

# *Coming up at* Coyote Creek

**September 5-30, 2025**



**Dear Coyote Creek Families**

**Welcome back, Coyote Creek families! We hope everyone has had a smooth and positive start to the school year. September is always an exciting month as we settle into routines, build connections, and set the tone for a year of learning and growth.**

**This month, our school is focusing on community, respect, and remembrance. We will be honouring Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, continuing our tradition of participating in the Terry Fox Run, and creating opportunities for families to connect with staff at Meet the Teacher night.**

**Warm regards,**

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



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# Coming up...



## September

**9<sup>th</sup> - Orange shirt day order deadline at noon**

**19<sup>th</sup> - Terry Fox run**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Individual Photo day**

**25<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Teacher**

**26<sup>th</sup> - Orange Shirt Day**

**29<sup>th</sup> - Non-instructional day**

**30<sup>th</sup> - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (holiday)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sep 1	2	3	4	5
Labour Day	Schools open 10:00 AM School Re-opens			
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
				Terry Fox Run
22	23	24	25	26
	Individual Photo Day		5:00 PM Meet the Teacher	Orange Shirt Day
29	30	Oct 1	2	3
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		

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"Success for All"



## 2025 - 2026 daily SCHEDULE

Principal:

Larissa Hillen

Vice-Principal:

Carla Bruce

Head Secretary:

Kendra Fuller

Secretary:

Sarah Mara

Secretary:

Kate Watt

**Warning Bell:**

**8:30** (*Line up outside the classroom door*)

**Classes Start:**

**8:35**

**Recess:**

**10:05 – 10:20 am**

**Lunch:**

**11:43 am – 12:00 pm** Eat Lunch

**12:00 pm – 12:28 pm** Outside Play

**Classes Resume:**

**12:28 pm 2:28 pm** (*Exit through classroom*

**Classes Dismissed:**

*exit door*)

**End of Supervision:**

**2:43 pm** (*Exit through classroom exit door*)

Supervision is available only 15 minutes before and after school. Families are expected to arrange for students to be picked up no later than 2:28 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](http://www.surreyschools.ca/coyotecreek) and subscribe to the Coyote Creek calendar.

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# Class Placements



We are currently working on finalizing class placements for the school year. While we do not yet have a set date for when placements will be complete, we truly appreciate your patience and understanding during this process. Families will be notified of their child's placement by email as soon as everything is confirmed.



# Combined-grade classes: Learning together

Combined-grade classes consist of students from consecutive grades grouped together in one class. They are common both locally and internationally, with “one out of every five Canadian students enrolled in a multi-grade classroom” according to at least one study. There is a good chance that Surrey children will have the experience of being in a combined-grade class during their elementary school years. The term “split class” is no longer used as we view students in a class as a “community of learners”.

Organizing classes to best meet the needs of all students is a complex process. While practical factors such as shifting enrolment, class size and composition influence the formation of classes, the Surrey School District is committed to creating balanced classes that focus on student’s learning strengths and the needs of the whole child.

Students in combined classes, as in every classroom, display a wide range of skills and abilities. Studies have found that on average, a single-grade class includes students whose development spans five years. Children mature at different rates in various aspects of development. Intellectual, social, physical and personal development is not grade level dependent. Teachers are aware of these

individual differences and structure learning opportunities to meet the needs of each student.

Research shows that there are both academic and social benefits to combined-grade classes and that successful learning is less dependent on how students are grouped into classes, than on the quality of instructional practices. Every child will be encouraged on their learning journey as much in a combined class as he or she would be in a single-grade class. The curriculum with its focus on engaging the learner through a lens of inquiry-based learning using critical thinking is well suited to combined classes of learners. As well, the Curriculum Core Competencies which include: communication, creative and critical thinking, positive personal and cultural identity, social responsibility, and personal awareness and responsibility are easily supported in a combined class of learners.



Children in all class formation thrive when parents/caregivers are involved in the learning process. Talk to your child about their day, communicate with the teacher and spend time reading with your child.



# School Calendar

September 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025	School Reopens Gr 1 - 7 Students Attend 10:00am – 11:00am Kindergarten Students Check-in 10:00am - 10:30am
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox Run
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Individual Photo Day
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Shirt Day
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday)</b>
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thanksgiving Day (Statutory Holiday)</b>
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Parade
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Individual Photo Retakes
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Remembrance Day (Statutory Holiday)</b>
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	First Term Reports go home
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school before Winter Break
December 22 <sup>nd</sup> – January 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026	<b>Winter Break – School Closed</b>
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Reopens
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Day (Statutory Holiday)</b>
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm) Second Term Reports go home
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of School before Spring Break
March 16 <sup>th</sup> – March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Break – School Closed</b>
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Good Friday (Statutory Holiday)</b>
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)</b>
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class and Group Photos
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)</b>
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal at 1:28pm
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School (Early Dismissal at 1:28pm) Third Term Reports go home



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

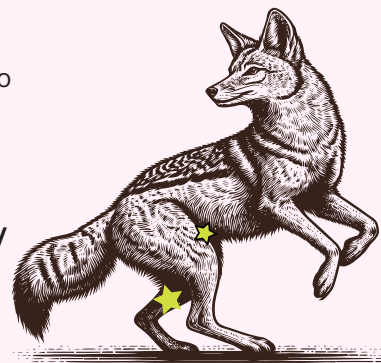
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3 weeks before the program  
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# Lates and Attendance

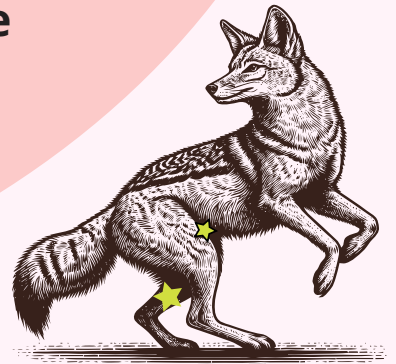


**If you know your child will be away from school, please call our school at 604 597 0858 and follow the prompts (press 1) to leave a message in our absentee mailbox.**

**Alternatively, please email us at [coyotecreek@surreyschools.ca](mailto: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.



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