



Berkshire Park Elementary School

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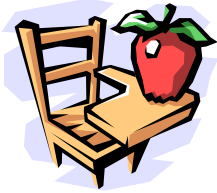
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NEWSLETTER #1: September 3, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,



I trust you have all had a relaxing and fun summer with your families and friends. The staff and I are looking forward to seeing the children on Tuesday morning. Since we are still navigating through a world pandemic, we will continue to follow some health and safety guidelines from the ministry. All grade 4 to 7 students, staff, and visitors are required to wear a mask in the building. As last year, we will continue to strongly encourage our Kindergarten to grade 3 students to do the same. As you drop off and pick-up your children, we would like to encourage you to also wear a mask on the school grounds, especially when gathering in large groups. As a school community, I know we will continue to "be kind, be calm, and be safe".

As you would have noticed, there is currently a lot of construction happening on the east side of our property. The city is installing new water pipelines for the community. The project will continue into the fall, which means there will be quite a bit of disruption and traffic congestion around the school. In the interest of safety over convenience, please walk your children to school. If you need to drive, please park off school grounds in the neighbourhood. Please be respectful of people's private driveways and adhere to the road signs. Foot access by the forest is closed, so follow the posted signs and head north to the secured pathway. We want to maintain safety of all during construction. Please see information on the last four pages of this newsletter from Jeni Vlahovic, community liaison for Metro Vancouver's Fleetwood Reservoir and Water Main project. As the work progresses, I will forward updated information to you via our e-newsletters.

PLAN FOR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Tuesday, September 7th)



- Students going into grade 1 to 7 are to report to the same classrooms they were in last year from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Some teachers have moved; however, there will be other teachers to meet your children, if that is the case.
- New Kindergarten students to our school are to meet outside the building in the north west corner at 10:15 a.m. There will be some staff to meet you, and the Kindergarten teachers will head to the meeting spot after settling their students in their classrooms from last year.
- Please pick up your children from the same location you dropped them off at.
- Do not bring school supplies on this first day. The purpose of this day is to welcome the children back to school and to confirm your child's registration, allowing us to finalize our numbers in order to form divisions.
- If you are not able to attend on the first day, please phone the school to confirm your spot in the school.

PLAN FOR REST OF THE WEEK (Wednesday, September 8th to Friday, September 10th)



- New Kindergarten students are to follow the gradual entry schedule
- All grade 1 students are to line up outside Room 206 (Ms. Le)
- All grade 2 students are to line up outside Room 202 (Ms. Welch/Ms. Rakhra)
- All grade 3 students are to line up outside the gym's east exterior doors by basketball courts
- All grade 4 students are to line up outside Room 404 (Ms. Rawling)
- All grade 5 students are to line up outside Room 215 (Mr. Ferguson)
- All grade 6 students are to line up outside Room 205 (Ms. Gallello/Ms. Wilk)
- All grade 7 students are to line up outside Room 201 (Ms. Chen)
- MACC meet Mr. Allinger in Room 210
- All students will be sent home from the same rooms/location they were dropped off
- During this week, the staff and I will be finalizing class placements depending on the number of divisions the district will allow us to have based on our actual numbers.

SOME GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES:



- **Check Up:** all students and staff are required to do a daily health check. If sick, students and staff are required to stay home. If you have symptoms, get tested.
 - **Mask Up:** all staff, visitors, and grade 4-7 students are required to wear a mask in the school building. K-3 are also encouraged to continue wearing a mask, as last year. Ensure your mask is clean and dry, is a good fit, and covers your nose and mouth fully.
 - **Wash Up:** wash or sanitize hands regularly, including as you enter the school, before eating, and after playing outside at recess and lunch. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
 - **Back Up:** be mindful and considerate of others' personal space and try to keep your hands to yourself.
 - **Vax Up:** if you haven't already, register to receive your first and second dose of the vaccine. Getting vaccinated is the most effective way to reduce infections and transmission of the coronavirus.
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- Students should bring their own personal water bottles to school each day
 - No student lunch drop-off at the office
 - If students arrive late, continue to report to exterior classroom doors as last year
 - Parents/guardians who need to meet with staff are encouraged to call and make an appointment; all visitors must sign in by the office and wear a mask
 - No sharing of communal food such as a box of donuts, bag of popcorn, etc.
 - If you haven't seen Dr. Jordan Tinney's video update around the new Health and Safety guidelines, please click the following link: <https://vimeo.com/595957425> The main topics Jordan deals with in this video are gatherings, protocols, and the notification process we anticipate.

