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Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,
Hurray spring has arrived!

Balance Assembly

Our Balance assembly focused on how setting priorities can lead to greater happiness. Dr. Siegel's Healthy Mind Platter has seven daily mental activities that are required for our brains to function at their best – sleep time, down time, focus time, play time, time-in and connecting time. These seven activities are “nutrients” that our brain needs to stay healthy. Click here for more information:

<https://drdansiegel.com/healthy-mind-platter/>.

The Healthy Mind Platter



The Healthy Mind Platter for Optimal Brain Matter

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Seven daily essential mental activities to optimize brain matter and create well-being

Health & Safety Early Dismissal 1:35

These early dismissal days are to provide an opportunity for school-based health & safety committees and school staff to review and revisit health & safety plans, discuss recommendations, and implement or adjust any COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

Dates:

- April 30, 2021
- May 14, 2021
- June 7, 2021

PAC Sports Equipment

A big thank you to our PAC for their contributions towards classroom PE equipment! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Mask wearing

On March 28 you received a Special Newsletter on Health and Safety Protocols. Part of the new protocols is for all students in Grades 4 – 12 to wear a mask while inside. Students in Grades K – 3 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. 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.

Daily Health Check

The webpage below includes a link for parents to download a **K-12 Health Check Mobile App**.
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Leaving School Property at the End of the School Day

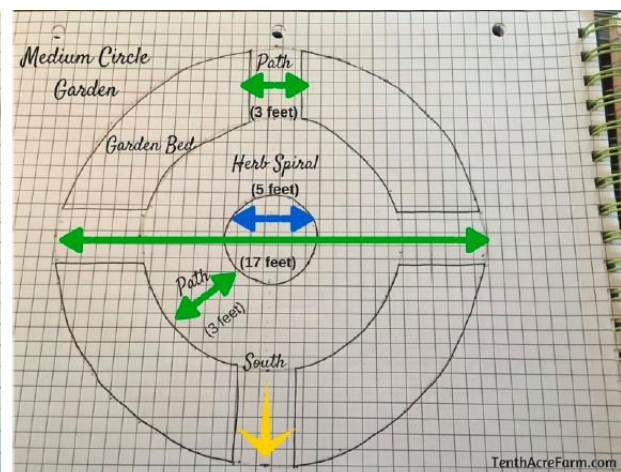
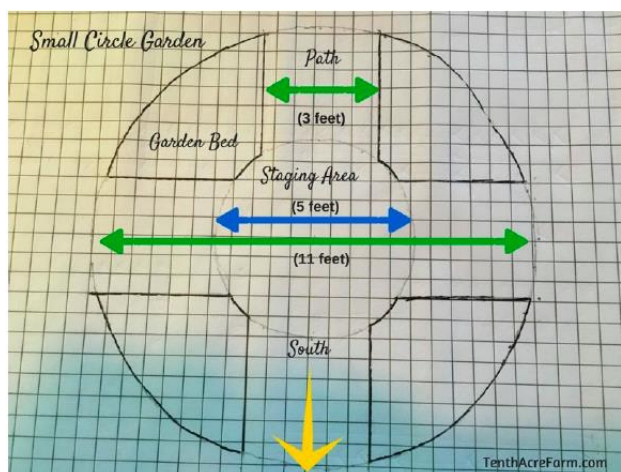
All students and parents are expected to **leave the school grounds immediately after school**. As we continue to see high rates of infection of Covid-19 in Surrey, our playgrounds are not an area to gather after school. **When you arrive on school grounds, please ensure that you are wearing a mask.**

Spoons, Forks and Water Bottles

We have seen an increase in requests for spoons & forks. The school is not supposed to hand out items due to additional contact and Covid-19 Protocols. Therefore, please be sure to pack spoons and/or forks as well as a full water bottle every day as the weather warms up significantly.

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 Team met on April 15 to discuss our plan for a medicine wheel garden. Our vision is to design and create a medicine wheel garden where learning and wellness intersect. Our plan is to have our medicine wheel divided into four quadrants representing ideas such as seasons, time of day, elements (earth, wind, fire, water), stages of life, principle taught (kindness, sharing, faith, honesty) and other concepts. Below is an example of a medicine wheel garden.



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.

Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready, Set, Learn - May 20.

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 event will be virtual this year due to the pandemic. 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. Our WTK and RSL will be a virtual event in the form of a link sent to parents. More information to come.

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).

Mystery Seed Challenge PAC Event

Today is the last day for students to guess what they are growing! Students can upload a video of their plant, their guess, with their name and division using this Flip Grid join code: wwh4441. Names of those who submitted videos on to our Flip Grid site will be entered into a draw for one of three \$25 gift cards.

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

Upcoming Dates

Apr 30 Early Dismissal

May 4 Star Wars day

May 6 Interim reports home

May 7 Non-instructional day – classes not in session

May 14 Early Dismissal

May 20 Welcome to Kindergarten/Ready Set Learn

May 24 Victoria Day – classes not in session

May 31 Non-instructional day – classes not in session

June 7 Early Dismissal