

W.E. Kinvig Elementary School

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October News!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Thank you for your ongoing patience this year with our safety protocols. Our teachers and students are working through the curriculum areas and students are engaged in their learning in both the blended and face to face programs. Please remember to do a daily health check to make sure your child does not have any COVID symptoms. If your children are experiencing cold symptoms like coughs, runny nose and sneezing, please keep them at home until they are better.

Jas Atwal
Principal

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Thursday, October 7th - Parent Night Postponed to Oct. 20

Friday, October 8th. – Wear Fall Colours (Brown, Yellows, Red, Orange)

October 15th – 21st – Multicultural Week

Oct. 15 - Virtual Kick Off Assembly

Oct. 19 - Artifact Day

Oct. 21 - Cultural Dress Up Day

October 18-21 – Interim Report Week

Wednesday, October 20th – Early Dismissal 1:35 pm

Wednesday, October 20th – Parent Night

Friday, October 22nd -Non-Instructional Day (No School)

**Friday, October 29th – Halloween Costume Parade
-No Parent Visitors this Year**

**Wednesday, November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
-No Parent Visitors This Year**

Thursday, November 11 – Remembrance Day (No School)

Friday, November 12 - Non-Instructional Day (No School)

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Multicultural Week
- ◆ Non-Instructional Day
- ◆ Interim Report Week
- ◆ Early Dismissal / Parent Night
- ◆ Virtual Costume Share
- ◆ Remembrance Day

Individual Student Pictures



There have been some changes within the photo company that we use, and we have a later than usual school photo date. Our date for student photos is November 18, 2021. We know some people have used the student pictures for Christmas. Please plan accordingly as orders may not be processed in time for Christmas.

Early Dismissal-Oct. 20

The Early Dismissal Day will take place on Wednesday, October 20th at 1:35 pm. If you have not heard from your child's teacher by October 18, 2021, we suggest you contact your child's teacher through email to see how they will be connecting with families. It may be phone meetings, virtual meetings or meetings at the school in the class or just outside the door.

Parent Night Postponed

With Covid 19 cases still at a high number in the community, we have decided to postpone the Parent Night that was scheduled on October 7th and have meetings on our Early Dismissal Day on October 20th instead. Teachers will meet Face to Face, through email, through the online Microsoft Teams platform or through phone calls.

Please wait to hear which options your child's teacher will be providing for meeting. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns prior to this day, you may contact the teacher at their outside door or email to set up a meeting that works for both of you.

Thank you for your support with sending your child to school with a mask. All K-12 students are now required to wear a mask daily unless they are exempt for any of the reasons in our previous letter. We will continue to follow all Covid safety policies to try and prevent any transmissions at our school.

Terry Fox Donations

We would like to thank our families for donating money for the Terry Fox Foundation and cancer research. We have raised over \$940 and are over the set goal by over \$400. The students will have a special assembly recognizing their accomplishment in the near future. Well done to the whole WE Kinvig community.

Important Forms

This is a reminder that we need the following forms brought back as soon as possible:

- 1.) **Media consent form**
- 2.) **Technology form**
- 3.) **FreshGrade Permission Form**
- 4.) **Student Information Verification Form**

Traffic and Safety

During pick up and drop off times, we worry about student safety. Please do not drive in and park in the staff parking lot. Please drive slowly to help keep our students safe. We ask that you use the crosswalk to cross the street. Please do not stop in the middle of the street and let your kids out into oncoming traffic.

Thank you for following the slow down and stop procedures at the cross walk.





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Communicating Student Learning

Teachers will have an option of doing an online portfolio called FreshGrade or a paper copy of communicating student learning called the CSL Template. Letter grades will not be displayed for either platform. In lieu of letter grades, both platforms will give feedback on:

- Your child's accomplishments
- Evidence of your child's learning, explorations and discoveries
- Areas of learning your child needs to focus on
- Ways you can support your child's learning.

The teachers will make every attempt to assess your child accurately, however, when there is a lack of attendance or participation, there will be limited feedback. If you have any questions about reporting, please contact your child's teacher.



Extra Clothing



Prepare for the wet weather! You may want to send an extra set of clothes for your children. We tend to have students that slip and are in need of a change of clothes. This will avoid a call home or at work.

Masks & Safety



The District has employed many safety features to keep students safe. We thank the parents for supporting the mask requirement rule for all K-Grade 12 students. Please refer to the exceptions to the rule for students in our previous communication. Please see the Daily Health Check page attached to the newsletter to see if your child has any symptoms. We want to make sure all students are safe and are relying on our parent community to do their part. If any children are experiencing symptoms while at school, we will follow the BC CDC guidelines and may be sending children home. Our first aid attendants will let parents know if it is recommended to see a doctor before returning. Please call 811 if you are unsure if your child should be tested. This nurses' line will help guide you.



