

Miller Park Community School

School District #43 (Coquitlam)

800 Egmont Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 4J8

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Website: www.sd43.bc.ca/school/millerpark

Principal: Tanya MacDonald



Message from the Principal:

Welcome to a new school year! We look forward to working with you and your child(ren).

Thank you to everyone for their patience as we prepared for our new classes. The kids have had a busy and fun week but are definitely ready to start in their classes!

Our organization has been approved and we are ready to move students into their assigned classes on Monday September 14, 2026.

Our Calendar for September:

September 14	Breakfast program begins
September 16 1:00pm	Assembly
September 18	Terry Fox Run – wear miller Park t shirt
September 22	Individual Photos
September 24 6:00 – 7:00pm	Meet the Teacher Night
September 23 - 29	Truth and Reconciliation Week
September 24	Fire/Earthquake Drill @ 10:15am
September 25	Pro D Day – school not in session
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school

Terry Fox Run is next Friday! We are collecting Terry Fox donations. We have a jar on the front counter and there is a link to make a donation online. On Friday at 11:00am teachers will be taking their classes outside for the Terry Fox run. Those students in K – 3 will run around the grass field and students in 4/5 will run the track. Parents are welcome to join us!

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/138452>

Our goal is to raise \$1000!

Allergies

We have a student with a severe nut allergy – both peanuts and tree nuts. They cannot tolerate smell, touch or eating peanuts or products with tree nuts. Please do not send foods containing nuts and tree nuts. Thanks for your assistance with this!

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Pick up and Drop off locations:

On Monday, students will line up on the grass field as they have been doing this past week. During the day students will be moved into their assigned classes and dismissed at 2:44pm from the grass field. Teachers will let their students and families know the drop off and pick up locations for Tuesday. Tuesday morning and moving forward, students will use these locations as their drop off and pick up spots. Teachers will be reaching out to parents on Monday to let you know that your child is in their class this year.

School Supplies:

Students can bring their supplies on Monday next week. Supply lists are located on the Miller Park website under Our School. (school supplies) There is an order form for School Start. This is the required list and can be purchased at a store of your choice.

School Photos:

School Photos are Tuesday September 22, 2026.

Class Placements:

Students will be placed on Monday with their assigned teacher for the 2026-27 school year. We have been given another division to accommodate all of the students that have moved in over the summer. Currently that classroom doesn't have a teacher. There will be a Teacher on Call in that class until the teacher is hired. She has already been in getting the room ready for next week. I hope that by Wednesday/Thursday next week to have hired a teacher.

Class placement is not a simple process. Teachers spent a significant amount of time discussing class placements for students and our school organization for the 2026-27 school year. Our class placement

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process ensured that thoughtful consideration of each student's social, emotional and academic needs was aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The professionals at Miller Park Elementary considered each placement decision carefully, as they created classes that included a variety of students that learn in a variety of ways. In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process included:

Student learning & teacher teaching styles

Leadership abilities

Balance of academic, social & emotional abilities

Cohesive student groupings

Gender balance

Friendships

Previous classroom history

Class composition

In emails in the spring I mentioned that parents could provide input regarding their son's/daughter's placement. Parents who felt that there was information that the current classroom teacher or principal should consider when placing your child, were asked to provide it in a letter directed to me. I did receive some letters and these were considered as part of the placement process. However, a request for consideration did not guarantee its successful implementation if our staff felt other factors as listed above necessitated a different placement or class size limitations and composition did not allow for it.

Parking Lot:

Please meet your child at their assigned dismissal spot. Please do not ask your child to meet you at the car. The parking lot is busy and keeping all of our children safe is my top priority1

Please use caution and be safe in the parking lot!

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will start this week on Monday!

Mon: Pizza + Yogurt

Tues: Breakfast muffin+ Hashbrown

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Wed: Chicken nugget + Cheese

Thurs: Pancakes + Sausage

Fri: Mac & cheese + Eggs

These are the “specials” of the day. Ms. Park, our cook also provides toast, cereal, milk, fruit and vegetables daily.

Each Friday I will post the menu for the week ahead in the newsletter.

For those new, this is a free breakfast and no registration is required. Just come through the back doors to the gym between 8:30 – 8:55am. Please, no early birds!

When students finish breakfast, they may stay until 8:55am when the bell rings. Typically the older kids like to head outside to play after they have eaten. This will be a family decision.

AfterSchool Programs:

Information about After School programs will come out next week.

Email Delphina Liles with any questions, dliles@sd43.bc.ca. Delphina is our Community School Coordinator.

PAC

Our first PAC meeting of the year will be on September 22, 2026 at 6:00pm. It will be a TEAMS MEETING. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! I will send out the link closer to the meeting date.

Meet the Teacher Night

You are invited to drop in between 6:00 – 7:00pm on September 24, 2026 to meet your child’s teacher and see their learning spaces. This is not a formal meeting as teachers will still be getting to know your child but it’s a great opportunity to put a name to a face and see where your child spends their day!

Have a great weekend! See you on Monday!

Mrs. Tanya MacDonald

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