
Creekside Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER #1

September 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It was a great start to the school year. It was so nice to see so many families on the grass field last Tuesday. Our staffing was reduced by one division as we have now 306 students in total. Staff have spent hours discussing class placement and students will now remain in their assigned classes. Please help them learn to adjust to change.

Div 1	B. Romas	7	Div 8	J. Jassal	3/4
Div 2	A. Marcakis	6/7	Div 9	S. Sanghera	2/3
Div 3	M. Low	6	Div 10	N. Wantanbe	1/2
Div 4	P. Sekhon	5/6	Div 11	C. Chen	1
Div 5	S. Semkiw	5	Div 12	H. Li	K/1
Div 6	C. Turnbull	4/5	Div. 13	L. Gerber/K Quach	K
Div 7	S. Dhanda	3/4	Div. 14	M. Salvador	Int. Lit

We welcome new EA's – M. Ali, S. Sayal, S. Shakya, J. Fleming, K. Sandhu.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Children in Grades 1-7 are bringing home planners. The cost of each planner is \$5.00. Please put your \$5.00 in a sealed envelope with your child's name and division/teacher name written on the front and hand it in to your child's teacher. There are important pages at the front of the planner explaining school rules, policy and code of conduct.

PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Our drop off zone has been improved in an effort to keep children safe. You must have an actual parking space and not create your own along the back on the inside of the fence. Please drop off children quickly if you are using drive through lane and pull all the way forward so the entrance does not become blocked. Remember that our parking lot is only for staff members parking and NOT for drop off or pick up. Again, above all, we encourage all children to walk to school or ride their bikes.

WHEN STUDENTS ARE LATE

Students are asked to be at the school by 8:25 a.m. At this time a bell will ring to indicate to the students that they should move to their classrooms. The morning session will commence at 8:30 a.m. Students arriving after this time must report to the office to be recorded and to obtain a "late slip" before they will be admitted to their class. Please make a habit of getting your children to school on time and picking them up promptly at the end of the day. The dismissal bell rings at 2:30 p.m. and supervision is only provided for 15 minutes. There is no supervision after 2:45 p.m.

WHEN STUDENTS ARE ILL

Parents need to assess their children every morning for symptoms of COVID-19

and if there are symptoms 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 a nurse practitioner. There is a COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool on-line to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

Whenever possible, please try to book appointments for the doctor, dentist and such outside the scheduled hours of instruction. If your child is absent, please phone the school office. The school has voice-mail, you may call at any time and leave a message. We operate a "Parent Alert" program, whereby if a student is absent and we have not received a phone call or message from you, then we attempt to contact you or your designate in order to confirm the absence. This task does take our secretaries a considerable amount of time each morning, so we appreciate it if you can contact the school and let us know if your child will be away.

LUNCH

Students need to stay at school for lunch rather than going home and need to bring their lunches with them in the morning as we cannot have parents dropping off lunches. We have changed our lunch schedule to try and spread out the students on the school yard.

11:45 am	Intermediate Students Play
	Primary Students Eat
12:00 pm	Primary Students Join Play
12:15	Intermediate Students Eat
12:30 pm	Afternoon Session



Students inside the building will wash their hands multiple times per day. This will normally include upon arrival to school, before and after recess, before they eat, after they eat, after they use the toilet, before and after heading out of their classroom to go to music or library. This is a lot of handwashing and it takes time. Even after we do all the hand washing, there will still be the need or desire to use hand sanitizer. If you do send your child with hand sanitizer, PLEASE BE

SURE IT IS SCENT FREE. We have a number of staff and students who are highly sensitive to scents. The school provides free hand sanitizer to all classrooms that do not have access to a sink and running water.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Students can bring devices to school however we need to work together to ensure that students are using these devices responsibly. We request that students follow the instructions of their teachers regarding use of devices. Many teachers collect all devices in the morning and return them at dismissal. If students need to contact a parent or guardian during the school day, they can use the classroom phone or office phone, with permission from their teacher. Parents can call the school for urgent messages. Thank you for helping us keep the learning environment a safe and positive one for everyone.

DOGS NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Please keep in mind that children have different levels of comfort around dogs and therefore, there is a district policy of that does not allow dogs on school property. If you would like to walk your dog during drop off and/or pick up, please stay on the perimeter and not in amongst large groups of children. Ensure that your dog is on a short leash, do not allow your dog to bark around the children or jump up on them. Please do not leave your dog tied up unattended. If you need to come into the school to speak with a staff member, please leave your dog at home. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS AND INFORMATION

Office Hours are 8:00-3:30

- Parents/Adults will be restricted from entering the building and we encourage you to call and set up an appointment in advance.

Look for future information and updates on school website:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/creekside>

If you enter your email address at the bottom of the home page on the website, the newsletter will automatically be sent to you.

Or download the Surrey School App in the App Store and Select School Link and then follow Creekside.

School Calendar for 2021/2022

School Closed	-	September 30, 2021
Winter Vacation	-	December 20 – January 2
School Opens	-	Monday, January 3, 2022
Spring Vacation	-	March 13- 27
School Reopens	-	March 28, 2022
Last Day of School	-	June 23, 2022

Non-Instructional Days

September 27, 2021	October 22, 2021
November 12, 2021	February 25, 2022
May 6, 2022	May 30, 2022

Early Dismissals

December 15, 2021	March 10, 2022
June 7, 2022	June 23, 2022

Bell Schedule for 2021-22

There will be no change to our bell schedule next year

Morning first bell	-	8:25 AM
Start bell	-	8:30 AM
Recess begins	-	10:15 AM
Recess ends	-	10:30 AM
Lunch starts	-	11:45 AM
(Students play outside)		
Bell to come inside	-	12:15 PM
Lunch ends	-	12:30 PM
Dismissal	-	2:30 PM

