



Forsyth Focus #6 Winter Break

The mission of our school is to provide a safe and respectful environment that fosters the development of a community of lifelong learners.

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School Updates

December 11, 2020

As you know from last week's email, we are required to re-organize some of our classes as many students are returning to face to face instruction in January. This is not something that we would normally do at this time of the year, but it is necessary in this unique time. Staff have worked very hard these past few weeks reviewing class placements as we looked to create balanced classes providing a solid educational setting.

If your child has a new placement for January 2021, you will be contacted by the school on Monday, December 14th. We are looking forward to welcoming new students and building these new relationships in the New Year!

Ms. Law and the school staff have been working hard these past few weeks putting together a video version of our regularly held Winter Concert. Please stay tuned for this email next week!

We would also like to thank Business Development and Relate Church for providing each of our students a holiday gift. Gifts will be handed out to students starting on Monday.

From all of us at Forsyth, we wish your family a safe and relaxing holiday season.

Mrs. J. Forbes

Principal



News from the PAC



Our next PAC meeting will be held on January 20, 2021 at 6:00pm (Virtual). Please join us and help plan fun and educational activities for our school community! We would love to meet you and learn about what is important to you for your children.

We had a successful Neufeld Farms fundraiser and raised \$593.00 for our school!

We are just wrapping up our school Food Drive and the winning class will be announced on Tuesday!

You can email our PAC at forsythroadpac@gmail.com

If you haven't had a chance already, please join the PAC Facebook group to stay updated on events, helpful resources, community events or important information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/forsythroadpac>

Daily At-Home 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 gentle reminder that if a student shows the symptoms outlined in the daily health check during the day, they are asked to put on their mask and taken to the medical room where the parents are contacted to pick up their child.

Please ensure that you are wearing a mask when standing next to other children at the school during drop-off/pick-up, or please arrange to meet your child away from the school building.

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.

Please see attached, Fraser Health’s Covid-19 webpage: [Back to school resources for parents and teachers](#).

You can find more information about the BC Centre for Disease Control COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings here: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf

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

Mark Your Calendar



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DECEMBER

Dec. 16 Communicating Student Learning Reports

Dec. 18 Last Day before Winter Break

Pajama Day

JANUARY

Jan. 4 School Reopens

Jan. 11 Kindergarten Registration Begins (On-line)

Contact Us

Feel free to contact the school at any time.

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