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Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,

As we move towards spring and the optimism it holds, I am reminded of the seasons of our lives and how various times bring various challenges and opportunities. We are sharing a dark season, moving together, and trying to understand the noise and chaos that seems to confront us on a daily basis. Max Erhmann's *Desiderata* is a gentle reminder on how to go about our lives even in the midst of uncertainty, frustration, and fear. Be good to each other and be guided by an ethic of care for all other people. I see beautiful acts of care very day at Woodward Hill that serve to reinforce the goodness that exists in our world. Like the coming of spring flowers, the people that make-up our school community brighten dark days and bring hope for a better tomorrow.

Kindness Assembly

Our Pink Shirt Day/Kindness assembly is scheduled for Wednesday February 24. Don't forget to wear your pink shirt! You can learn more about the origins of Pink Shirt Day [here](#).

Black History Month

During the month of February, we have been studying Black History. From morning announcements to class activities and discussions, students have been exposed to contributions members of the Black community have made to shaping our country. On February 1, we shared the following with our students:

Black History Month is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn about the many contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to this country. Although there is so much to learn, I encourage all of us to start small. Pick something – perhaps you will learn about the contributions of one person in the Black community, or maybe you will learn about Black art or culture, our older students may know the meaning of abolitionist by the end of this month. And all of our students will hopefully appreciate why thinking good towards other people will make our world a better place for all of us.

You can learn more about Black History from many resources – two of which are included below:

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/topic/black-history>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

Mask wearing

All adults are expected to wear a mask when on school grounds. Thank you very much to all parents and caregivers who are wearing their mask while on school property. We are our children's role models. All students are encouraged to wear a mask during the school day, particularly when they are in cross cohort shared spaces in the school (music, library, open areas).

Daily Health Check

New versions of the daily health check have been introduced. The webpage below also includes a link for parents to download a **K-12 Health Check Mobile App**.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Reminder upcoming Scholastic Book Fair



Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair is available to our school on March 1-14. This will be a great opportunity to stock up on French or English books to read over spring break while also helping our school raise funds for our classrooms. The *Virtual Family Night Free Shipping Event* is on Wednesday March 3rd and 10th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. That is a two-hour window for free shipping – no minimum purchase required! [Follow this link](#) to access book trailers from now until the event and to shop our Virtual Book Fair during our fair dates.

Garden and First Peoples

Our Garden and First Peoples committee is working closely with Bernadette Mullen and other members of our PAC to design an outdoor learning space. Our vision is to design and create a medicine wheel garden where learning and wellness intersect. We are also exploring the idea of a Mystery Seed Challenge – stay tuned for more details.

Ministry of Education Learning Survey

During the months of January to April, School District 36 is participating in the 2021 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
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.

OUTSIDE DAY	INSIDE DAY
Above 5 degrees and raining	5 degrees or below and raining
Snow days	Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out
Cold and dry days	

Before and After School Care

Registration for returning families is Feb 23, 2021 and New Families March 9, 2021. For Woodward Hill families, please call 604-591-4795 for more information or registration. Lisa Wade is the operator. You can access the website for additional details: www.surrey.ca/afterschoolcare



February 19	Professional Development Day – no school
February 24	Pink Shirt Day & Kindness Assembly
March 1-14	Scholastic Book Fair
March 10	Green Day (wear something Green)
March 12	Student Reports go home, & Last Day of Attendance before Spring Break
March 15	SPRING BREAK school closed for 2 weeks (Mar 15-26)
March 29	School re-opens after spring break
April 2	GOOD FRIDAY – School Closed
April 5	EASTER MONDAY – School Closed