



# École Woodward Hill Elementary

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## Newsletter 9 May 8, 2023

### **Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,**

The sunny skies and incredibly beautiful spring weather have finally arrived. We are having another busy month of learning here at school. Amongst many others, the students were busy acknowledging and learning about Easter, Vaisakhi, Ramadan and Earth Day, Autism's awareness day, to name a few. Our Track and Field season kicked off last week, with a variety of events throughout the week (before/after school).

As we approach our final months of the school year, we would like to thank you for all of your support you have given us and our students this year. Woodward Hill Elementary continues to be the most gracious, positive and caring place to be and we are proud to be part of it.

Below are some highlights/events that have been or are happening in our school.





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## PAC Corner

Thank you for supporting our amazing PAC with the recent raffle. We raised close to \$12,000. Funds raised will be used to directly benefit students at Woodward Hill. Our PAC raffle was a huge success! A big thank you to Angela Skillen and the rest of our PAC for the many hours that they put in to raising funds for our school.

Congratulations to the winners of the three main prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize** iPad mini – Laura
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** \$150 Browns Social House and four passes to EXIT Surrey - Cooper
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** \$200 Keg gift card – Bani

Two more Hot Lunches left for the year:

- White Spot, May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Domino's and Booster Juice June 16<sup>th</sup>

Growing Smiles fundraiser (plants) were delivered on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>.

AGM meeting – May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the gym

Freezie Fridays will be starting soon!



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## **Student Placements for 2023-24 School Year Parent requests for class placements**

It is that time of year when we bring closure to one school year and begin planning for the next year. This is also the time of year when we begin tentative class planning for the next school year. Classroom organization is a complex process. A great deal of time, thought and energy goes into placing students into classes. Student learning styles and relationships are all part of the process. Our overall objective is to create classes that best meet the needs of our students. When making classes, our aim is to create class compositions that reflect:

- Ministry/District guidelines (ex: designations, class size limits)
- Intellectual development
- Social and emotional profiles
- Known student history (ex: same teacher, previous class placements)
- Gender
- Study/work habits

Although parent requests are not listed as a factor we use when creating class compositions, there are times when parental input is valuable. For example, parents may have important personal, educational, or social information that can be helpful in determining an appropriate placement. This may include school experiences, social strengths/needs, curricular/extra-curricular strengths, special medical needs and emotional needs/concerns.

The final decision on student placements will be a school-based decision but parent input, based on the above information, is welcome and appreciated. If you would like to provide this type of information for our consideration in placing your child into a class for next year, please do so in writing by Friday, June 16. Please address your information to Mr. Issel at [issel\\_b@surreyschools.ca](mailto:issel_b@surreyschools.ca)

## **Make room for the buses**

Our parking lot is sometimes blocked well before the end of the day as parents arrive early to wait before picking up their children. This means buses cannot enter the parking lot to pick-up students. If you arrive early to pick up your child, please do not block the entrance. Thank you!

## **Student-Led Conferences**

It was great to see many of you on April 26<sup>th</sup>, during student-led conferences. This was a wonderful opportunity for you to come into the classroom, see and share in all the great learning your child has been part of this term. Having a parent/guardian as an active part of a child's learning journey allows children to share their strengths and stretches, they get to show the curriculum they are proud of and what they are still working on.



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## Talent Show

Thank you to Mrs. Beaver and Ms. Medalla for organizing our Talent Show! Students had an opportunity to audition in April. Our Talent Show dates are tentatively set for the afternoon of May 10 (intermediate) and May 12 (primary). **NOTE:** If, after auditions, your child is selected for the Talent Show, you will be notified by email so you can plan to watch if you like. Last year's show was a great success! We are looking forward to seeing this year's talent!

## Ready, Set, Learn – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Are you the parent of a 3 – 5 year-old child? Do you know any families in our neighbourhood who have 3 – 5 year old children? If so, we encourage families to attend Ready, Set, Learn (RSL) at Ecole Woodward Hill Elementary. The event will be held in the gym on May 11th from 1 – 2pm. RSL introduces parents/caregivers (and children) to early learning skills to support school readiness. RSL is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to receive helpful tips to support their children's learning and development. Also, information will be shared about early learning programs offered by the school district and wider community. If your child is 3-5 years of age on May 11th, please plan to attend. An e-mail was sent to our parent community, please RSVP if you are attending.

## Body Science at Woodward Hill

Each year, students in all elementary grades throughout BC receive instruction in sexual health education. This information is included in the Physical and Health Education program mandated for all BC students by the Ministry of Education. From time to time, schools bring in experts in the field to address this topic with the school community. We are excited to inform you that this year Saleema Noon's Sexual Health Educators will be visiting our school to work with parents and students. There are two separate workshops – one for parents and one for students.

Thank you to our amazing PAC for sponsoring and organizing these two events:

### 1. Woodward Hill Parent Information session Monday May 15th 6:30pm-8pm via zoom (link to come)

#### In this workshop parents will learn:

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes
- How to become their kids' preferred source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students

### 2. Woodward Hill Kid workshops will happen from May 23 to May 26 during daytime in-person with Carlie



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In their Body Science presentations, Saleema Noon and her team of experienced educators work with children of all ages, teaching them about healthy bodies and healthy sexuality in ways they find non-threatening and entertaining. In their own language, children learn about how their bodies change, and what those changes mean. The content of the presentation is supported by current research, age appropriate, and a positive contribution to each child's development. Some of the topics Saleema Noon's Sexual Health Educators cover in their workshops extend beyond the content of the BC Physical and Health Education curriculum. You can choose to opt out of the Body Science workshops.

## Student Wellness and Safety

**We would like to invite you to participate in our [districtwide consultation](#) on student wellness and safety.**

We hope you can participate and share your views by completing the online consultation survey, which includes questions on important topics including the mental health impacts of the pandemic, school safety, bullying and vaping.

This consultation is intended only for parents and guardians of students registered in the Surrey School District, and consists of a short online survey that is available in multiple languages, including [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Hindi](#), [Punjabi](#), [Spanish](#) and [Tagalog](#).

All responses are anonymous, and the survey will only take 5 to 10 minutes of your time to complete. Your feedback is important to us and will support our district in ensuring our programs and services are responsive to the needs of our community.

**This survey will close at midnight on May 17, 2023.** If you have any trouble completing the survey, please contact [comm-office@surreyschools.ca](mailto:comm-office@surreyschools.ca).





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May 10	Intermediate Talent Show (attend by invitation only)
May 10	Wednesday PAC Freezie sale after school
May 11	Ready, Set, Learn event (Age 3-5)
May 12	Primary Talent Show (attend by invitation only)
May 15	Body Science Parent Information Session @ 6:30 pm on Zoom (link will be sent)
May 17	PAC AGM @ 6PM
May 22	Victoria Day – no school
May 23-25	Body Science Sessions for K-7 students
May 26	Fun Day/ Early dismissal for teacher collaboration at 1:30 pm
May 29	Non-instructional day – classes not in session



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