



## Forsyth Focus #12 May

*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,

It has been a busy few weeks at Forsyth Road and as you are all aware we have had a series of COVID letters sent home to families. This is a good reminder for all of us to continue to exercise care, following all Provincial Health Orders and School Health & Safety protocols. Students and Staff are doing an excellent job in the building following our school safety guidelines:

- 1. Check Up:** Doing a daily health check and staying home if you are unwell. Get tested if you have symptoms.
- 2. Back Up:** Maintain physical distance where possible.
- 3. Wash Up:** Wash your hands regularly.
- 4. Mask Up:** All Staff and Grade 4-7 students must wear a mask indoors. Students in Grades K-3 are highly encouraged to wear masks as well. Please talk to your child about wearing their mask properly.

Year-End events such as our traditional **Sport's Day** and **Grade 7 Recognition Assembly** will look different this year due to the required Health & Safety protocols surrounding large groups of people. As such, information about these specific events will be sent out at a later date.

### **MR. JASON WUBS & MRS. DEBORAH WUBS**

**\$60,000** has been generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Wubs to support two schools in Surrey. Old Yale Road Elementary and Forsyth Road Elementary are the beneficiaries of this compassionate generosity. The funds provided will help support the schools in upgrading school-based technologies, literacy materials, equipment, and allow the schools to support emergency needs at their respective site.

### **Planning For Next Year:**

In the final months of each school year, we begin the complex process of planning for the upcoming year. Creating balanced classes is a highly intensive, collaborative process in which each child's social, emotional and academic needs are thoughtfully considered. Teachers, support staff and administration reflect upon each placement carefully as we endeavour to create workable instructional groups, positive social placements and balanced classes.

The creation of a positive classroom environment is a highly complex process in order to meet the needs of all learners. Initial student placements begin in May and June of the current school year. In September, placements are reviewed to consider students new to our school and students who have moved over the summer. We are open to reflections from our parent community but at the same time, we ask that you place your trust in our educational team.

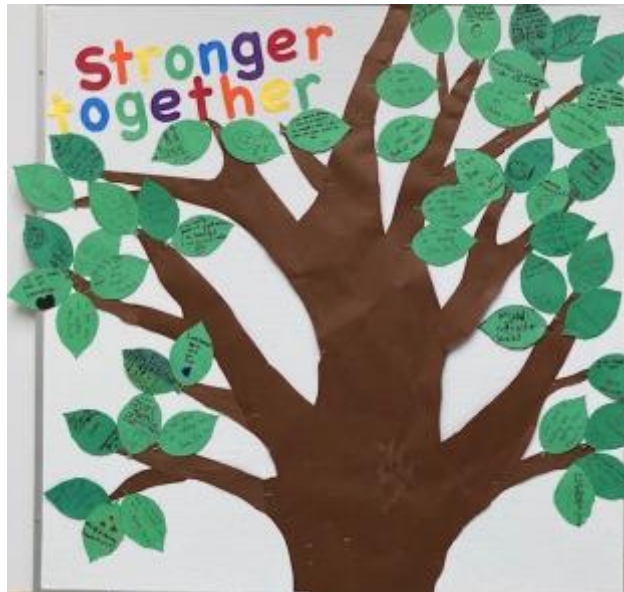
Should you wish to share your thoughts on your child's upcoming placement, please note the following:

- Information that is unknown to teachers & administration regarding a student's social, emotional, and academic needs will be taken into consideration;
- Requests for specific teachers or specific friends will not be considered;
- All letters will be shared with the school placement team in a transparent manner (including past & present teachers).

*Should you wish to provide the school placement team with information that will help guide our decision making, please email a letter to Mrs. Forbes by May, 31st, 2021 at [forbes\\_j@surreyschools.ca](mailto:forbes_j@surreyschools.ca)*

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Forbes & the Forsyth Road Staff



*1 - We continue to be stronger together!*

COVID TESTING KITS

## **COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Test Kits available to symptomatic students at all schools in the Surrey School District**

Effective May 6th, COVID-19 mouth rinse/gargle test kits will be available in all schools in the Surrey School District.

BC Children's Hospital and Fraser Health are making these test kits available for any student who becomes symptomatic during the school day.

As is practice, if a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student will be safely isolated, and families will be contacted to pick their child up as soon as possible. A kit will be offered to the parent/guardian to take home when the child is picked up.

Instructions on how to administer the test at home are included in the kit. The sample can be dropped off at any [LifeLabs location](#) for processing. Results from these tests will be received through the same processes as tests taken at COVID-19 test centres.

Acceptance of a kit is voluntary and solely a parent's or guardian's decision. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at LifeLabs in a timely manner, and not all students will be amenable to a test.

The availability of this test kit is yet another way that we are working with our partners in public health to safely keep our schools open.

The health and safety of students and staff remains our first priority and we thank our staff, students and larger school community for their vigilance and commitment to our [health and safety protocols](#).

Please continue to monitor your child(ren) for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) before sending them to school each day. If they have any symptoms, children should remain at home and access testing at a collection centre, if advised.

For more information on testing, please visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control Testing Information website](#).

## Daily At-Home COVID Self Assessment and 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**

#### **May**

May 14: Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm (Health & Safety)

May 24: Victoria Day (No School)

May 31: Non-Instructional Day (No School)

#### **June**

Jun. 7: Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm (Health & Safety)

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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Visit us on the web at [Forsyth Road Website](#)

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.