



COAST MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY

Principal: Mrs. Amber Flanagan
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A Message from the Principal

It has been quite an extraordinary year! It is truly remarkable that we have been attending school all year, which is not the case in all parts of our country, and we are extremely proud of the students, staff and parents of Coast Meridian Elementary! Similar to the end of every school year, teachers have been busy working on report cards and wrapping up different units and themes in their classrooms, and everyone seems to be looking forward to summer.

Our Coastal Community week was a success as class participated in various activities throughout the week. The whole school went outside to Read and Relax on the field together, which provided a wonderful opportunity to do something together. Division 2 planned a challenging Scavenger Hunt classes participated in. It was not easy, but they all succeeded and made to the final spot for a group picture. Throughout the week, we enjoyed the variety of flowers classes put up in their windows for a Garden Walk on Friday. It was a great week that ended with our Grade 7 celebration on Friday night. Thank you to the parents who worked hard to create the beautiful decorations used to create spaces for students to celebrate and thank you to our PAC for contributing funds to make this possible. I would also like to thank the many staff who work hard to plan and help run this event!

Thank you to the PAC who provided a wonderful treat bag for staff to say thank you. It was much appreciated! We would also like to that the PAC for continuing to provide fundraising opportunities for our school this year and parents for supporting those fundraisers through their orders. All of the money raised goes towards supporting our school. Thank you!!

Although we are still awaiting detailed guidelines regarding our Back-to-School Health and Safety Guidelines, it is looking like many of our typical school structures will be back! Please look for further information from the School District in late August about what exactly those guidelines will be. In the meantime, relax and enjoy your summer. It will be so nice to be able to see friends and family many have not seen in a long time. We look forward to seeing you in September!

EARLY DISMISSAL TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JUNE 24 AT 1:30 P.M.

Important September dates:

These dates/times may change according to Health & Safety recommendations.

- September 7 Gr. 1-7 students attend from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
K's attend from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- September 8 First full day of classes for Gr. 1-7
- September 22 Student Photo Day
- September 24 Terry Fox Run
- September 27 Professional Day – no classes
- September 30 Orange Shirt Day

School Supplies

School supply lists can be found under the purple "Parents" tab on our school website at:
www.surreyschools.ca/schools/coastmeridian
You may choose to go to a store of your choice and purchase the supplies yourself or supplies can be ordered on-line through Creative Packs and they will deliver the supplies directly to the school. Their website is: www.creativepacks.ca

Ordering Deadlines

Creative Packs ordered before Sunday, July 4th will receive free shipping to the school. These will be waiting for your child on their return to school in September.

Packs ordered after Sunday, July 4th will pay a \$10.65 home delivery charge.

Packs ordered after Monday, August 2nd will pay a \$14 home delivery charge.



Are you Moving?

As we begin to plan our school organization for the next school year, we are looking carefully at the number of students we anticipate for September. We appreciate you communicating to us your plans. If you are not planning to return to Coast Meridian Elementary, or if your plans change over the summer, please contact the office at 604-574-6036. This information is critical in our planning for next year. If your child will be absent during the first day, please let the office know. Attendance on the first day (September 7th) is mandatory to help us determine the exact number of students we have in order to start organizing classes for the year.

Farewell to Staff

When the school year ends, it is always hard to say goodbye to staff and students who will not be returning in September. We would like to wish the following staff members good luck in their new positions. You will be missed Ms. Huynh, Ms. Ansah, Mrs. Aspinall, Ms. Didak, Ms. Dai, Ms. Tokawa, Mr. Rauw, Mrs. Wilson, Ms. Bains, Ms. Ghag, Ms. Ndayisenga, Ms. Long.

Welcome New Staff

We would like to welcome the following staff members to our Coast Meridian family: Ms. Corness (returning teacher), Ms. Pataky (Band), Ms. Nijjar (teacher), Ms. Singh (CYCW) .

The Importance of Summer Routines

We are all looking forward to the summer and wish you and your families the very best over the break. This is an opportune time to continue your child's learning without the confines of a school building. We believe that summer can be a more relaxed time and not a time where a child should feel that their learning has stopped.

For growing children the amount of sleep that is recommended is between 8 and 10 hours per night and staying up late regularly has negative physical and mental implications for their development.

Although routines will loosen over the summer, we do recommend that your child still follow a schedule, which will allow them to keep regularity in their environment. Keeping a 'Shape of the Day' on your fridge is just one example of helping your child know what is happening that day. It becomes very difficult for children to switch from total freedom to the rigors of a school schedule; so in order for children to ease back and forth between the two we recommend that they continue to write journals, to read for pleasure and to have family discussions mixed with their play and vacation time.

Summer is the perfect time for families and friends to reconnect and to have flexibility in children's schedules. We encourage that they do this within the umbrella of continuing their learning and physical activity. In doing this, try and limit screen time and enjoy the outdoors. Focus on interactive social connections and less on social media. All of this will lead to an easy transition back to school.

