



École Martha Currie Newsflash 2022 Issue #1

Principal's Message

Hello/Bonjour Parents, Students, & Families,

Happy New Year! I am very excited to be working with all of the staff and students at Martha Currie. It is a very unique time of year, as well as a unique time in our world, to be starting at a new school. I have heard wonderful things about the school and community and cannot wait to learn more.

A little bit about me.... I have been with the Surrey School District for close to 25 years. I have had the privilege of working in various schools, with diverse communities, throughout the district, and have had the opportunity to teach a variety of grades and work in a variety of roles in schools. I am the mom to three busy teenage children and understand, first hand, the joys, rewards, complexities, and challenges of parenting. I believe that it takes a village to teach our children to be good humans and I look forward to being a part of your children's journey.

Also, please join me in welcoming back, Mrs. Sara Banjac, who is returning to her role as Vice Principal.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Jennifer Tarnowski, Principal

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Mrs. Sara Banjac, Vice Principal

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Important Dates

JANUARY
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2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

January 10 - Kindergarten Registration Begins Online

January 14 - Hot Lunch Day & Spirit Day (Wear your favourite sports team's jersey or hat)

January 19 - Chips Day

January 27 - Carnival Spirit Day (more info to come)

January 28 - Hot Lunch

February 1 - Lunar New Year - wear red and/or gold

February 14 - Valentine's Day - wear red and/or pink and/or white

February 21 - Family Day - No School

February 25 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students

March 11 - Spirit Day - wear green

- Last Day of School before Spring Break

March 28 - Schools Reopen

Enhanced Measures

There are a number of ways that you may help keep our school community safe and help prevent the spread of COVID. We ask that you please pay particular attention to the following:

- Remember to do the daily health check (see further down) and do not send your child if they are exhibiting any symptoms.
- When dropping off your child at school, please "kiss and go" with your child. If you are a parent of an early primary student and feel the need to wait until the bell, please have your child line up with their class and then stand back away from other students and parents.
- Remind your child the importance of wearing their mask at school. I know it is challenging, at times, for some of our students. We are learning that this new Omicron variant is impacting children the most. Let's all do our part to stop the spread.
- In an effort to minimize the number of people coming in to the building, there will **no longer** be an opportunity for you to drop off food for your child. Please ensure that you have packed a lunch for your child and have sent it with them in the morning. For hot lunch days, if you missed the ordering deadline, unfortunately, you **will not** be able to drop off lunch for your child that day. Instead, look at getting them something special after school or on the weekend. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this. Together, we can keep our Martha Currie community safe and healthy.
- Children will be washing their hands and/or using hand sanitizer even more than in the Fall. Your child's hands may become very dry at this time of year so encouraging them to moisturize at home will help.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and support!



Daily Health Check

If you are unsure about sending your child to school, please do the online health check at <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1> .

You may also download the health check app: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/mobile>

If your child will be away from school for any reason, please be sure to contact the school office at 604-576-8551 to let us know. Voicemail is available for you to leave a message outside of regular school hours. Please be sure to clearly state your child's first and last name, grade and/or teacher, and the reason they will be away from school. We appreciate your help and support with this.

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