

Community Newsletter

September 16th, 2022



Principal's Message

I want to thank families again for your patience and understanding while we completed the complex work of creating balanced classes for all of our learners for the coming school year. Students appear to be settling well and are once again engaged in their learning. **Please note that Monday, September 19th has been declared a National Day of Mourning with the passing of Queen Elizabeth, and all public schools will be closed.**

Drop Off Zone

From Constable Sears of the RCMP:

The drop off zone in front of the school REQUIRES a driver with a valid licence AND the vehicle keys to remain in the vehicle in case there is an emergency requiring them to vacate the prime spots for fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles etc. It also assists parents with dropping their children off safely and being able to continue on with their day to work or run errands.

Please be respectful of bylaw officers who enforce the drop off zone and the police volunteers who have been assisting with our crosswalks keeping our students safe. It is extremely disappointing to have PAE parents using profanity towards community members ESPECIALLY in front of their children.

I echo Constable Sears' sentiment. These folks arrive on occasion to help maintain the safety of our students at drop-off and must be treated with respect and gratitude at all times!

Below are some suggestions to help facilitate a calm and safe drop-off for students:

This is the time of day when parents are trying to get their children safely delivered to school and themselves safely off to their jobs. A few simple procedures and considerations would increase the safety of this process:

- Walk or bike to school if you live in the neighbourhood
- Supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. and children can be dropped off any time after that. Try to come earlier if you find the drop off area congested at your usual drop off time.
- Park on a neighbouring street and walk the rest of the way
- When you arrive at the drop off bay, pull as far forward as possible to allow others to pull in behind you.
- Drop and drive away; ***do not remain to watch your children join their friends or to use your phone.***
- If you drop off or pick up from the South Side of Roper St. do not block driveways, and insist on your children using the crosswalk and not running across Roper to get to the school grounds safely.



Meet the Teacher

Please join us on Thursday, September 22nd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and to introduce you to their teacher. Teachers are not reporting on student

progress at this time. Conferencing with teachers for the purpose of reporting will take place later in October.

Terry Fox Run:

Please plan to join us for our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 23rd at 1:45 p.m. The primary students (grades K-3) will be running on the lower grass field while the Intermediate students complete a 5 KM run in the community.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Peace Arch staff and students would like to thank our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for their hard work and support each and every year! The role of our PAC is to encourage parental input and involvement in their children's schooling. We encourage ALL parents to become involved with the PAC this upcoming year. The PAC meets the third Tuesday of each month. Please plan to join our first PAC meeting on **September 20th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library



Parent Handbook / Student Planners



A handbook for parents is included in the student planner. It contains important topics such as the school Code of Conduct, communication, school policies etc. Please take the time to read through the information and discuss the pertinent topics with your child. All students in Grades 1-7 are expected to purchase a planner for \$5.00. All purchases can be made at this time at [SchoolCash on line](#).

Home-School Communication:

The new Surrey Schools app is available for free through the iOS or Android app stores, by searching for 'Surrey Schools'. **All future newsletters and school correspondence will be distributed through the app.** If you want to stay informed, please set this up a.s.a.p. If you need assistance please reach out to our office staff.



Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.schoolbundle.surrey>

IOS: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/surrey-schools/id1611336585>

Surrey Schools has also located the links to the new Surrey Schools app on the bottom left side of every page of their new public website: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/>

Step by Step:

1. Search for "Surrey Schools" in your chosen app store
2. Click Surrey Schools. Install. Then Open the app.

3. In the app, click **Menu** and then click **Content Sources**. In addition to district news from Surrey Schools, pick which school(s) you want to receive your news and updates from. Click **Next**.
4. To receive push notifications, make sure that setting is enabled. In the app, click **Menu** then click **Settings**. Select what notifications you want to receive (Notifications, News and/or Events) and ensure **Push Notifications** is set to On.

Important Dates on the horizon:

Monday, September 19 th	- National Day of Mourning - Schools Closed
Tuesday, September 20 th	- PAC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Thursday, September 22 nd	- Meet the Teacher 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 23 rd	- Terry Fox Run
Monday, September 26 th	- Non-Instructional Day
Tuesday, September 27 th	- Cops for Cancer
Thursday, September 29 th	- Orange Shirt Day
Friday, September 30 th	- Truth and Reconciliation Day - Schools Closed
Thursday, October 6 th	- Picture Day
Friday, October 21 st	- Non-Instructional Day
Tuesday, October 25 th	- Grade 6 Immunizations
Wednesday, October 26 th	- Early Dismissal @ 1:30 p.m./Parent-Teacher
Thursday, October 27 th	- Early Dismissal @ 1:30 p.m./Parent-Teacher

*At École Peace Arch Elementary
we want our students to
Take care of themselves
Take care of others; and
Take care of this place*