

April 29, 2021

Good Afternoon Grade 7 Parents,

As the end of your child's time in elementary school approaches, we recognize parents desire to celebrate this momentous time in their child's life. Unfortunately, Covid has thrown a wrench in our hopes and we are limited in our choices. As the mother of twins graduating high school this year Ms. Campbell feels your frustration and disappointment. Please be assured that we at school wish to do anything within our power to make some special memories for the Grade 7's.

As we have lost the ability to do any of our traditional Grade 7 fieldtrips, we have been planning some neighbourhood walking field trip and events. A notice will be coming home shortly.

In respects to year end leaving ceremonies, the school is limited in what is possible given both Surrey District and Provincial Health Office Protocols. We have had to wait for district direction before getting too involved in planning. The directive from Surrey Schools, pasted below, just came through this week. At the school level we have begun discussing our options.

As parents, we value your input. If anyone has reasonable suggestions please email your classroom teacher. Please remember, we are limited by the expectations that parents are not allowed in the building and outdoor gatherings of more than ten are not permitted. If parents wish to organize a planning or discussion committee online, please let us know how we can help facilitate that.

## Memo #3

### Grade 7 Year End Activities and Grade 12 Graduation Ceremonies

*Graduation is an important event for students, staff and families. It is a time of excitement and change, and marks a significant accomplishment.*

*Year end and Graduation celebrations will still need to look different this year.*

- *Events like convocation and the granting of diplomas **can** happen as they are considered learning activities. BUT they still need to occur in line with our H&S Protocols:*
  - *Consider live streaming events, so parents, caregivers, families, and friends can participate.*
  - *Consider drive-thru ceremonies (parade - as per regulations this would have to be 50 car max)*
- *Events like dinners and dances **cannot** happen as they are considered gatherings*
- *Sharing and distribution of food cannot occur.*

We look forward to your input,

Ms. L. Campbell  
Mrs. B. Scott  
Mrs. K. Walker