

Parent Newsletter

September/October 2018



Divided recess

Latimer Road student body continues to grow and grow. We had numerous portables placed on our gravel field at the end of the year and into the summer. This means less playground area for the students. The lunch and recess times have been divided so students will have enough play space and increase our ability to supervise students.

Tennis

Tennis lessons were a hit this year so we have booked the series of 4 lessons (in-school time) for all gr. 2 through 7 students in February 2019. The cost will be \$9 per student.

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

We continue to have challenges with students appropriately using digital technology. Please note that phones are being collected at the start of each day by the classroom teacher and stored in a locked cabinet until the end of the school day. Teachers may choose to let students use the phones for specific assignments (at the teacher's discretion).

We would like to encourage you to check your son/daughter's phone regularly to ensure text messages are appropriate (situations have arisen whereby students are being threatening, rude and/or disrespectful to each other). Additionally, please keep an eye on social media activity. We need your help in keeping students free from harassment/inappropriate comments.

Proactive Communication

One of the many skills we teach our students is how to problem solve and come from an "inquiry mindset"; and to seek understanding as opposed to blaming. As adults we must lead by example and model this so our students/children see home and school as a united front and learn from us. We encourage you to ask clarifying questions in a non-judgemental way, of both your child and staff. It is easy for all participants to jump to conclusions without understanding all aspects of any given situation. Together, we can make a difference.

Back gates

Please note the back gates will remain closed but not locked. Last year we attempted to have a system in place to lock/unlock the gates however, the locks kept getting vandalized (glue put in them). Please be sure to close the gates after you enter/exit.

Popcorn Sales

Our grade 7 teacher(s), parent volunteer and students are just about ready to start the recess popcorn sales.

Fraser Health

UBC Dentistry offers dental treatment for children ages 0-12 without dental coverage. If you would like more information please call Fraser Health – Public Health Dental Program at 604-587-7900. I have put information/application on the PAC bulletin board.

Student Verification Forms

Parents, we need your help. The office is still waiting for many student verification forms to be sent back to the school. These forms have a lot of pertinent medical information, contacts etc. If you are unsure if you have returned yours, please give the office a call and they can assist.

Hardship

There are times in life when finances are very limited. We understand. If you are finding it a challenge to cover costs (fieldtrips, hot lunch and other little extras) we may be able to help out. Please contact Ms. Harrison via email or phone to discuss further.

Change of Clothes

With the wet weather quickly approaching, we would like to suggest all students (not just primary students) have a change of clothes/shoes available at the school. This will alleviate the need for a call home, a trip home or sitting in wet clothing for the day. Thank you.

Late Arrivals

We continue to have MANY students arriving late each morning. Routines and expectations develop quickly and being on time is an important life skill. PLEASE help us teach the children the importance of arriving on time each day. When students arrive late, they disrupt the teaching and the learning of other students.

First Nations Week

Next week students will have the opportunity to be involved in a number of activities led by SD36 employees from the Aboriginal Department. These activities include: Traditional Blankets, Music in Aboriginal Life, Traditional Storytelling, Residential Schools, Artifacts, Seasons, Importance of Animals and Masks and more!

Traffic Calming

Please see attached info from the City of Surrey.

September 28, 2018

File: 0510-20 (001)
0510-20 (035)

REPLY TO: Traffic Management Division
ATTENTION: Kristen Tiede, P.Eng.

Latimer Road Elementary School
19233 60 Avenue
Surrey, B.C. V3S 2T5

Attention: Eithne Harrison, Principal

Dear Ms. Harrison:

Re: School Zone Awareness Pilot Program – Latimer Road Elementary School

As part of the City's Safe and Active Schools Program, we are happy to inform you that your school has been selected for inclusion in Phase 2 of our School Zone Awareness Program. The City has been piloting a variety of engineering safety measures at a number of schools across Surrey located on arterial roads. We will be evaluating the various measures to help determine the most effective plan for implementation across the City.

At Latimer Road Elementary, the City will be installing, before the end of October, weather permitting, fluorescent yellow-green School symbol adjacent to the School Zone signs for both directions of traffic on 192 Street and 60 Avenue. This is similar to the pavement markings installed at Port Kells, Martha Currie and Don Christian Elementary School last year, in Phase 1 of the program. At those locations, we obtained positive results in slowing down traffic speeds.

Please refer to the attached brochure of the locations of the treatment in your neighborhood. Additional information about the pilot program is available on the City's website at www.surrey.ca/SafeAndActiveSchools.

We will be reaching out again to request feedback from your school community on your experience with these measures. This initiative is supported by the community partners including ICBC and the Surrey RCMP. We appreciate your efforts to encourage the entire school community to pay attention, slow down and make safety a top priority.

If you have any questions about this pilot program, please contact Kenneth Lee by email at klee@surrey.ca or by telephone at (604) 598-7910.

Yours Truly,



Kristen Tiede, P.Eng.
Team Lead, Traffic Operations


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City of Surrey's Traffic Operations Section

Arterial School Zone Awareness Pilot



<p>Pavement Marking replicating School Zone Sign</p>	<p>Fluorescent yellow-green pavement markings will replicate the school zone sign on the roadway to increase awareness of where the reduced 30 km/hr speed limit begins.</p>	
<p>William F. Davidson Elementary</p>	<p>156 Street, 9900 block</p>	<p>Pavement markings installed adjacent to existing school zone signs.</p>
<p>Mary Jane Shannon Elementary</p>	<p>144 Street, 10600 block</p>	
<p>Holly Elementary</p>	<p>150 Street, 10700 block</p>	
<p>Latimer Road Elementary</p>	<p>192 Street, 6000 block 60 Avenue, 19200 block</p>	