SOME GENERAL INFORMATION:



- Please note that Thursday, September 30th is a new holiday in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation
- Students will be told on Tuesday what school supplies to bring for the first week of school
- Collection of money for school planners, PAC fund raising events, will all be done electronically (more information to come)

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

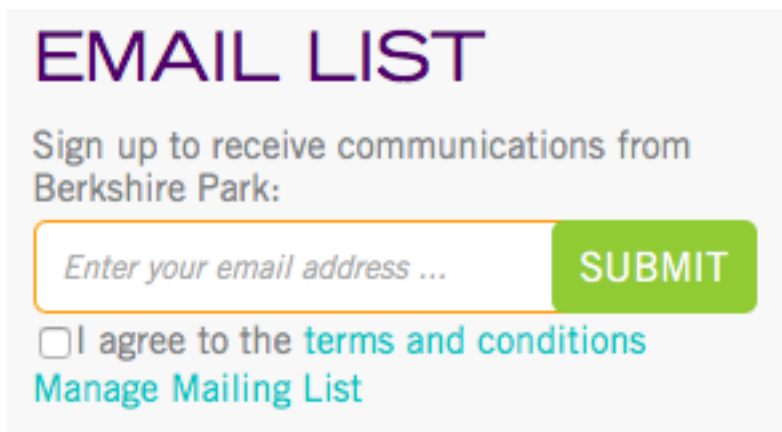
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste	<p>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and get a health assessment.</p> <p>Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea and vomiting Diarrhea	<p>If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours.</p> <p>If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<p>If yes: All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.</p> <p>This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before they are scheduled to attend school to adhere to the self-quarantine orders. Additional information is available here.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<p>If yes: Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.</p> <p>You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.</p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to sign up for our electronic newsletter, which will be sent out on the last working day of each month and will include calendar dates for upcoming events for the next month of school. PAC will also be sending updates via an attachment to the school's monthly newsletters.

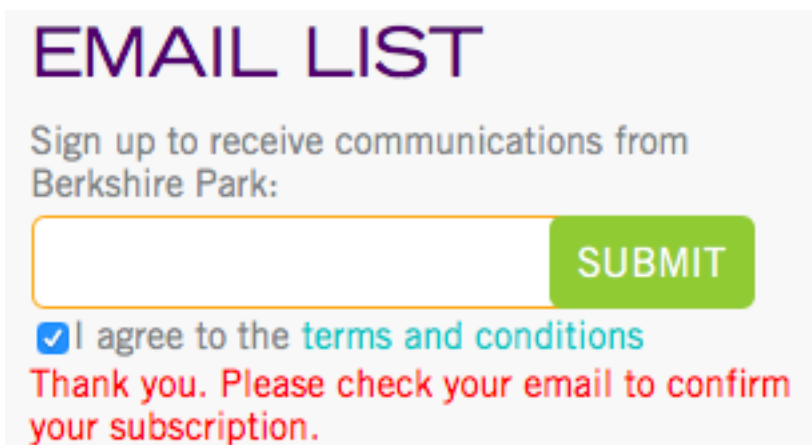
If schools are closed due to inclement weather or any other emergency response situation, we will inform you through this system of communication.

1. Go to www.surreyschools.ca/berkshirepark
2. Scroll down the home page to "Email List" and type your email address in the white box and click green "Submit" button. You will also need to agree to the "terms and conditions" by checking off the box.



The screenshot shows a sign-up form titled "EMAIL LIST" for "Berkshire Park". It includes a text input field with the placeholder "Enter your email address ...", a green "SUBMIT" button, and a checkbox for "I agree to the terms and conditions" with a link to "Manage Mailing List".

3. After signing up, you will read the following message:



The screenshot shows the same sign-up form after submission. The "SUBMIT" button is now greyed out, and the checkbox for "I agree to the terms and conditions" is checked. A red message reads: "Thank you. Please check your email to confirm your subscription."

4. You can also get a **free app** for iPhone and iPad called SchoolLink. This app will allow the school to send push notifications directly to your device. Go to the app store, find "SchoolLink" and download the app. Once downloaded, add "Berkshire Park" to your school list, and you will receive a newsfeed of anything posted on our website.



