



# École Woodward Hill Elementary

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## Newsletter 15

May 14, 2021

### Welcome aboard!

It is with great happiness that we welcome the following staff members to the Woodward Hill team:

- Mr. Sean Moores – intermediate starting in September 2021
- Ms. Jennifer Sumra – intermediate starting in September 2021
- Ms. Ruby Sarran – intermediate starting in September 2021
- Ms. Nicole Gertz – currently teaching Grade 6/7 French Immersion
- Ms. Aneet Mundae – currently teaching Grade K/1 Blended
- Ms. Simran Bains – currently our Child and Youth Care Worker

### COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Test Kits available to symptomatic students

Effective May 6<sup>th</sup>, COVID-19 mouth rinse/gargle test kits will be available in all schools in the Surrey School District.

BC Children's Hospital and Fraser Health are making these test kits available for any student who becomes symptomatic during the school day.

As is practice, if a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student will be safely isolated, and families will be contacted to pick their child up as soon as possible. A kit will be offered to the parent/guardian to take home when the child is picked up.

Instructions on how to administer the test at home are included in the kit. The sample can be dropped off at any [LifeLabs location](#) for processing. Results from these tests will be received through the same processes as tests taken at COVID-19 test centres.

Acceptance of a kit is voluntary and solely a parent's or guardian's decision. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at LifeLabs in a timely manner, and not all students will be amenable to a test.

The availability of this test kit is yet another way that we are working with our partners in public health to safely keep our schools open.

The health and safety of students and staff remains our first priority and we thank our staff, students and larger school community for their vigilance and commitment to our health and safety protocols.

Please continue to monitor your child(ren) for symptoms of COVID-19 before sending them to school each day. If they have any symptoms, children should remain at home and access testing at a collection centre, if advised.

For more information on testing, please visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control Testing Information website](#).

### **Parent requests for class placements**

It is that time of year when we bring closure to one school year and begin planning for the next year. This is also the time of year when we begin tentative class planning for the next school year. Classroom organization is a complex process. A great deal of time, thought and energy goes into placing students into classes. Student learning styles and relationships are all part of the process. Our overall objective is to create classes that best meet the needs of our students. When making classes, our aim is to create class compositions that reflect:

- Ministry/District guidelines (ex: designations, class size limits)
- Intellectual development
- Social and emotional profiles
- Known student history (ex: same teacher, previous class placements)
- Gender
- Study/work habits

Although parent requests are not listed as a factor we use when creating class compositions, there are times when parental input is valuable. For example, parents may have important personal, educational, or social information that can be helpful in determining an appropriate placement. This may include school experiences, social strengths/needs, curricular/extra-curricular strengths, special medical needs and emotional needs/concerns.

The final decision on student placements will be a school-based decision but parent input, based on the above information, is welcome and appreciated. If you would like to provide this type of information for our consideration in placing your child into a class for next year, please do so in writing by Friday, June 11. Please address your information to Mr. Issel at [issel\\_b@surreyschools.ca](mailto:issel_b@surreyschools.ca)

On a final note regarding class placements, we have several portables on site. At some point during your child's education at Woodward Hill, they will be in a portable. Thus, we cannot accommodate parent requests that their child not be in a portable. Thank you in advance for your understanding. As always, feel free to speak with Mr. Issel, Mrs. Howden, or your child's teacher to further discuss any of the above information.

### **Grade 6 and 9 Immunizations**

Please see the attached letter from Fraser Health regarding the continuation of the Immunization Program for school-aged children.

The letter is a notification that Fraser Health's Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year beginning with students in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19. These appointments will be located at local public health units. Health unit staff will contact families to book these immunization appointments over the spring and summer. The immunization programs for kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year are currently under development.

May 3, 2021

Dear Superintendent, Principal and School Partners:

**Re: Immunizations for school-aged children**

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We appreciate the support and understanding of our school partners. Further details will be provided once our plans are finalized.

No action is required by the school for school-based immunization clinics at this time, however your support in informing parents and school personnel of the following is appreciated:

- The Fraser Health Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year.
- To start, public health staff will contact families of students currently in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year, due to COVID-19.
- These students will be offered immunization appointments over the spring and summer.
- Immunization information for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year will be provided at a future date.

