

Community News Flash #24

February 25, 2022



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
COMPLETE THE DAILY HEALTH CHECK
BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD(REN) TO SCHOOL EACH DAY.**

Important Dates

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| Thursday, March 3 rd | - Sushi Hot Lunch |
| Wednesday, March 9 th | - PAC Meeting - 7:00pm |
| March 14 th - March 25 th | - Spring Break |

 
Pink Shirt Day at Rosemary Heights



Coyotes

About coyotes

Coyotes are an extremely adaptable wildlife species that survive well in urban environments. Coyotes are often sighted on local golf courses and in parks. They can also be found in most Lower Mainland neighbourhoods – including Surrey.

Coyotes eat a variety of foods. In urban areas, coyotes prey on rats, squirrels, raccoons, geese, ducks and domestic pets (such as cats and small dogs).

Coyotes very rarely attack humans, but parents should not let very young children play alone and unsupervised around forested areas or where coyotes have been seen.



Coexistence the best choice

Coyotes are difficult to trap, and eradication and relocation programs in other parts of North America have proven ineffective.

Poisoning programs to reduce coyote numbers would also kill other wild animals. These poisons could also be a risk to pets and children.

Relocation simply moves the problem coyote to someone else's neighbourhood. It can also put a coyote at risk by placing it in another coyote's home range or territory. In addition, when you remove one coyote it may be replaced by one or more in the same area.

Coexistence with this interesting wild species seems to be the best option.

Never feed coyotes

Feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of people and become dependent on handouts. A coyote that has been fed by humans may become too bold, bite someone and have to be destroyed. By feeding coyotes you put yourself, others and the coyote at risk.

Things you can do

- 1) Instruct your child to stay away from any animal they don't know. Children should tell an adult if they think they have seen a coyote.
- 2) Keep pets under your control and supervision. If you must let your pet out unattended, provide a secure space for it to exercise (such as an enclosed cat or dog run).
- 3) Never feed coyotes. Our best defence is to keep them wild.
- 4) Be careful not to feed coyotes unintentionally. For example, they are attracted to:
 - improperly contained garbage,
 - open composts containing fruit or vegetables,
 - fruit that has fallen from trees and left on the ground,
 - an overflowing bird feeder (they will eat the grain as well as the small mammals this food attracts),
 - pet food (avoid feeding pets outdoors).
- 5) Fencing helps discourage coyotes from entering your yard. Make sure fences are flush to the ground and in good repair.

*Adapted from the brochure "Urban Coyotes"
produced by the Urban Coyote Project*



The Surrey School district invites applications for the following position:

SUPERVISION AIDES

This is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth. You will work one hour per day providing lunch supervision to elementary and secondary students. The hourly rate is \$22.21 per hour, and preference will be given to those available Monday to Friday.

Apply online at www.surreyschools.ca/careers

Questions? Contact Heidi Haywood, Human Resources 604-595-6145

Note: Successful applicants will be required to consent to a Criminal Record Search prior to employment. Only those persons selected for interviews will be contacted. To all others, thank you for your interest.

Daily Health Check

The Ministry of Education has released an updated [Daily Health Check and What To Do When Sick](#) resource. Please use this updated resource to do your daily health check. It applies to both staff and students. Please use this link to access the new daily health check.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20220121/daily-health-check---jan-2022.pdf>



Student Absences

If your child is going to be away from school or late to school please email the office at rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca and include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division
- Reason for Absence

If you choose to email your child's teacher, you will still need to notify the office of your child's absence, or the office will need to call to confirm absence.

Rosemary Rockets App

Keep up to date with our school calendar by downloading our Rosemary Rockets app from the app store or google play.

<https://rosemary.appazur.com/#/>

