

# W.E. Kinvig Elementary School

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## June Newsletter..



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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Early Dismissal
- ◆ Grade 7 Ceremony
- ◆ Year End Activities and Report Cards

Hello all,

We are entering the last month of school. Thank you for being patient with the school guidelines for safety. We were all saddened to hear about the residential school news in Kamloops. This shines light on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.

Our District met with the Aboriginal Education Council and the one thing the Council asked us to consider is 215 hours of Orange Shirt Days to acknowledge the lives of children lost and the trauma of residential schools. There were many suggestions of ways to display orange in support and this was one.

So beginning today, June 1<sup>st</sup> and for 9 days, we are asking you to consider wearing, or displaying, Orange as one way to honour and remember these children and their families. This also shows our support for Indigenous Peoples across Canada who will be feeling the impact of this discovery. Our Canada flag will also remain at half mast until further notice.

Jas Atwal



## COVID Information

We appreciate your continued support to follow the COVID guidelines. Unfortunately, we have recently received notice of a few students that have tested positive for Covid 19 at the school. The process when there is a positive case at school is Fraser Health sends out a letter to the whole school community to inform them of a case at the school. A separate Fraser Health letter goes to the class of the students involved letting them know to self monitor for symptoms. In addition, an isolation letter may go out to any staff and students that are deemed to be close contacts or in close proximity to the positive student. If you are not contacted directly by Fraser Health to isolate or have not received an isolation letter, you may attend school. It is extremely important to do your daily health check and not send your child to school if they have symptoms. All letters are sent to parent emails. Please make sure you update the office of any change in your emails. Please check your junk folder for messages from Fraser Health (Covidnotifications@surreyschools.ca).

## 2021-2022 School Calendar Dates...

**Here are the Calendar dates for 2021-2022. A more detailed list of events will be sent out in September.**

Sept. 7, 2021	School Opens (10-11 am for Students)
Sept. 8, 2021	First Full Day of Classes (Gr. 1-7)
Sept. 27, 2021	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
October 22, 2021	Early Dismissal Conferences 1:35 pm
October 22, 2021	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
November 11, 2021	Remembrance Day (No School)
November 12, 2021	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
December 15, 2021	Early Dismissal 1:35 pm
December 17, 2021	Last Day Before Winter Vacation
January 3, 2022	Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation
February 10, 2022	Early Dismissal Day 1:35 pm
February 21, 2022	Family Day Holiday (No School)
February 25, 2022	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
March 11, 2022	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 14-March 25, 2022	Spring Break/School Closure
March 28, 2022	First Day Back After Spring Break
April 15, 2022	Good Friday (No School)
April 18, 2022	Easter Monday Holiday (No School)
May 6, 2022	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day Holiday (No School)
May 30, 2022	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
June 23, 2022	Last Day of School for Students
June 23, 2022	Early Dismissal 1:35 pm
June 24, 2022	Administrative Day, School Closed

## Bell Schedule 2021-2022

The Bell Schedule for the 2021 - 2022 school year has changed:

### Morning:

8:20	Supervision begins
8:30	Welcoming Bell, students line-up outside, of classroom door
8:35	Classes begin
10:15	Recess
10:30	Classes resume

### Afternoon:

11:50	Lunch Play outside
12:15	Eating Time
12:30	Welcoming Bell
12:35	Classes resume
2:35	Dismissed
2:50	Supervision ends

## Washing Hands Protocols

Washing your hands and keeping your hands away from your face is extremely important during this pandemic.

Please show your children how to wash your hands properly. Students who return to the school for Face to

Face instruction will be washing their hands multiple times a day to reduce the chance of spreading or contracting any viruses.



## September Changes are Possible...

Although we have announced the School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, it is possible that changes will be required due to the COVID-19 situation after summer. Please keep your email and phone number up to date with the school so we can contact you with any changes that may occur. We will follow the orders of the Public Health Organization and Ministry of Education.

## Tragic Residential School News...

This past Friday, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation in Kamloops, B.C. announced the discovery of the remains of more than 215 children buried at the site of what was once a residential school. This news was a heartbreaking reminder of the trauma of residential schools, and the impacts that remain in our province today.

To honour these children and all those who suffered trauma and harm at the former residential school in Kamloops, all flags in our district will be flown at half-mast until further notice.

This horrific tragedy serves as a difficult reminder for survivors of residential schools and their families, of the hurt and intergenerational trauma they have endured. We will continue to care for our staff, students, and families in need of our support or resources, and we encourage anyone who needs additional support to reach out to their school. We must all continue to take care of each other.

As a public education institution, the Surrey School District remains committed to revealing and correcting miseducation around the shameful legacy of residential schools and the ongoing need for Truth and Reconciliation. As the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, once said, "Education got us into this mess and education will get us out of it."

