

COAST MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY

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Website: www.surreyschools.ca/schools/coastmeridian

Upcoming Dates:

October:

- 22 PAC Meeting (7:00 p.m.) in Library
24 Early Dismissal (1:27 pm) for parent/teacher conferences- call to book an appointment
 24 Fun Lunch (Boston Pizza)
25 Professional Day (no school)
 30 Photo Retakes
 30 Neufeld Farms food pickup
 31 Halloween activities/pumpkin contest

November:

- 7 Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 am)
 7 Fun Lunch (Pizza Hut)
8 Professional Day (no school)
 11 School closed for Remembrance Day Stat
 22 Fun Lunch (Memphis Blues)
 26 PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Winter Break is December 21 – January 5

Terry Fox Run – Thank You!

Thank you to all of the students, parents and staff who made our Terry Fox Run such a success! This year, we had the opportunity to listen to a heartfelt presentation from Kirsten Fox, Terry Fox's niece, before beginning our run. Students showed great enthusiasm and commitment to the cause, and it was great to see nearly 60 students wearing their Terry Fox t-shirts on run day. Thank you to the parents who came to help supervise and cheer on our students during the run. Your support meant a lot! Thank you also to the students in Division 9 for collecting and counting the donations and for making announcements to promote our fundraising drive. Finally, a huge thank you to all of our students and their families for generously contributing towards our fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Foundation, in support of cancer research. Our goal was to raise \$2,000 and we surpassed that, raising a total of **\$2,123.30!** This is by far the highest total our school has ever raised for the Terry Fox Foundation! Since we reached our goal, Ms. Corness and Mr. Gomes will participate in a pie eating contest on Monday, October 28th at 11:00



Early Dismissal

On Thursday, October 24th we will have our first early dismissal and students will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m. to allow for parent/teacher interviews and/or student-led conferences. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's first term performance with their teacher. Please call the office (604-574-6036) 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.

Picture Retakes

If your child missed having their photo taken, Lifetouch will be back at the school for photo retakes during the morning of Wednesday, October 30 for a short time only. If your child had their picture taken and you are not satisfied, the company will retake the photo on this date as well.

Halloween

On Thursday, October 31st, many students will choose to wear their Halloween costumes to school to participate in the costume parade which will take place after lunch.



- Masks covering the face should not be worn at School.
- The District prohibits replica or pretend weapons being brought onto 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.

Once again, we are having a jack-o-lantern contest that your family may choose to participate in. If you are bringing a jack-o-lantern, please include a battery operated tea-light candle for the inside.

Halloween Security

Once again, the Surrey School District has hired security guards from 6:30 pm – 2:30 am to help keep our schools free of vandalism on Halloween night. In previous years, this helped substantially reduce acts of vandalism to our schools.

While we do our best to educate young people and convince them of the senselessness of vandalism, we are also looking for other ways to deter vandalism at our school and in the area. One approach is to enlist our neighbours help to watch for anyone “hanging around” our school, particularly after dark on Halloween night.

Please help us out by keeping your eyes and ears open to any suspicious activity at our school. If there is obvious, active vandalism taking place, please immediately notify the police by calling 9-1-1.



Volleyball Season is Starting Soon!

Our volleyball season will soon be underway for Grade 6 & 7 students. All students in these grades are encouraged to try out for the school team.

The coaches for this season will be:

Boys: Mr. Gomes

Girls: Mrs. Speller & Mrs. DeLange

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. 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 can be kept in the classroom in case your child has a fall or gets wet outside.



Thank you PAC

This Fall, the Coast Meridian PAC paid for our first Fine Arts event, “V’ni Dansi” a one day dance residency on October 2nd. In addition, they have given money to classroom teachers for in-class materials and for field trips. We would like to thank all of you who so generously support PAC fundraising events to make all of this possible.

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Free babysitting is provided!

PAC Fundraiser

The current fundraiser is Neufeld Farms Holiday Favourites. This is your opportunity to stock up on a variety of frozen food products for your upcoming celebrations. **The deadline for placing your order has been extended to Friday, October 18th.** All profits from this fundraiser will go directly to the school. All food ordered needs to be picked up on October 30th at 2:30 p.m. If you cannot make this date, please arrange for someone else to get your order. We do not have freezer space in the school to store any orders.

Fun Lunches

The ordering process for PAC Fun Lunches are online only through Munch a Lunch. Please go to their website and register to order upcoming fun lunches and treat day items for your child. Once registered you will receive reminder e-mails for upcoming lunch and treat days. Their website is:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/coastmeridian>

There is also a link on the school website.

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 through your e-mail.

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 any of the Surrey schools that are important to you.



FreshGrade Student Reporting

Accessing your child’s digital portfolio is easy!

Download the free FreshGrade Parent App or go to www.freshgrade.com Please read the Fresh Grade Parent Tips on the school website.