

Coming up at Coyote Creek

October 2025



Dear Coyote Creek Families ,

October has arrived in full color, and we are enjoying the crisp air and vibrant fall atmosphere here at school! It's a busy and exciting time of year, and I wanted to take a moment to share some upcoming events and special celebrations happening this month in our school community.

PAC Meeting – Thursday, October 9th at 6:15 PM

We invite all parents and guardians to attend our upcoming PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting. This is a great opportunity to stay connected, share ideas, and support school initiatives. Your voice matters, and we'd love to see you there!

Hot Lunches Our hot lunch program is underway! Thank you to all the volunteers and PAC members who help make this possible. Please be sure to check the order deadlines and menus so your child doesn't miss out. Hot lunches are a fun treat for students and help raise funds for school activities.

Thanksgiving – Monday, October 13th (School Closed)

As we head into Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for our students, staff, and families. We are thankful for the care, support, and collaboration that make our school such a special place.

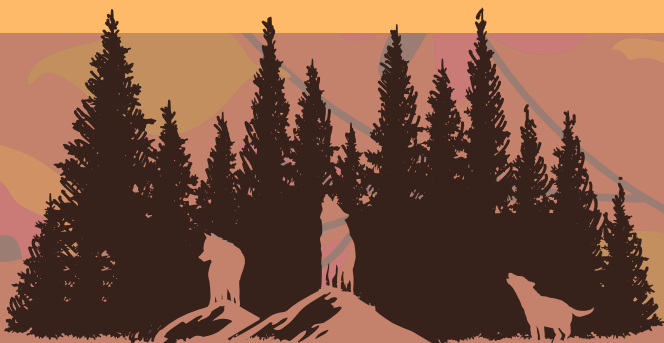
Diwali – October 20th We look forward to recognizing and learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. This is a time for celebrating the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. We'll be sharing stories and cultural activities in class, and we invite families who celebrate Diwali to reach out if they would like to contribute or share traditions with students.

Día de los Muertos – October 31st–November 2nd Later in the month, we will also be recognizing Día de los Muertos, a beautiful tradition that honors and remembers loved ones who have passed. Through art, storytelling, and reflection, students will have the opportunity to learn about the cultural significance of this celebration.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're proud to foster an inclusive, respectful school culture that celebrates the diverse traditions within our community.

Warm regards,

Ms. Hillen, Mrs. Bruce, and the Coyote Creek staff



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"Success For All"

Coyote Creek Elementary Newsletter

Date: October 1st, 2025

To: Parents and Guardians of Coyote Creek Elementary

Dear Coyote Creek Families,

We hope this message finds you well! As we continue to strive for excellence in education at our school of 754 students, we recognize the importance of equipping our children with the tools they need for success. To that end, we are excited to announce our upcoming fundraiser aimed at enhancing our technology resources. Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) kindly supports this effort to build our technology inventory for students. Currently we only have 16 laptops available on a cart for our entire school, this is simply not enough for our large community of learners, and we want to ensure that every student has access to the technology they need to thrive in today's digital age. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to purchase 15 laptops, providing our students with more opportunities to engage with technology in the classroom. We are reaching out to you, our supportive community, to help us achieve this goal. Every contribution counts, no matter how big or small.

Additionally, for donations of \$25 or more, you will be eligible for a charity donation tax credit, making your generosity go even further. You can easily donate on-line through this link: SchoolCashOnline.com: Fee Details and selecting the fund destination as Coyote Creek. You can select the amount you wish to donate, making it easy and convenient to contribute. If you are reading this letter in a hard copy version, you can go to www.surreyschools.ca and click on DONATE at the top mid-right hand side, (font is grey), then scroll down to "how to donate" and click on the hyperlink "donate on line".

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to enhancing the educational experience at Coyote Creek. Together, we can make a significant impact on our students' learning opportunities.

Warm regards,
Larissa Hillen and Carla Bruce
Principal / Vice Principal

Please feel free to share this message with friends and family who may also wish to contribute! Every dollar helps us get closer to our goal. Thank you!

Coming up...

October

9th - PAC Meeting at 6:15 in the Library

10th - Hot lunch: Subway

13th - Deadline for Grade 7 hoodie orders

13th - Thanksgiving (School Closed)

17th - Hot lunch: Kesari

20th - Diwali

22nd - Hot lunch: Mini donuts (snack)

24th - Non-instructional day (School Closed)

31st - Halloween Parade



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4		
	Non-instructional day	National Day for Truth & Reconcilia...	Canadian Islamic History Month German Heritage Month Latin American Heritage Month LGBTQ2+ History Month Women's History Month Yom Kippur					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
World Teachers' Day	Mid-Autumn Festival			6:15 PM PAC Meeting - Library, 6:15...		International Day of the Girl Child		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
	Thanksgiving Day					Person's Day		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	Diwali				Non-instructional day			
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1		
					Halloween Halloween Parade	Hindu Heritage Month		

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NO Riding E-Scooters or E-Bikes on School Grounds

 No riding on school property

Dismount before entering



Walk your scooter or bike

Always wear a helmet



*If you don't follow the rules, you may lose the right to
bring your scooter/bike to school*

Government of BC Rules:

E-Scooter Rules:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/
driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-
rules](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/electric-kick-scooter-rules)

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E-Bike Rules:

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restrictions-rules](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/cycling-regulations-restrictions-rules)

SCAN ME



We care about your safety!

