

W.E. Kinvig Elementary School

We're on the Web!

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Vice-Principal: Shane Reader



September Newsletter...

Hello all,

We thank parents and students for being patient with the class placement process. The number of divisions we have for the year is determined by our enrollment numbers. Unfortunately, our enrollment dropped down to a point that we lost two divisions late last week. We are happy to report that students are now in classes for the year. Children received a letter on Wednesday providing information on the grade, division, teacher name and room number they will be with for the year. If you did not receive this, please contact the office for the details.

The new classes, room numbers and divisions are listed on page 2. Please keep this as your reference moving forward. Due to Covid 19, we are unable to allow visitors in the school without checking in at the office. We will still need to track who is coming into the building for COVID safety tracking. This is a reminder to wear a mask at all times in the building. Please review the information in this newsletter as it contains important information for the year.

Thanks again,

Jas Atwal

School Hours...

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- ◆ Terry Fox Run
- ◆ Non instructional Day
- ◆ Orange Shirt Day
- ◆ Truth and Reconciliation Day

SCHOOL HOURS

8:20	-	Playground Supervision Begins
8:30	-	Students may enter the building
8:35	-	Start of Morning Classes
10:15	-	Recess
10:30	-	End of Recess
11:50	-	Lunch (Play Begins)
12:10	-	Eating Entrance Bell
12:35	-	Start of afternoon classes
2:35	-	Dismissal
2:50	-	Playground Supervision ends

Office Hours (Phones)

8:00 am—3:00 pm—Monday to Friday

2021-2022 Staff List...

WE Kinvig Staff-Enrolling

Principal - Mr. Atwal
 Vice Principal - Mr. Reader
 Head Secretary - Ms. Ansell
 Clerk-Ms. Kang Mon.–Tue. Clerk-Ms. Cole Wed.-Fri.

Enrolling Divisions and Staff

Div. 1	Grade 7	-Mr. Needham
Div. 2	Grade 6/7	-Mr. Nyberg
Div. 3	Grade 6/7	-Mr. Lourotos/Mr. Reader
Div. 4	Grade 5/6	-Mr. Moore
Div. 5	Grade 5	-Ms. Sotola
Div. 6	Grade 4/5	-Mr. Dhaliwal
Div. 7	Grade 4	-Mr. Aujla
Div. 8	Grade 3/4	-Mr. Uppal/Ms. Nijjar
Div. 9	Grade 3	-Ms. Higgs/Ms. Knight
Div. 10	Grade 2/3	-Ms. Hermon
Div. 11	Grade 2/3	-Ms. Menelaws/Ms. Ferguson
Div. 12	Grade 1/2	-Ms. Macri
Div. 13	Grade 1/2	-Ms. Wu
Div. 14	Grade 1	-Ms. Takhar
Div. 15	Grade K/1	-Ms. Smith
Div. 16	Grade K	-Ms. Kaila
Div. 17	Grade K	-Ms. Czihaly

WE Kinvig Staff-Non-Enrolling

Music	-Mr. Maksymiw
Librarian	-Ms. Ferguson
Counsellor	-Ms. Munaweera
Learner Support	-Ms. Habib, Ms. O'Reilly,
Learner Support	-Ms. Krejcik, Ms. Sawhney,
Learner Support	-Ms. Young
Band	-Mr. Penner
Early Literacy	-Ms. Sadhra
Speech Pathologist	-Ms. Bonato
Integration Support	-Ms. Sahota, Mr. Drayson
Integration Support	-Ms. Sanghera
Child Care Worker	-Ms. Stoney
<u>Special Ed. Assistant</u>	-Ms. Blackett, Ms. Fisher, Ms. Burda, Ms. Duong, Ms. Bhamji, Ms. Quin, Ms. Charrette, Ms. Parr-Pearson, Mr. Sikorski, Ms. Serrano, Ms. Varela, Ms. Wenzlaff, Ms. Mouro, Ms. Steinhilber, Ms. Irfan
Aboriginal Worker	-Ms. Komurcu
School Meal Coordinator	-Ms. Reid
Custodian	-Ms. Kandola
Lunch Monitors	-Ms. Fedoruk, Ms. Uppal,
Mrs. Van Zyderveld, Ms. Kailey	
Strong Start Facilitator-	Ms. Felix ("Bobbie")
Outreach Worker-	Emerson Marshall

Upcoming Calendar...