There cannot be reconciliation without truth and understanding. Our district is committed to having meaningful discussion about the effects of residential schools and the legacy they have left behind. While these conversations on history and the impact of residential schools are taking place within our schools, we encourage families to also continue the learning at home. The Indian Residential School Survivor Society (IRSSS) and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) have several resources on their site for families to learn more.

Our hearts go out to the families of the children and to all communities closely impacted. Please take a moment to reflect on this recent discovery and to reach out and support one another.  
For Support please contact:

- National Indian Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419
- KUU-US Crisis line: 1-800-588-8717
- First Nations Health Authority (virtual counselling): 1-855-344-3800



## Time to Register For Kindergarten...

It's time to register for KINDERGARTEN. Those children who will turn 5 before January 1, 2022 are eligible to begin school in September 2021. Registration has begun and can be done online through the school district website [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca) under the parents tab.

To register, take pictures (to attach) or (scan and attach) the citizenship for both the parent and your child, proof of residency, and proof of guardianship. For proof of residency, we require any three of the following: purchase or rental agreement, income tax statement, property tax statement, utility bill, drivers licence, Care Card, BC identification or a signed letter from your landlord.

**It is very important to register as quickly as possible as the District bases the teacher allocation based on our enrollment. Thank you for your assistance in getting registrations in as soon as possible.**

## Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony...

Large gatherings are not an option at this time due to COVID 19. Therefore, we will **not** be holding a graduation ceremony with parents included as we normally have in the past. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a ceremony for the students at 1 pm. The students will be able to dress up and have their normal ceremony and have their moment on stage. We will also take pictures of the students. We will be recording the event and sending the video link to parents. We will be sending out information for parents to take a picture with their child in front of a backdrop. It must be done in a safe, socially distanced manner with different time slots for each family. A separate notice will be going out to all Grade 7 parents explaining the details.

## Year End Dates...

**June 1-9 Wear Orange in Remembrance of Residential School Tragedy**

**June 7-Early Dismissal 1:35 pm (COVID SAFETY)**

### **Spirit Week**

June 7- Inside Out/Backwards Clothes Day

June 8- Rainbow Day

June 9- Super Hero Day

June 10- Twin Day

June 11- Hat Day

June 16- Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 1 pm  
(Students only)

June 18- Disney Day (Wear Disney Clothes/Costumes)

June 24-Last Day of School for Students

**June 24-Early Dismissal 1:35 pm**

June 24-Report Card Summary  
(Available to Families)

**June 25-Administrative Day  
(No School for Students)**

## Pride Month at WE Kinvig...

June is Pride Month! We will be celebrating Pride Month this year through various school wide activities that celebrate the diversity of all our students, staff and community. Kinvig students are to be accepting of others no matter what colour they are, language they speak, their place of birth or what their religious beliefs are. In this same fashion, we are asking for this same acceptance for our LGBTQ+ families.

LGBTQ+ pride is the promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people as a social group. The LGBTQ+ community has endured persecution, shame and social stigma throughout history, which is why Pride Month is such an important celebration. There have been instances where negative comments and homophobic language have been used at our school. This will not be tolerated and goes against our own code of conduct and School District Policy. Members of the LGBTQ+ community should be made to feel included and accepted for the bravery it takes to be who they are. Please show respect for all of humanity by supporting Pride month.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations...

**Students born in 2009 or earlier are now eligible to register on the B.C. COVID-19 Immunization website**

Registration is now open for students between [the ages of 12 and 17 to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine](#). On Thursday afternoon the province announced that children born in 2009 or earlier (12 and older) can register on the [B.C. COVID-19 Immunization website](#). The goal is to have students vaccinated by June 30, with second doses by Aug. 30.

To register, fill out your child's information at [getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca), available 24/7 or call 1-833-838-2323 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any day of the week. You can also register in-person at any Service BC centre. After registering, you will receive a text, email or phone call when it is your turn to book a vaccine appointment. Don't expect to book an appointment the same day you register.

Once you have registered and have received your booking invitation, please do not delay booking an appointment. Bring your child's Care Card to their appointment. If your child does not have a personal health number, you can register by phone at 1-833-838-2323.

Booking invites will be sent to those who are older first, and most appointments will take place at the same immunization clinics used to vaccinate people in other age groups. Household and group vaccination options are also available. For more information, visit [fraserhealth.ca/vaccine](https://fraserhealth.ca/vaccine)



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### School Fees Notice

May 31, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We so appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the 2021/2022 school year, we anticipate the following costs:

**Student Planner:** We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

**Field Studies and Field Trips:** Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

**Musical Instruments:** Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$5 to \$7 or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt to take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

**School Supplies:**

We do not offer packages of supplies that parents can purchase. Parents can use the school supplies they already own or can utilize the grade supply list to purchase supplies. Kindergarten teachers will purchase the kindergarten supplies for a cost of \$40.

School Fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

Sincerely,

Jas Atwal