FLEETWOOD RESERVOIR AND WATER MAIN

We're working in your neighbourhood to improve the delivery of clean, safe drinking water

PROJECT UPDATE

August 31, 2021

Dear parents and guardians of students at Berkshire Park Elementary School,

I am the community liaison for Metro Vancouver's Fleetwood Reservoir and Water Main project. You may have already received information about the project from notices we have distributed to the neighbourhood. I want to share this project update before the start of the school year.

As you may know, Metro Vancouver is constructing the Fleetwood Water Main in the City of Surrey to continue delivering clean, safe drinking water to growing communities south of the Fraser River. Water main construction has begun near Berkshire Park Elementary School and it will continue for approximately four months until November this year.

I've included the project fact sheet as an attachment to this letter. The fact sheet shows a map of the water main alignment along 154 Street from Meagan Anne MacDougall Park through the east side of the school grounds, west along 94 Avenue to 153A Street and then along 153A Street to 95 Avenue.

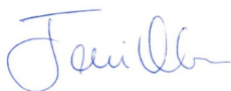
Work will be completed in sections, currently scheduled as follows:

- August:** East side of the school grounds
- September:** 154 Street from the school to Meagan Anne MacDougall Park
- October & November:** Still to be determined

You will notice some fencing up on the gravel field at the south end of the school grounds. This is our contractor's site office area that will remain in place for the duration of the project. It is fully fenced in with all materials and equipment contained inside in order to ensure the surrounding area remains safe for students and the public.

In order to minimize interruptions to the school grounds, the path from 154 Street has been temporarily closed to the public for the contractor to access their site office area. A pedestrian detour has been set up to access the school grounds from 93A Avenue. Please see the map below which is also displayed where the path is now closed.

We are working to minimize impacts of the project on the community as much as possible and will continue to provide more information as the project proceeds. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me via the contact details on the back of this page if you have any questions or feedback about the project.



Jeni Vlahovic



Caption: Temporary pedestrian detour from 154 Street to Berkshire Park Elementary School



Metro Vancouver Community Liaison: 604-432-6200

(Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM)

After Hours Emergency: 604-451-6610

Email: icentre@metrovancover.org *(Please include "Fleetwood Reservoir and Water Main" in the subject line of your email)*

Website: For additional information on this project, or to sign up for project updates, please visit www.metrovancover.org and search "Fleetwood Reservoir and Water Main"



Fleetwood Reservoir and Water Main



MAY 2021

Building new infrastructure to ensure the continued delivery of clean, safe drinking water for the region’s growing population.

Project Overview

Metro Vancouver is building a new underground reservoir and water main in the City of Surrey to continue delivering clean, safe drinking water to growing communities south of the Fraser River. The Fleetwood Reservoir is planned for construction in Meagan Anne MacDougall Park and the new water main will connect the reservoir to the regional drinking water system. Construction of the water main is expected to start in summer 2021, and a timeline is available on the back of this page with further details. Please see the map for the exact location of the new reservoir and water main.

Construction Activities

Fleetwood Reservoir

- An underground reservoir
- An underground valve chamber
- An above-ground maintenance access building next to the existing pump station building
- An above-ground exit structure for the underground valve chamber