Upcoming Events

Sept. 11 Toonies for Terry Collection

Sept. 25 Terry Fox Run (1:15 pm)

Sept. 25 Wear Red and White Day

Sept. 27 Non-Instructional Day (No School)

Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 29 Truth and Reconciliation Assemblies

Sept. 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

Oct. 7 Parent Night (By Appointment)

Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Oct. 20 Early Dismissal 1:35 pm

Oct. 22 Non Instructional Day (No School)

Mask and Safety Protocols...

Masks are mandatory for all adults and Grade 4-12 students in the school system. Kindergarten to Grade 3 students have the option to wear masks, but they are highly recommended. Teachers wear masks in all common areas and are urging students to wear masks in their classrooms or common areas to promote safety for all. We also encourage parents to wear masks or keep distance between themselves and others at drop off and pick up. Please ensure your Grade 4-7 child attends school with a mask every morning. We do not have enough masks to supply one to each child daily.





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School Closures Information...

Sometimes extreme weather conditions or other circumstances can cause class cancellations at a school, or district wide on short notice. In the event of class cancellations, the Surrey School District will post information on its web site at www.surreyschools.ca and provide updates to the following radio stations:

CKNW - 980 AM or www.cknw.com
News 1130 AM or www.news1130.com
CBC Radio - 690 AM or www.cbc.ca/bc

The District will do its best to communicate the status of schools by 7:00 am.

Sometimes the decision to send students home if they have care can come to us close to the entry bell. We will always keep all students who are without parents and contact you by phone for safe pick up. All students should check in to the office and should never return home on their own without contact made by the school staff. **Please discuss this safety protocol with your children.**

Lates and Absences

Please call and let us know if your child will be late or absent. We call you if you have not called in so we can ensure the safety of your child. If we are not available to pick up the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine. This would help us at the office immensely.

(604-594-1135)

Lunches/Water Bottles

Part of the recommendations is for all students to bring water bottles and lunches to school daily in the morning. We will not be allowing parents in the building or to drop off lunches as we try to limit any exposures from outside the school.



Parent Visitor Protocol

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we will not be allowing parents and visitors in the building without prior approval. All visitors should report to the front window of the school. One of our office staff will be happy to assist you.



School Cash Online ...

School Cash online is an online payment program run through the School District. It is completely safe and does not cost any additional Fees. With COVID 19 we would like to limit the amount of germs that may be passed through cash transactions. We will use this online method for things like planners and Kindergarten Supplies. If you need help registering or adding your child to the account call or email Ms. Ansell. The fees owing will already be attached to your child's profile. Go to the following link to start an account or make payment:

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>

School Planners ...

Planners have arrived and are available for purchase. The planners cost \$5. The planners have important information about the school and District in the front 8 pages. Please refer to these pages for school contact information, school address and school code of conduct. Please use School Cash Online for your payment.



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Inclement Weather...

The weather can be unpredictable in September. Please check the weather in the morning and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. Please be careful when walking to school as the ground may be icy and slippery. If you are dropping off or picking up your child please follow Safe Drop Off guidelines. Have a waiting spot for picking up your child.

Crossing Guards...

Our Crossing Guards are going to be starting their training and will start cross walk duty in the mornings and after school in October. Please watch for them and be patient as they start their new roles. They will have vests, whistles and set out cones for safety.



Drop off and Pick Up Safety Policy...

