



Forsyth Focus #13 June

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 only have 4 weeks left of school before summer holidays and this time will go quickly. As we look back at the year that is coming to a close and ahead to the 2021-22 school year, I feel proud of the work we have done at Forsyth and we are optimistic for next year!

Our students, staff and parents have shown themselves to be flexible, creative and resilient. We have continued to focus on health and safety throughout the year, but have not let the pandemic overwhelm us or dampen our spirits. While we may not be able to enjoy year-end celebrations and events in the same way we have in the past, we have much to celebrate this year.

Last week, our province unveiled B.C.'s Restart Plan. This is great news for our community, but it is important to remember that the restart plan does not change the BCCDC's Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings. All events organized by schools, including Graduation events, year end celebrations, sports days and assemblies must adhere to the existing K-12 Guidelines, the School District COVID-19 Safety Plan and all supporting protocols.

Grade 7 Farewell

On Wednesday, June 16th we will be having a celebration to send off our Grade 7's. Due to the current state of the pandemic, we are not able to have any family members attend. The event will be photographed and a slide show will be sent out to families the following week.

Students are welcome to dress up for this event! Please use this opportunity to celebrate as a family when your child returns home from school.

Field Day Fun

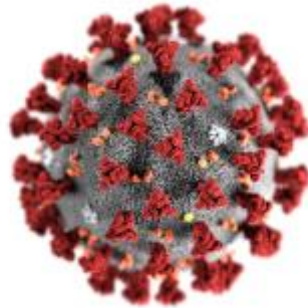
We will be celebrating Sport's Day a little different this year. During the week of June 14-18th, we will be having Forsyth Road's Field Day Fun. Due to the current state of the pandemic, we are not able to have any family members attend. The FDF Committee is currently working on a schedule for classes and will be putting together some fun stations for students to participate in.

- 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.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Forbes & the Forsyth Road Staff

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

June

June 1-9: Wear Orange to honour the lives lost

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

June 17: Spirit Day: Beach Day

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.