Messages from the **PAC**

The first PAC meeting for
2025/2026 is scheduled for
Thursday October 9th 2025
@ 6:15PM in the School Library

Hot Lunch Ordering - link

Friday, October 10, 2025 (order deadline October
3) Subway

Friday, October 17, 2025 (order deadline October
10) Kesari

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 (order deadline
October 15) Mini Doughnuts



After School

ART PROGRAM at

8131 156 St. SURREY BC V3S 3R4



Join us for an exciting after-school Art Program, conveniently held right after school at your child's school! Students will explore Drawing, Watercolors, Acrylic Painting, Clay Modelling, Shading and various techniques to unleash their creativity.

Sign up today & let your imagination soar!



<https://neighbourhoodartstudios.com/register/>



Day: Thursday 2:45 to 4:15 PM

(Grade 1 - 6)

Date: Oct. 16 to Dec. 04 / 2025

Fee: \$160.00 (Art Supplies included) + GST

Location: Open Space in 300

- Drawing • Watercolour • Oil Pastels • Clay Modelling • Acrylic Painting
- Spaces are limited, so register soon!**

REGISTER ONLINE

www.neighborhoodartstudios.com

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OUTSIDE THE ORDINARY

8131 156TH ST,
SURREY, BC

\$245
9 SESSIONS

KREATIV KOALAS

 **FALL ART CLASSES**
GRADES K-7 (AGES 5-13)

MON, OCT 6 - DEC 15, 2025 *NO CLASS ON
OCT 13 & NOV 10

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

2:30PM - 3:30PM

DRAWING & PAINTING

Celebrate the season of creativity and change through drawing, painting, and mixed media exploration. Each week features a new prompt from forest animals and cozy cabins to fall landscapes, favorite characters, and Picasso-inspired oil pastel self-portraits.

www.kreativkoalas.com

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★ Reading Buddies ★

FALL 2025

READING PRACTICE FOR KIDS GRADES 2-4

This program helps new readers build confidence and improve their skills.

Children are paired with a Big Buddy teen volunteer and spend time reading together in a safe, supportive environment. There are fun literacy games, too! Sessions are after school, 1 hour each week for 6 weeks.



CITY CENTRE	TUESDAYS, 4-5pm Oct 14-Nov 25 (no session on Nov 11)
CLAYTON	WEDNESDAYS, 4-5pm Oct 15-Nov 19
CLOVERDALE	THURSDAYS, 4-5pm Oct 16-Nov 20
FLEETWOOD	TUESDAYS, 4:30-5:30p m Oct 14-Nov 25 (no session on Nov 11)
GUILDFORD	TUESDAYS, 4-5pm Oct 14-Nov 25 (no session on Nov 11)
NEWTON	TUESDAYS, 4:30-5:30p m Oct 14-Nov 25 (no session on Nov 11)
OCEAN PARK	TUESDAYS, 5-6pm Oct 14-Nov 25 (no session on Nov 11)
SEIMIAHMOO	THURSDAYS, 4-5pm Oct 16-Nov 20
STRAWBERRY HILL	WEDNESDAYS, 3:30-4:30pm Oct 15-Nov 26 (no session on Nov 5)

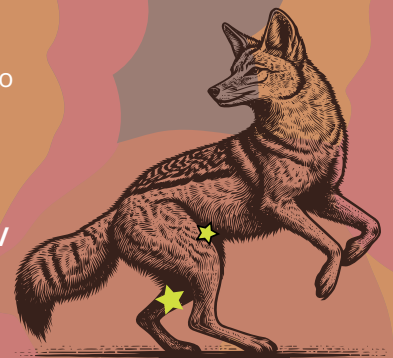
**Register at your local branch
3 weeks before the program
start date!**

See Library staff for registration forms.



Scan the QR code to
visit our website
and share this info
with your friends!

[surreylibraries.ca/
reading-buddies](https://surreylibraries.ca/reading-buddies)



Lates and Attendance



If you know your child will be away from school, please call our school at 604 597 0858 and follow the prompts (press 1) to leave a message in our absentee mailbox.


Alternatively, please email us at coyotecreek@surreyschools.ca at any time throughout the day.

We know mornings are busy times, but our teachers begin instruction at 8:35, and students who arrive late miss many wonderful parts of the morning learning routines.

Students who arrive past 8:45, please report to the office.



School Policies



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.

LIMITED PARKING SPOTS



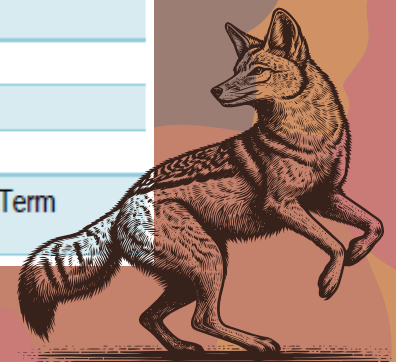
The lot is reserved for staff only as we have very limited spots to accommodate all who work in our school.

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.

School Calendar

September 2 nd , 2025	School Reopens Gr 1 - 7 Students Attend 10:00am – 11:00am Kindergarten Students Check-in 10:00am - 10:30am
September 19 th	Terry Fox Run
September 23 rd	Individual Photo Day
September 25 th	Meet the Teacher
September 26 th	Orange Shirt Day
September 29 th	Non-Instructional Day
September 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday)
October 13 th	Thanksgiving Day (Statutory Holiday)
October 24 th	Non-Instructional Day
October 31 st	Halloween Parade
November 3 rd	Individual Photo Retakes
November 10 th	Non-Instructional Day
November 11 th	Remembrance Day (Statutory Holiday)
November 18 th	Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm)
December 18 th	First Term Reports go home
December 19 th	Last day of school before Winter Break
December 22 nd – January 2 nd , 2026	Winter Break – School Closed
January 5 th	School Reopens
February 16 th	Family Day (Statutory Holiday)
February 20 th	Non-Instructional Day
February 25 th	Pink Shirt Day
March 12 th	Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm) Second Term Reports go home
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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