- ALWAYS HAVE YOUR CHILDREN EXIT TO THE SIDEWALK SIDE OF THE VEHICLE
- Never open the door to the interior of the street to exit out as cars may be passing
- Please drive slowly in front of the school.
- Look both ways before exiting the drop off area to go back in the passing lane
- Do not double park on the street as it creates unnecessary congestion
- Do not overpass a stopped car as they may be stopped for students to cross
- Park one block down the street and walk to pick up your children
- Do not park or drive in the parking lot during pick up or drop off times.

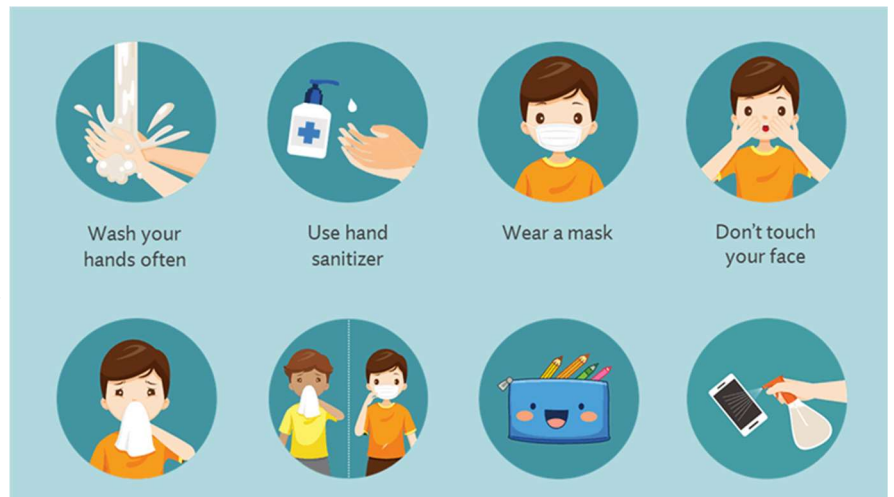
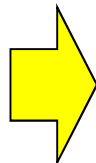
Change of Clothes

Some students have had to call home to get a change of clothes after Recess or Lunch as they have slipped and fallen. It is not a bad idea to have a change of clothes at the school or in their backpack, particularly the primary students.



Covid Safety Protocols and How You Can Help

Students and staff have many protocols in place to make sure we can keep everyone safe. Routine handwashing/sanitizing, custodial cleaning of high touch surfaces, distancing and health checks are daily procedures that we take.



All staff, parents and volunteers who enter the building are required to be doing daily health checks. Thank you for not sending your children to school when they have symptoms of illness or Covid. Notifications will be sent out at the discretion of Fraser Health. The notifications will let you know if there is self monitoring (still come to school but monitor for symptoms) or isolation (not to be coming to school for the time Fraser Health asks you to isolate).

Please do your Daily Health Check and make sure your child does not have symptoms of Covid-19.



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

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.

Prepared by Health and Safety Department. Sep 16th, 2020

Truth and Reconciliation Assemblies and Federal Holiday...

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021, has been recognized Federally as a Holiday in schools. This day is meant to honour Canada's residential school survivors, their families and communities. In honour of this day, we will be inviting a special guest, Rain Pierre, to come and speak to the students at WE Kinvig about his life experiences, Reconciliation and how art opened up new possibilities in his life. The presentation will be video taped and a form will be sent home soon to give consent for recording. We also honor this day by wearing orange shirts.



Before and After School Care

Are you looking for a fun Before and After School care program for your child? WE Kinvig Out of School Care is now open in Room 405 at WE Kinvig Elementary. For more information about our rates and program please contact Jas Sadhra at 778-386-3501 or email at kinvigkids@gmail.com. ~Spaces are limited~

Important Forms...

