grade 7s signed out 325 books



There are currently
262
 overdue Library books!



DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

March 5th

1:00 PM

DIVISIONS PERFORMING:

Divisions 29, 28, 27, 26

Divisions 24, 25, 23, 22

Division 13

Select student performers from Divisions 1-5

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PURCHASE ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



**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).

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



Our School District's Integrated Child & Youth (ICY) Team includes a dedicated Family Peer Support Worker from [FamilySmart](#). Our trained Family Peer Support Workers can host free, in person educational events on mental health or substance use topics for parents and caregivers at your school. At the event, they will watch a short video that provides professional expertise, followed by a supportive discussion as they share experiences and strategies that can help caregivers strengthen their understanding and connection with their kids. These events are designed for parents and caregivers only, childcare is not available.

FamilySmart will create posters, manage registration, set up and host the event. The school provides the space, chairs, a projector, and screen.

Events can be one hour or 90 minutes in length. Please see below for more information about the topics and types of events that your school can offer through the ICY Family Peer Support Worker.

One Hour Events

One Hour Events are informal welcoming opportunities for parents and caregivers to connect and learn with other families in the school community. They include watching a short video followed by a discussion facilitated by the Family Peer Support Worker.

Digital Wellbeing and Our Kids' Mental Health [Length of Video: 17 minutes]

Technology and screens can make parenting extra hard, and maybe even more so when our kids have mental health challenges. Let's talk about the challenges and how we can make it a bit easier for us and for our kids, and learn from Dr. Kristy Goodwin, a Digital Wellbeing and productivity researcher, speaker, author and consultant.

Segment of Video:  [A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health](#)

Parenting When Our Kids Are Struggling With Their Mental Health [Length of Video: 9 minutes]

When our kids have mental health challenges, parenting can be especially hard. Let's talk about what helps to make it a bit easier. Join us and learn from Karen Peters, a Registered Clinical Counsellor.

Segment of Video:  [Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 4 to 8](#)

Parenting Kids With ADHD [Length of Video: 15 minutes]

When our kids have ADHD, parenting can be hard and overwhelming. Join us to watch a short video about the ADHD brain and to talk about what helps to make parenting a bit easier. Learn from Dr. Don Duncan, a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

Segment of Video:  [ADHD - The Real Deal](#)

Caring For Ourselves So We Can Care For Our Kids [Length of Video: 6 minutes]

Taking care of ourselves helps us take care of our kids. But making time for ourselves can be hard. Why is self-care so important and what can self-care look like as a parent? The Child Mind Institute can help us understand. Let's come together, learn, and share our thoughts about self-care.

Video (external): [Caring for Ourselves](#) (from Child Mind Institute)

90 Minute Events

90 Minute Events are informal, welcoming opportunities for parents and caregivers to connect and learn with other families in the school community. They include watching a full length video followed by a discussion facilitated by the Family Peer Support Worker.

A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health [Length of Video: 35 minutes]

As parents, we struggle with balancing our children's time spent in the digital world and what we consider the real world. It's not easy to know how much time spent on technology is too much, and how to set boundaries that don't create conflict. Join us to watch this video conversation with Dr. Kristy Goodwin, a digital wellbeing expert, and to learn some practical solutions to our everyday concerns and challenges around our kids' use of screens and their mental health.

Video:  [A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health](#)

ADHD - The Real Deal [Length of Video: 34 minutes]

ADHD doesn't just affect the person living with ADHD. It also affects those around them. As parents of kids living with ADHD, we can benefit from learning what ADHD is and how to support our kids. Dr. Duncan dispels some myths and explains how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does. Join us in person to watch this video presentation from Dr. Don Duncan, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

Video:  [ADHD-TheRealDeal](#)

Beyond Behaviors Ages 4 - 8 [Length of Video: 25 minutes]

Why can it feel so tricky to tell if our kids are on track, going through a phase, as opposed to struggling with something more, or something beyond behaviours? Learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, as she talks with us about the developmental stages of children 4 to 8 years old and what might be some signs of mental health challenges at this age.

Video:  [Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like at Ages 4 to 8](#)

Beyond Behaviors Ages 9 - 12 [Length of Video: 43 minutes]

Why can it feel so tricky to tell if our kids are on track, going through a phase, as opposed to struggling with something more, or something beyond behaviours? Learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, as she talks with us about the developmental stages of children 9 to 12 years old and what might be some signs of mental health challenges at this age.

