



Forsyth Focus #11 April

At Forsyth Road, we aim to create an inclusive school community that is socially, emotionally, and culturally sensitive so that everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential.

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School Updates

Dear Forsyth Road Families,

We have been enjoying a warm and sunny week at our school with many outside activities. This has been a welcome break for our students and staff with more opportunities to be outside. It is also welcome news as we continue to hear about increasing cases of COVID-19 in BC and health authorities recommend outdoor activities whenever possible.

Principal Update:

It is with a heavy heart that I would like to let everyone know that I have been transferred to Bayridge Elementary for the 2021/22 school year.

These past four years at Forsyth have been an amazing experience and I am sad to be leaving my Forsyth family, especially during such challenging times.

At this time, I do not yet know who will be replacing me in the role of Principal, but I know that you will welcome them just as you welcomed me.

PAC

We are very thankful for the outdoor equipment bins that our PAC donated to keep students occupied and engaged. The bins include badminton rackets, scoops and balls, frisbees, pickle ball paddles, basketballs, soccer balls, kick balls, volleyballs and skipping ropes. Students are using the new bins in their outdoor designated learning zone, staying within their cohort.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Forbes & the Forsyth Road Staff



Strong Start

In response to the increased number of COVID-19 cases, our district, in partnership with Fraser Health, has established a series of additional measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19. One of these measures includes limiting adult contact within schools. Therefore, beginning April 13th, we will be transitioning all of our StrongStart programs from face-to-face sessions to online learning through Microsoft Teams.

If you have additional questions, or need assistance with joining virtual sessions, please contact our Strong Start Teacher at Forsyth Road. Our hope is that this measure will be short term in nature and that we will see you again in our StrongStart centers soon. We thank you for understanding as we continue to ensure that the health and safety of our children and families remains our first priority.

Early Dismissal Days Added

The following **one-hour** early dismissal dates for all Surrey schools were recently approved by the Board of Education: Please adjust your pick-up time by one hour for your children. Dismissal will be at 1:30 on the following dates:

Friday, April 30, 2021

Friday, May 14, 2021

Monday, June 7, 2021

These early dismissal days are to provide an opportunity for school-based health & safety committees and school staff to review and revisit health & safety plans, discuss recommendations, and implement or adjust any COVID-19 mitigation strategies. We appreciate your cooperation and patience, Mrs. Forb

Daily At-Home COVID Self Assessment and Health Check



Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

A friendly yet important reminder:

Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory diseases before sending them to school. If a child has any symptoms, they must not go to school.

Daily screenings start at home. Parents are asked to answer these questions prior to sending their child to school:

- Does your child have the symptoms of a common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory diseases?
- Has your child been outside Canada in the last 14 days?
- Has your child been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak?

If the answer is **yes** to any of these questions, you must keep your child at home, self-isolate, and seek care from a health-care provider.

Please see the checklist from the BC Centre for Disease Control. If you answered “YES” to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If your child becomes ill while at school:

As per guidance from health authorities, any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff until they are picked up by a parent/guardian. The student and staff will both wear masks while waiting for the parent/guardian.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school has current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. Also, please ensure that you are always accessible by phone during the school day if your child is attending school, and, be prepared to pick-up your child(ren).

To help maintain a healthy learning environment: staff, families, and students are asked to practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (i.e. coughing and sneezing into your sleeve). Please review this with your child on a regular basis.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, their symptoms have resolved or they have been cleared by their physician.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school community safe.

Mark Your Calendar



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

Apr. 21: PAC Meeting @ 6pm (Virtual)

Apr. 22: Spirit Day (Crazy Hair/Hat Day)

Apr. 30: Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

May

May 5: Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

May 7: Non-Instructional Day (No School)

May 14: Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

May 24: Victoria Day (No School)

May 31: Non-Instructional Day (No School)

June

Jun. 7: Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Jun. 24: Last Day of School/Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Contact Us

Feel free to contact the school at any time.

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We would like to acknowledge that the lands on which we work, learn and play are on the unceded shared traditional territories of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and other Coast Salish Peoples.