Fleetwood Water Main

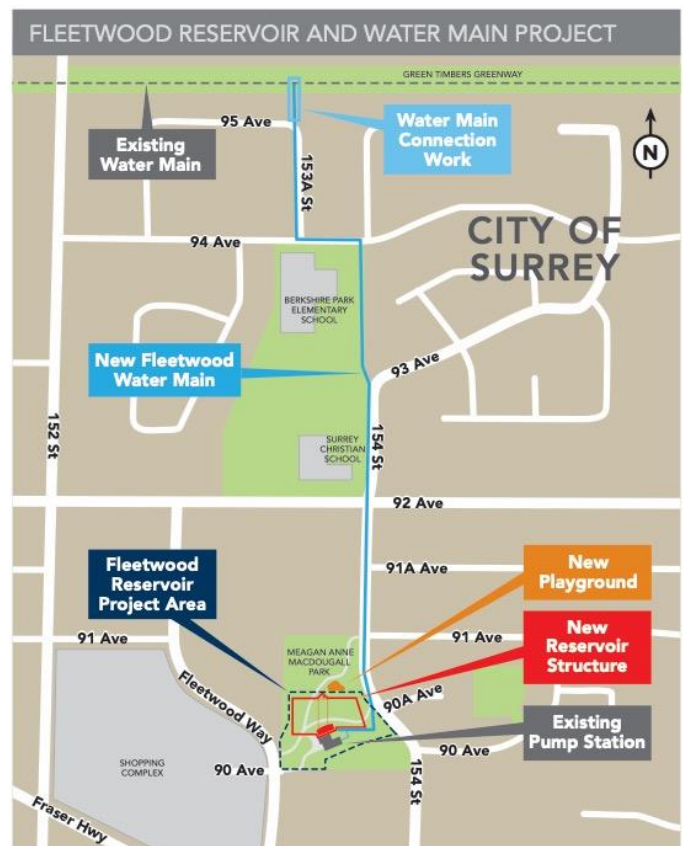
Metro Vancouver will also construct a 0.9 m diameter water main, approximately 1 km long to connect the Fleetwood Reservoir to the regional drinking water system.

Park Improvements

After reservoir construction is complete, the City of Surrey will perform park improvements which includes the design and install of a new playground. Feedback has been shared with the City relating to lighting, garbage collection and public art in the park.

To share your comments about park improvements contact the City of Surrey:

Elisabeth Thiel, Landscape Technician
 Telephone: 604-598-5787
 Email: parksrecculture@surrey.ca



Work Hours and Noise

There will be some noise associated with this work. Crews will attempt to reduce noise impacts to nearby residents where possible. All work will comply with City of Surrey bylaws and granted bylaw variances.

Typical Hours of Work
Monday – Saturday 7 AM – 6PM*

* There may be times when crews will need to work longer hours or on weekends to complete certain tasks. All work will comply with City of Surrey bylaws and granted bylaw variances.

Working with the Community

Metro Vancouver is committed to working closely with the community and the City of Surrey to ensure concerns and interests are considered as the project continues. Local residents and businesses will receive ongoing notification through newsletters, web updates, email and on-site signage. A Community Liaison is available to address any public questions or concerns.

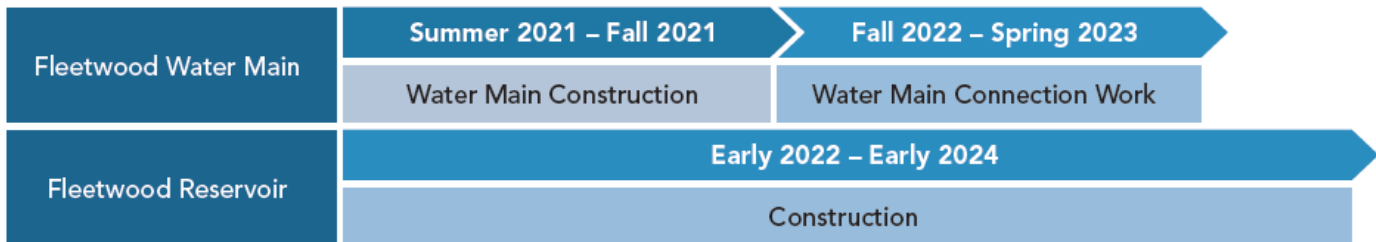
Finding Solutions to Access

There may be times when local residents may not be able to access their property by vehicle when construction activities block driveways. The project's Community Liaison will work with those affected to:

- Provide advance notice when driveways will be blocked
- Determine alternate options for access and parking, if available



Project Timeline



To reduce impacts, work nearby Berkshire Park Elementary School has been scheduled to occur once school is closed for the summer.



ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE PARK AFTER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING NEW RESERVOIR INFRASTRUCTURE WITH AN ABOVE-GROUND MAINTENANCE BUILDING (LEFT) AND EXIT STRUCTURE (RIGHT).

COVID-19 and Delivery of Essential Services

Metro Vancouver continues to closely monitor developments regarding COVID-19 and our paramount commitment is to maintain essential services to the region while protecting the health and safety of our employees, contractors, residents and businesses. Metro Vancouver's construction projects are key components in ensuring the ongoing delivery of essential services as defined by the Province of BC. Metro Vancouver follows the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer and is taking all necessary measures to ensure our work sites remain safe and healthy.

Contacting Metro Vancouver

Community Liaison:

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