Video:  [Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like Ages 9 to 12](#)

Beyond Behaviors Ages 13+ [Length of Video: 42 minutes]

Why can it feel so tricky to tell if our kids are on track, going through a phase, as opposed to struggling with something more, or something beyond behaviours? Learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, as she talks with us about the developmental stages of children 13 years and older, and what might be some signs of mental health challenges at this age.

Video:  ["Beyond Behaviours: When Is It More? What It Looks Like Ages 13+"](#)

Connecting with Our Kids When Anxiety Leads to Social Isolation [Length of Video: 38 minutes]

When kids spend a lot of time alone because of their anxiety, it can be frustrating and challenging for parents. Join us to watch this video conversation with Christine M. Yu, M.A., Registered Clinical Counsellor, and a parent as they talk about the hard stuff. Learn some strategies that can help us connect with our kids when they are socially isolated.

Video: [Connecting With Our Kids When Anxiety Leads to Social Isolation](#)

Emotion Regulation [Length of Video: 42 minutes]

When kids frequently have big emotions, parenting can be overwhelming and tiring. As parents, we play an important part in helping our kids manage their big emotions. Learn about emotion regulation and dysregulation. Join us to watch this video conversation with Nicole Allen, Registered Clinical Counsellor and Victoria Keddis, a parent with lived experience, to discover some strategies and skills that you can try to make it easier for your kids and you.

Video: [Emotion Regulation](#)

Explosive Behaviour in Teens: Strategies to Empower Families [Length of Video: 43 minutes]

When our teens show up in explosive ways, we might sometimes blame ourselves, or not know how to respond during those hard, explosive moments. Finding help can feel challenging. Learn with us as Kirk Shields-Priddy (MSW/RSW Group and Family Therapist with Fraser Health START Program) explains some causes of explosive behaviour in teens, and strategies for parents and teens. Discover some approaches that can help us when we are starting to explore resources and supports for our teens' explosive behaviour.

Video: [Explosive Behaviour In Teens: Strategies to Empower Families](#)

For Families: A Conversation About Eating Disorders [Length of Video: 39 minutes]

Knowing how to help our kids who are experiencing an eating disorder can be a terrifying, isolating and overwhelming experience. Learn about disordered eating, what to be aware of, the importance of connection, and strategies that help support recovery. Learn as Victoria Keddis hosts a conversation with Eating Disorders Therapist & Educator Carmen Kaufmann; a young person with lived experience; and a parent with lived experience.

Video: [For Families: A Conversation About Eating Disorders](#)

Mental Health And Preparing Students for the Transition to Post-Secondary Education

[Length of Video: 31 minutes]

After high school, post-secondary education for our youth can be exciting but also stressful if they have struggled with their mental health. Learn from Dawn Schell from the University of Victoria and Melissa Feddersen from the University of British Columbia (Okanagan). Discover some ways we can prepare our youth for school, and support their mental health and independence while they are at school.

Video: [Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary](#)

Now What? A beginning conversation for families when our kids begin experimenting with substances

[Length of Video: 27 minutes]

Learning that our kids are using substances can be scary. Our fears about substance use can affect how we react. This is a beginning conversation to help parents self-reflect on how they show up to talk to their kids about their substance use. Learn with us while Victoria Keddiss hosts a conversation with Douglas Hardie, Registered Clinical Counsellor.

Video:  [Now What? A beginning conversation for families when our kids begin experimenting with substa...](#)

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder: It's More Than Overwashing Your Hands [Length of Video: 29 minute]

Living with OCD can present unique challenges that affect both our kids and us. For those living with it, simple tasks become overwhelming and disrupt daily life. Learn from Dr. Katherine McKenney, R. Psychologist and Director, Cornerstone Child & Family Psychology Clinic and Kelsey, a young adult who lives with OCD. Together they discuss ways to strengthen our understanding and support for our kids living with OCD.

Video:  [Obsessive Compulsive Disorder It's More Than Overwashing Your Hands](#)

Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger [Length of Video: 42 minutes]

When our kids' anxiety shows up as anger, parenting can be extra hard. Learn about anxiety and anger, and some strategies that can help you before, during and after these hard moments. Join us to watch this video conversation with Karen Peters, MA, RCC Registered Clinical Counsellor.

