

# COAST MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY

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Website: [www.surreyschools.ca/schools/coastmeridian](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/coastmeridian)

## Upcoming Dates:

### October:

- 22 Early Dismissal (1:30 pm) for parent/teacher conferences**  
**23 Professional Day (no school)**  
 29 Pumpkin Patch at the school  
 30 Halloween activities

### November:

- 4 Photo Day for Blended Learners & Retakes  
**6 Professional Day (no school)**  
 11 School closed for Remembrance Day Stat  
 25 Neufeld Farms food pickup

### December:

- 9 Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)**

Winter Break is December 19 – January 3

## Early Dismissal

Tomorrow, Thursday, October 22nd we will have our first early dismissal and students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. to allow for telephone or virtual conferences. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's first term performance with their teacher. Please call the office (604-574-6036) or connect with your child's teacher to book an appointment. Remember that you never need to wait for a parent/teacher conference date to discuss student progress. Simply contact the teacher directly by leaving a note in your child's planner, or leave a message at the office to arrange an appointment or phone conference. Please remember to pick your children up at 1:30 pm tomorrow.

## Halloween

On **Thursday, October 29**, we will have a pumpkin patch on our school grounds. Classes will go out in cohorts to safely choose a pumpkin. Thank you to the PAC for helping set up our pumpkin patch and purchasing a pumpkin for every student! Please send your child with a strong bag - either reusable or a double grocery bag with their name to carry their pumpkin home.



On **Friday, October 30**, many students will choose to wear their Halloween costumes to school to participate in Halloween festivities in their classrooms. Due to our current Health and Safety guidelines, we will be celebrating in classrooms this year. Teachers will send out more details about what is happening in each classroom. A few general reminders:

- Masks are generally not allowed to be worn at school, however, if it is an integral part of your child's costume and is appropriate for school, your child's teacher may allow it to be worn in the classroom.
- The District prohibits replica or pretend weapons on the school property, even as part of a Halloween costume. These include plastic swords, knives, guns, lasers and even pitchforks. Please be sure your child does not bring these items to school as part of their costume.
- If costumes are intricate, please remember that all students go outside at recess and lunch, so such costumes could become dirty or damaged during play.
- Please do not send special snacks to the school for the students. Unfortunately food cannot be shared between students this year.

## **Picture Retakes**

Lifetouch will be at the school for photos during the afternoon of Wednesday, November 4th. Our blended classes will have their photos taken and if your child had their picture taken and you are not satisfied, or they were absent for the first photo, the company will do retakes as well. Please remind your child that you would like them to have their photo retaken.

## **Dress for the Weather**

Students should be dressed properly for all types of weather as we feel strongly in the benefits of fresh air and exercise for healthy bodies and minds. Particularly this year it is important for students to have as much outside time as possible. As a result, we seldom keep the children inside, except in extreme weather conditions that could pose safety hazards. Please dress your child in a raincoat, boots and send an umbrella for our rainy days. A change of clothing should also be sent which will be kept in the classroom in case your child has a fall or gets wet outside.



## **Stay Connected with our School Website**

Our school website is:

[www.surreyschools.ca/schools/coastmeridian](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/coastmeridian)

The website is full of information about the school, upcoming events, newsletters and reminders. Please remember to sign up on the website and you will automatically receive newsletters through your e-mail.

Another great way to keep informed is to sign up for the free App called School Link. This app provides news, announcements, alerts, school closure reminders, urgent notifications, contact information and featured stories from the District and the schools that you choose. The app keeps you up to date with information from any of the Surrey schools that are important to you.



We will also be using MyEd to send out important messages to families, so if your email changes, please let the office know so we can update in the system.

We will use all of the above methods to send out information regarding Health and Safety, including any letters that Fraser Health asks us to send home.

## **PAC Fundraisers**

The PAC has a few upcoming fundraisers this Fall. Neufeld Farms, Scholastic Book Fair (Virtual) and Purdy's chocolates. Information about each of these has either already come home or is on its way. Thank you for supporting these amazing fundraisers!

## **Student Drop-Off**

Please do not drive through the lower parking lot to drop off or pick up your children from school. Parent parking is provided on the street or the upper parking lot. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

## **Student Absences**

Please call the school if your child will be absent from school. We have an answering machine to take calls during the evening, so feel free to leave us a message. Please remember to leave your child's full name and division, plus any symptoms they are experiencing.

## **Terry Fox Run – Thank You!**

Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff for participating in

the Terry Fox Run this year. Although the run was done differently than in the past, students participated and families made donations on-line. This year our school donated \$480.00



## **Halloween at the Surrey Pentecostal Church**

On Halloween night, the Surrey Pentecostal Church which is located at 16870-80 Ave invites families to trick or treat safely outside the church from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. For more information, please call the 604-574-2403. This Halloween event usually happens in our school parking lot but the location has changed this year.