

École Woodward Hill Elementary

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Ey' Swayel Woodward Hill families,

We are looking forward to welcoming our students safely back to school on Monday, January 10th.

We are committed to ensuring our students can continue to learn as safely as possible in-person by closely following all the measures put forth in the <u>updated provincial guidance for schools</u> that were issued in late December and our district's <u>communicable disease plan</u>. These measures include

- continued mask wearing
- daily health checks
- staying home when sick
- a continued focus on hand washing
- daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols
- maximizing space between people
- holding virtual meetings
- limiting visitors to schools
- no spectators at events.

Over the past year and a half, we have safely kept our school open for face-to-face instruction, and we are grateful for your continued support and vigilance in following our health and safety protocols.

Our district will also continue to engage with our local and provincial partners at Fraser Health and the Ministry of Education to monitor what is happening in schools. We will continue to follow their guidance.

Functional School Closure

Over the past week we have been reviewing our health and safety measures. We have also been planning for the possibility of a functional closure. A functional closure is when we cannot adequately supervise or instruct children. We often direct children home during snow days, power outages, water main breaks, and other unique circumstances. In this case, the situation could arise that due to staff illness, we have insufficient staff to provide safe supervision of children, or to provide instruction for an extended duration.

If this happens, students will need to move to a period of learning from home. This period is intended to be 7 days and materials and support for this time will be provided by the classroom teacher. Teachers will be in touch with parents to explain what to expect in relation to learning should we be directed to close.



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We recognize that any closure is stressful for our school community, and we appreciate the fact that any change in routines will cause disruption and inconvenience for many. We will aim to communicate the potential for a move to home learning as quickly as we can so families can plan accordingly.

Our hope is that we do not need to move to a place where students need to be learning from home, but we want to be prepared. Please ensure that we have your updated contact information, including your phone and email information. Be sure you have signed-up to receive school newsletters here under EMAIL LIST.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registrations for September 2022 will open *ONLINE ONLY* starting on January 10. Children who were born in **2017** are eligible to begin school in September 2022. Registration is completed here.

Once your online registration form is processed, the school will contact you regarding required documentation.

- 1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport).
- 2. Proof of guardianship (parents/guardians as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation)
- 3. Proof of citizenship for both parents (birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
- 4. Three pieces of identification showing the address of residence (purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
- 5. Immunization Record
- 6. Care Card #



Hot Lunches Organized by Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Hot Lunches may proceed under the following guidelines:

- Utilize as few volunteers as possible
- All PAC volunteers to follow MoE guidelines around wearing masks while indoors
- Minimal contact between PAC and students
- Lunches to be pre-packaged individually by a commercial kitchen following COVID-19 protocols
- No selling of food on site



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Upcoming Dates

January 10 Return to school
January 13 PAC meeting 6:30pm
January 21 Spirit Day – Decades Day!
February Black History month

February 4 – March 7 Tennis XL