Video:  [Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger](#)

Self Harm: There Is Always Help, There Is Always Hope [Length of Video: 29 minutes]

Realizing that your child is self-harming can be scary and confusing. Learn from Ciara, a young person with lived experience, and Kim Leifso, a therapist, as they talk about why some kids harm themselves. Learn some healthy coping strategies for your child and you, and discover helpful ways to respond to your child.

Video:  [Self Harm There is Always Help, There is Always Hope](#)

Substance Use & the Power of Support [Length of Video: 25 minutes]

Connection and relationship can make a difference in substance use and addiction. Guy Felicella, a renowned advocate and international speaker who has overcome a two-decade substance use disorder, passionately promotes harm reduction, trauma therapy, and faster access to treatment using his story of resilience and recovery. Learn how we can show care not just for our kids, but for the broader community impacted by substance use disorder.

Video:  [Substance Use and the Power of Support](#)

Supporting Safety at Home When Your Child Has a Mental Health Crisis [Length of Video: 35 minutes]

When your child or youth has had a mental health crisis, knowing how to keep them safe can be overwhelming. Our concerns can include suicidal thoughts, self-harming, aggression or any situation where you or your child is concerned about their safety. Learn from a Director at the BC Crisis Centre and a Family Peer Support Worker at Surrey Memorial Hospital's Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Stabilization Unit about some ways that can help us plan to keep them safe at home.

Video: [Supporting Safety at Home When Your Child Has a Mental Health Crisis](#)

Teens and Schools [Length of Video: 33 minutes]

For teens struggling with their mental health and/or substance use challenges, secondary school can be tough. How can we support our teens, their education, and their mental health during these times? Learn from Jeremy Church, a school principal, and a parent who talk about what they have done to help things go better for teens in high school.

Video: [Teens and Schools](#)

Understanding, Supporting and Connecting with Teens with Depression [Length of Video: 44 minutes]

When our teens are struggling with depression, we can feel lost about how to best support them. How do we know when they are experiencing a mental health challenge and when should we intervene? Learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor, and Victoria Keddis, a parent with lived experience, as they talk about how depression shows up in teens and ways of journeying with them through it.

Video: [Understanding, Supporting and Connecting with Teens with Depression](#)

Working Together: Families and Schools [Length of Video: 33 minutes]

When our kids struggle with their mental health, school can be hard for them. Let's talk about how we can help our kids by focusing on their strengths, and building relationships with their school. Learn from Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at École KLO Middle School.

Video: [Working Together: Families and Schools](#)



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

School Calendar

March 13 th	Last day of School before Spring Break
March 16 th – March 27 th	Spring Break – School Closed
April 3 rd	Good Friday (Statutory Holiday)
April 6 th	Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)
May 1 st	Non-Instructional Day
May 4 th	Class and Group Photos
May 18 th	Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)
May 25 th	Non-Instructional Day
May 29 th	Early Dismissal at 1:28pm
June 25 th	Last Day of School (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm) Third Term Reports go home

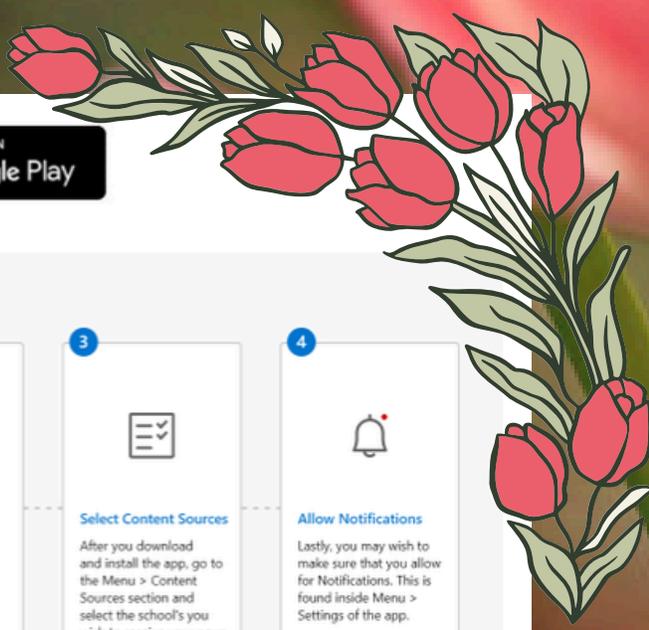
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