Coming Home this Month:

Four very important forms will be coming home that will need your immediate attention. There will be:

- 1.) a **media consent form**,
- 2.) a **Fresh Grade permission form**
- 3.) a **Student Information Verification form**
- 4.) a **Technology form**

All four forms will need to be reviewed, updated and returned to school. **It is VERY important that all three forms are returned promptly.**

Thank you in advance for "keeping an eye out" for these forms and for returning them back to the school as soon as possible.

School Link App / Website...

Surreyschools.ca is the School District site for our WE Kinvig school webpage and district information. Over the next few weeks, the site will be updated with our school's pertinent information. You may refer to this site if you have any questions about the school, activities, or programs. Newsletters, information and forms will be available on this school site. Please visit: www.surreyschools.ca/schools/wekinvig. In addition to email, follow WE Kinvig on the District mobile app, **School Link**. This app provides access to newsletters, alerts, closures, reminders and contact information. We will send out a form for this type of communication in the coming week.

Terry Fox Run and Fundraising for Cancer Research...

Students and staff are on the run to help raise awareness about cancer! The classes will be learning about Terry Fox and participating in a run around our fields outside on Friday, September 24th at 1:15 pm-1:45 pm. Due to COVID 19, we will not be having parent volunteers this year. We will fundraise by collecting cash and coin donations for Terry from September 20-October 1. You may also go online and make a pledge at www.terryfox.org. Thank you again for your support. All cheques should be made out to the Terry Fox Foundation. Please bring the coin and cash donations to your child's teacher. Our goal is to raise over \$541 in donations. We chose this goal as it has been 41 years since the Terry Fox Run began.



WE Kinvig Code of Conduct

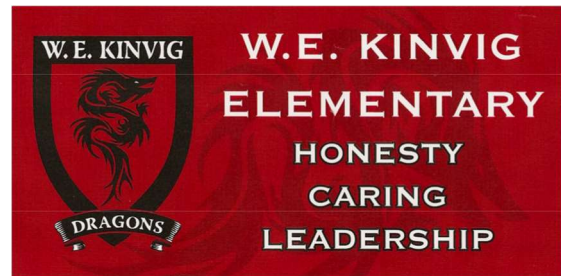
At WE Kinvig, the central theme is Honesty, Caring, Leadership and using your WITS:

Honesty	(Take ownership and responsibility of your actions)
Caring	(Care for yourself, others, and the environment in which we learn)
Leadership	(Lead by example, and take on roles at the school that can help others)

Positive Behaviour: Good choices by students will be recognized and reinforced both verbally, and with written good behavior slips called Dragon Badges. Prizes are given out throughout the year from the Dragon Badge bin.

Inappropriate Behaviour: can consist of, but is not limited to:

- rudeness, swearing
- fighting (or play fighting), or hitting
- lack of respect for others, using put downs, teasing
- throwing objects (rocks, sticks, snowballs, etc.)
- defiant behaviour, insolence
- running in the halls
- unauthorized leaving of school grounds
- littering, damaging property, or misusing equipment



Consequences

Consequences will be applied in a fair and consistent manner, respecting individual rights, responsibilities, age and maturity.

Inappropriate behaviour typically has the following consequences in escalating order (Depending on the offence):

- review of expectations and a timeout
- review of expectations, written assignment and/or loss of privileges
- parents are informed
- meeting with the parents
- short-term (in school or at home) suspension up to 5 days
- long-term suspension (over 5 days) or referral to district program
- consultation with police and/or fire department
- expulsion

Safe & Caring School Environments:

Are Free From Acts Of

- bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, threat, intimidation
- violence in any form including play fighting, or throwing objects at others
- abuse in any form, including physical and verbal abuse
- discrimination, racism or prejudice in any form
- vandalism or willful damage of school property
- retribution against a person who has reported incidents
- theft of school or other's personal property

Do Not Tolerate the Presence Of

- intoxicating or banned substances
- weapons or replica (toy) weapons and explosives
- intruders or trespassers

Notification

As circumstances warrant (based on the seriousness of the behavior), administrators will advise other parties following a behaviour incident