Purchasing Planners

Planners have arrived and are ready to be purchased. The planners cost \$5. The planners have important information about the school and District in the front 8 pages. Please refer to these pages for school contact information, school address and school code of conduct. Please use School Cash Online for your payment. <https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>

School Cash Online

School Cash online is an online payment program run through the School District. It is completely safe and does not cost any additional Fees. With COVID 19 we would like to limit the amount of germs that may be passed through cash transactions. We will use this online method for planners and Kindergarten Supplies. If you need help registering or adding your child to the account call or email Ms. Ansell. The fees owing will already be attached to your child's profile. Go to the following link to start an account or make payment:

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>



Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor’s note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.

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Bell Schedule

SCHOOL HOURS

8:20	-	Playground Supervision Begins
8:30	-	Students may enter the building
8:35	-	Start of Morning Classes
10:15	-	Recess
10:30	-	End of Recess
11:50	-	Lunch (Play Begins)
12:10	-	Eating Entrance Bell
12:35	-	Start of afternoon classes
2:35	-	Dismissal
2:50	-	Playground Supervision ends

Office Hours (Phones)

8:00 am—3:00 pm—Monday to Friday

If Absent or Late, please contact the school at 604-594-1135

PAC Meeting

We will be having a PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting on October 14. The purpose of the PAC is to support the school through parent activities, events, and funds. All parents are welcome to attend. A zoom link will be sent out soon for the online PAC meeting.

FSA Tests

The Fundamental Skills Assessment Tests (FSA's) will be used this year for all Grade 4, Grade 7 and Grade 10 students. The FSA's are a Province wide test that assesses the Reading, Writing and Math knowledge students have. These tests will be starting in the next few weeks. You will get the results sent to you directly and show you how your child performed in the different areas in relation to the rest of the provincial grade group.

Multicultural Week

Multicultural Week will take place from October 15 to October 21st. Students will learn about different countries and cultures during this time. Classes may extend the learning about multiculturalism over the month of October.

October 15 - Kick Off Assembly (Virtual Assembly)

October 19 - Artifact Day (Bring something from your culture to share)

October 21 - Cultural Dress Up Day (Wear something from your culture of origin)

-Weekly Book Chats, prizes and multicultural activities will be part of the celebrations.



MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Tik Tok Challenges

There are several Tik Tok challenges that have been causing difficulties at schools across the world. In September, students were challenged to steal things in bathrooms or wreck bathroom stalls, toilet paper holders and soap dispensers. These were called Devious Licks. We have talked to our students and will continue to take give consequences to those involved. New challenge lists are online, and they are not appropriate for school. Please talk to your children about not getting involved in this social media trend. We teach our children to be respectful to themselves, to others and to the environment they are learning in.

Halloween Safety Tips...

Please follow the BCCDC guidelines and Dr. Bonnie Henry's Recommendations on Trick or Treating

1. Be creative, wear make up instead of a mask.
2. Be sure your child's costume is flameproof.
3. Wear light clothing that is easy to see at night.
4. Carry a flashlight, so you can see in areas where there might not be much light.
5. Go with friends or your brothers and/or sisters and preferably one parent should accompany each group of children.
6. Walk on the same side of the street instead of criss-crossing the street.
7. Children should be instructed to cross only at intersections.
8. Children should trick or treat in well-known areas only.
9. Never go into a strange house or apartment.
10. Children should avoid stray animals.
11. Know where the Block Parent homes are in your area in case you are frightened, or hurt.
12. Have your parents check your treats before you eat them.
13. **No sharing of candy, treats or food with each other due to COVID guidelines.**



Costume Guidelines Tips...

This year, we are again allowing costumes to be worn at school on October 29. There are strict guidelines that no weapons of any sort are allowed, even if they are fake (guns, knives, swords, etc.). In addition, scary masks, masks with flowing blood or with high amounts of blood will not be allowed. Costumes must not be too revealing either. Students that do not meet the criteria will be asked to change. If you do not wish to wear a costume, you can wear orange and black. There will be a costume sharing time where each class will share student costumes from their own classrooms. We will be giving you more information towards the end of the month regarding Covid safety masks and costume recommendations.

Halloween Fireworks Safety Tips...

Every Halloween, children and adults are seriously injured by fireworks and firecrackers. On occasion, fireworks/firecrackers use has even resulted in death. According to municipal by-laws, it is illegal for any person under the age of 18 to be in possession of fireworks/firecrackers of any kind. The by-law was a response to the number of injuries and other damage caused each fall around Halloween by these explosive devices. The penalty is a fine up to \$100 and seizure of the fireworks. It is illegal even for adults to explode fireworks without a permit. Fireworks are seasonal as well; even with a permit they may only be used on October 31st. Please discuss the legal and safety implications of fireworks with your children. Security guards will be on site during Halloween and any fireworks brought on school property will be confiscated and students involved will face suspension.

