

COAST MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY

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Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, December 11 – Christmas Sing-a-Long, Jingle Bell Walk & Wear Red/Green/Bling Day

Friday, December 13 – Early Dismissal at 1:25 p.m. & PAC Treat Sale

Friday, December 20 - Pajama Day & Fun Lunch

Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3 - School closed for Winter Break

Monday, January 6 - Classes Resume

Monday, January 13 - Kindergarten Registration begins

We had a great first term here at Coast Meridian!

There should be evidence of student learning in Literacy and Numeracy, as well as other subject areas on your child's Fresh Grade account before Christmas Break. This is a great window into the classroom and provides conversation starters with your children about their learning. In addition to the Fresh Grade posts, your child will also bring home classroom work regularly and there will be a Fresh Grade letter coming home. Teachers have a choice of 4 different templates for this letter, so you may see different formats if you have more than one child at the school. If you have any questions about your child's progress, feel free to contact the teacher at any time.

In January, all classes will begin an exciting three-week drama program called "Introduction to Acting" brought into our school by The Young Actors Project (YAP). The sessions are designed to develop the students' imagination, confidence and acting skills through games, skits and group improvisation. The sessions are very engaging for students!

We would sincerely like to thank our PAC for covering the cost of this drama program (\$3200.00) – thank you PAC!!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jingle Bell Walk – December 11th

Our 2nd Annual Jingle Bell Walk to collect non-perishable donations for the Surrey Food Bank is this week! Please join us in the gym at 9:15 a.m. to hear the Grade 7 band perform and then start the school-wide sing-a-long. We will begin our walk to collect donations after recess at 10:20 a.m.

If you have volunteered your wagon, please remember to bring it to the school! *Some classes are still in need of parent volunteers to walk around with the group, as well as some volunteers to follow with a car to help transport the food back to the school.* Please contact your child's teacher if you are free to join us between 10:20 – 11:40 a.m.

If you had a green notice in your door, please remember to place your items on your front porch before 10:00 a.m. If you did not receive a notice at your door, this means that you live in a home that is not on a pick up route.

We are accepting donations at the school on or before December 11.



Student Leadership

The Leadership students have planned some fun activities for the final days of school before Winter Break. On Wednesday, December 11th (Jingle Bell Walk day) we are having a Red/Green or Bling Day. On Friday, December 20th its Pajama Day and we will have a school-wide movie in the gym.

Early Dismissal on Friday, December 13

The students will be dismissed one hour early at 1:25 on Friday, December 13th. This early dismissal will give teachers the opportunity to write first term report cards.



PAC Treat Day – Friday, December 13



The PAC will be selling chips at lunch and chips and pop after school (at 1:25 p.m. – early dismissal) on this day. All items will be \$1.00 each.

Dress for the Weather



Now that the colder days are upon us, we are asking that all children be dressed appropriately; in a warm winter coat, boots, mittens and a toque. Please be very careful when walking on the blacktop of our school grounds as the frost and icy conditions may get worse as winter approaches. Our custodian and district staff salt the grounds regularly, but there may be areas that are still quite slippery. It is also a good idea to send extra clothes in a large Ziploc bag to be kept in the classroom in case your child gets wet at recess or lunch.

Stay Connected with our School Website

Our school website is:

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 and other important notices through your e-mail.

School Link App



Another great way 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 the schools that are important to you.

Volleyball

Our boys and girls volleyball teams practiced hard and did amazing during their Play Days this week.



The teams represented our school very well. A big thank you to the coaches, Mrs. Speller and Mr. Gomes for spending many extra hours with the students and to the parents who transported us to and from away games. We could not be successful without your help.

Sock Drive

Thanks to the generosity of our Coast Meridian families and staff, Division 14 collected \$970.45 to purchase socks for four local homeless shelters! Along with their Buddies in Division 4, the Kindergarteners will be busy packaging the socks with cards made by Coast Meridian students this week. Thank you again for your tremendous support!

