



École Martha Currie Newsflash 2022 Issue #7

Principal's Message

Hello/Bonjour Parents, Students, & Families,

One of the interesting things about being new to a school is learning about the attitudes and perceptions of "The Principal's Office." One thing that I pride myself on is building connections and sense of belonging for all our students. I enjoy getting to know students and work hard at building positive, trusting relationships so that students know that they have another trusted adult at school who is there to support them and help them to be successful.

Yes, there are times when I need to step in to deal with more complex behaviour and need to be the one that holds them accountable. That being said, I never want a student to be too scared or too intimidated to seek me out to provide help and support, or better yet, share their success in the classroom or in their learning.

So, when the day comes that your child says they were in my office or had a talk with the Principal or Vice Principal, please know that it isn't always a bad thing. There will be times when I will need to call home to keep you in the loop and then there will be other times where a phone call isn't warranted.

As I stated in my initial introduction back in January, I truly believe that it takes a village to support and educate our students and I look forward to being apart of each child's journey here at Martha Currie.

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,

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Important Dates

MARCH march 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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- March 9 - Hot Lunch
- Second Formal Reporting Period
- March 11 - Spirit Day - wear green
- Last Day of School before Spring Break
- March 28 - Schools Reopen

Additional Info

RAPID TEST DISTRIBUTION

Kindergarten and Grade One students received their Covid rapid test kits last week, and the plan had been to send out the rest throughout last week. We received communication from the school district to halt the distribution of the tests.

In light of the recent advisory from Health Canada³ about potential risks associated with the misuse or accidental ingestion or spillage of COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit solutions, we are revising

³<https://recalls-rappels.canada.ca/en/alert-recall/rapid-antigen-test-kits-and-potential-exposure-hazardous-substances>

our distribution plan for these kits for the remainder of our students. This advisory is in response to an increase in reports to poison control centres. For the remainder of the kits, we are asking parents to be the ones to receive the kits for each of their children. As you can imagine, distributing 500+ boxes directly to parents is no easy task. As such, distribution will be as follows:

Divisions 13 - 29 (Grades K - 1/2) - Received their kits last week

Divisions 12 - 20 (Grades 2 - 4) - Classroom teachers will have these kits and will give them directly to parents.

For all other Divisions (Grades 4/5 - 7), kits may be picked up from the general office between 7:50 - 8:30 AM and 2:00 - 2:50 PM beginning tomorrow (Tuesday).

We recognize this is challenging for working parents but know that ensuring a safe distribution of these tests is in the best interest of our students. If you are unable to pick up your child's test and would like to make other arrangements, **please notify your child's teacher.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this.

Before and After School Care Registration (New Families)

Here are the details for NEW FAMILIES wishing to register in the City of Surrey's Before and After School Care for 2022-2023.

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 8

TIME: 8:30AM SHARP

REGISTER BY CALLING 604-502-6400

REGISTRATION TAKEN ONLY BY PHONE



Grade 7 Purdy's Easter Fundraiser



Get hopping to order your chocolate before spring break and support the grade 7's at the same time.

It's as easy as 1-2-3

1. Click this link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1402783-94520> ⁴
2. Enter email address & register
3. Order & pay online.

If for some reason this link does not work, you can go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/> ⁵ and click "join a campaign" Use customer number: 60463

Deadline to Order: March 21, 2022

Pick up will be after school at Martha Currie Elementary on April 5.

Link for the online catalogue: [2022_Easter_Catalogue_Fundraising.pdf \(purdys.com\)](#) ^{6 7}

Thank you for supporting the grade 7's and their year end celebrations!

⁴<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1402783-94520>

⁵<https://fundraising.purdys.com/>

⁶https://em.purdys.com/gnf/easter2022/2022_Easter_Catalogue_Fundraising.pdf

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Daily Health Check

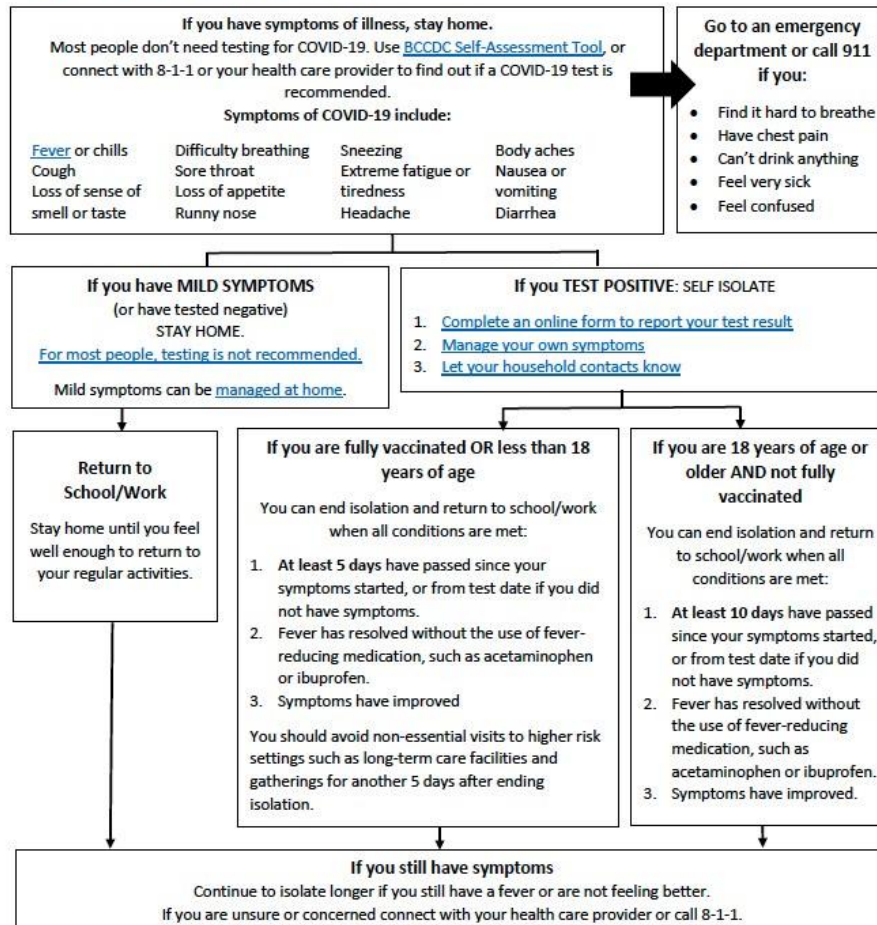


If you are unsure about sending your child to school, please do the online health check at <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>.

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.

Summary: What to Do When Sick



What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: [Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)

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