We'll continue to keep you informed about upcoming clinics and our communications with families during the school year.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact the manager of your local public health unit.

Sincerely,



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Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority

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**Celebrating learning at Woodward Hill**



*Using our creative thinking to build*



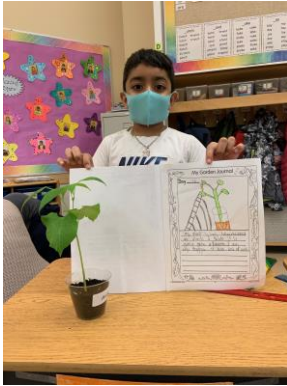
*Art inspired by children's author Eric Carle*



*Painting!*



*Tessellation art*



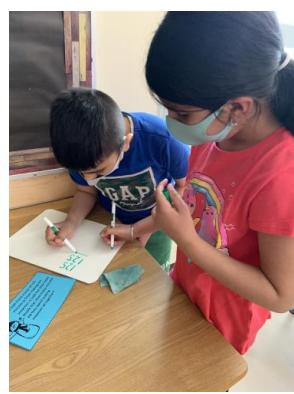
*Making observations of plant growth*



*Art with warm colours*



*Math word problems*



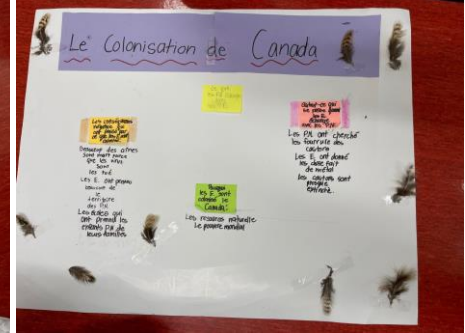
*Building numeracy skills*



*Using chalk pastels*



*Learning about colonization of Canada*



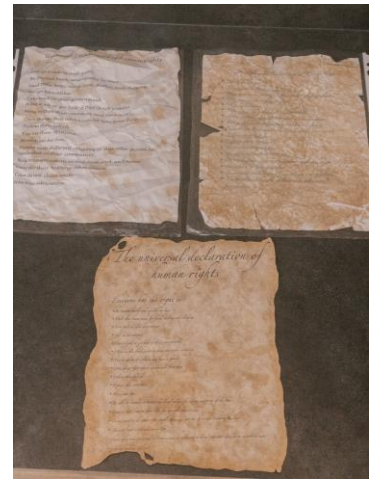
*Using our medicine wheel garden for class discussions*



*Music with Ms. Cox*



*Sewing bookmarks for local seniors!*



*History project*



*Perspective Art*

### **Community and naming new schools**

The Surrey School District has three new schools that have been announced - all of which will begin construction in the coming school year!

The district's school naming committee (which includes Superintendent Jordan Tinney, trustee Shawn Wilson and trustee Bob Holmes) has put forth five potential names for the three sites and we are now engaging our communities to gather feedback on these names and get ideas for other options. Our goal is to name these three sites and to develop a list of approved names that can be used for other potential sites that are still awaiting approval.

Please find attached a [fact sheet](#) that outlines this process. We will be running an online campaign over the next week with boosted posts on social media. [See this article](#) published on the district's home page on Monday May 10 (that links to the fact sheet). Please take a look and offer your ideas on naming our new schools!

#### **1. Engage your classrooms to generate potential names.**

The hope is that students research their communities and identify potential names (along with a rationale on why the name was chosen – the fact sheet includes 5 names and rationale as an

example). And there is incentive! If the name identified by the class is chosen for one of the 3 sites, we will award that class with \$500 to be used for classroom resources. If a class selects a name that makes it on our list of approved names for futures sites, that class will be awarded \$100 to be used for classroom resources.

### **Upcoming dates**

May 14 Early dismissal @ 1:35pm

May 24 Victoria Day school closed

May 26 Assembly: Identity

May 31 Non-instructional day – classes not in session

June 04 Hawaiian day

June 07 Early dismissal @ 1:35pm

June 17 Aboriginal Day

June 22 Year-end Assembly

June 23 Grade 7 year-end Farewell Celebration

June 24 Early dismissal @ 1:35 & Last day of class for students before summer vacation