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**Newsletter 10**

**March 28, 2022**

## **Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,**

Welcome to spring – yay! The flowers are blooming and the weather is warmer (even if overly wet!). We hope Spring Break was an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate as we enter the final term of school. The next three months will go quickly. As always, reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about their learning.

## **Message from Mark Pearmain – Superintendent of Surrey Schools**

Below is message from our new Superintendent, Mark Pearman. Mr. Pearmain writes about the new Health Guidelines. While the updated measures continue to include a daily health check, staying home when sick, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette remain, a key difference is that wearing a mask and/or face shield is a personal choice and not mandatory. The links in Mr. Pearmain's letter are below:

[Daily Health Check](#)

[Summary of Key Updates](#)

[COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)



This is important information. Please have this translated.

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請找人替閣下翻譯這重要通告。이것은 중요한 통지입니다. 꼭 번역하여 읽으십시오.

यह बहुत ज़रूरी नोटिस है एसका हिन्दी में अनुवाद कराईये।

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March 24, 2022

Dear parents and guardians,

As I begin my new role as Superintendent for Surrey Schools, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment to the health and well being of our school communities over the course of this pandemic.

I know the past two years have not been easy for our students, and it's because of your collective efforts that we have reached an important milestone in this pandemic. As many of you may recall, just before the break on March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) shared updated [COVID-19 guidance](#) for K-12 schools. A summary of key updates can be found [here](#).

The new guidance includes continued [daily health checks](#), staying home when sick and practicing hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. The PHO also announced that masks will no longer be required for students, staff and visitors. The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for everyone. This choice will be supported and treated with respect in all our schools. Disposable masks will continue to be available at our sites for those that wish to use them.

Please note that these changes will be in effect when classes resume this coming Monday, March 28.

We recognize that individuals may experience varying levels of comfort during this time of transition. As we have seen so many times over the past two years, the kindness and compassion of our school communities have made all the difference.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we transition through these latest changes. We continue to work closely with public health to guide the safe operation of our schools, with the health and safety of our students and staff as our first priority.

I hope you enjoy these last few days of spring break, and we look forward to welcoming students and staff back to school on Monday.

Sincerely,

Mark Pearmain  
Superintendent of Schools/CEO

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### **Defining Mindfulness/Practicing Mindfulness**

Take a moment to learn about mindfulness and everyday ways to practice being mindful. Resources and ideas are included in the link ☺

<https://sway.office.com/iWXrKe5639uCtYGt?ref=Link>

### **PAC Raffle**

Our PAC raffle to raise funds for the purchase of a new professionally installed Audio/Visual system for our gym begins on March 28. Your children will bring tickets home. The first booklet will have your child's name and corresponding number for their class teacher. Booklets will be returned to school with cash and upon returning books, students will be entered into a draw for spirit wear. There will be ten thousand tickets in the draw and tickets will be sold for \$2 each.

<b>Grand Prize</b>	iPad mini, worth \$850 plus taxes
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	Keg Gift Card, worth \$200
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	Cactus Club Gift Card, worth \$150, and tickets to movie night

The final draw will be held on April 13.

### **Ready, Set, Learn & Welcome to Kindergarten –May 18**

Are you the parent of a three or four-year old? Do you know any families in our neighbourhood who have three or four-year old children? Our Ecole Woodward Hill Ready, Set, Learn and Welcome to Kindergarten events will be virtual again this year. We will be providing a link to a video created by our K teachers that will support you in participating in play-based activities with your child. Parents/ caregivers will also receive helpful tips to support their children's learning and development, as well as information about early learning programs offered by the school district and the community resources available to families.

### **Ministry of Education Learning Survey**

During the months of January to April, School District 36 is participating in the 2022 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any time before 11:59 pm April 30th, 2021, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

#### **To complete the survey:**

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access
2. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
  - District: the name of your child's district
  - School: the name of your child's school
  - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

### Cold weather and rainy days reminder

As a reminder, the following general criteria is used when deciding to send students outside at recess and lunch. Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing.

### Dress for the weather

OUTSIDE DAY	INSIDE DAY
Above 2 degrees and raining	2 degrees or below and raining
Snow days	Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out

### Parking Lot

Please use the crosswalk when crossing the drop off zone. It is unsafe when students walk across the drive through area. As always, patience is appreciated when entering school property in your car. Please remember to drop your children off at curbside (do not let your children exit the vehicle onto a driving lane).



- April 2 – May 1 [Ramadan](#)
- April 14 [Vaisakhi](#)
- April 15 GOOD FRIDAY – School Closed
- April 18 [EASTER MONDAY – School Closed](#)
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 27 and 28 Early Dismissal 1:35
- May 4 Spirit Day – Star Wars!
- May 6 Non-instructional day – classes not in session
- May 18 Welcome to Kindergarten/Ready, Set, Learn
- May 23 Victoria Day – no school
- May 30 Non-instructional day – classes not in session