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Ey'Swayel Woodward Hill families,

This newsletter is packed with information. Thank you for taking the time to read it. ☺

Black Excellence Day and Black History Month

Black Excellence Day was January 14 precedes Black History Month and is a day to celebrate and learn about Black history, Black stories, and Black peoples' contributions to Canada. Learn more about Black Excellence Day [here](#). During the month of February, we will be learning about Black history. From morning announcements to class activities and discussions, students will be exposed to contributions members of the Black community have made to shaping our country.

Rainbow Club

Mme. Vaughan, Ms. Holzbecher and Ms. Short are the initiators and sponsors of Woodward Hill's Rainbow Club. The purpose of our Rainbow Club is to promote inclusion and celebrate diversity. Students in Grades 5 – 7 are welcome to participate.



From Newsletter 7 – COVID Protocols

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 [updated provincial guidance for schools](#) that were issued in late December and our district's [communicable disease plan](#). 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



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Omicron and Contact Tracing

In Dr. Zbar's [message](#) last week, she provided an update on notifications and explained how contact tracing has become much more difficult with the Omicron variant given how quickly it spreads. What this means is that Public Health is no longer able to contact everyone who tests positive and school exposures will not be issued for individual cases. In the event of a declared outbreak, Public Health will issue a public notification.

Public Health will continue to work with us to support schools if, for example, there is a significant increase in absenteeism that is atypical for this time of year, and actions are to be taken, including messaging to the parents and guardians of the affected grade or school community.

Please do not issue your own communication to the school community about a potential exposure. We continue to rely on Public Health to determine when/if an individual was infectious while at school.

Ministry of Education Learning Survey

During the months of January to April, School District 36 is participating in the 2022 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 29th, 2022**, 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 http://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.



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Grade 7 Articulation

Our Grade 7 students will be transitioning to Sullivan Heights (ENG) and Panorama Ridge (FRIM). Each school is hosting a virtual parent night on the following dates & times:

- Sullivan Heights April 14 at 6pm
- Panorama Ridge prerecorded event date TBD

Pink Shirt Day

“Lift Each Other Up” is the theme for the Pink Shirt Day 2022 – **Wednesday, February 23rd**. Please wear pink to show your support for anti-bullying.

“Today, our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true-selves in more open and direct ways. The need to #LiftEachOtherUp by having greater acceptance, respect and inclusion for everyone is so important. Help us celebrate our diversity while raising funds for inclusive anti-bullying programs for kids in our communities.”

Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year is February 1. We will acknowledge Lunar New Year in morning announcements beginning January 31 and concluding February 4. This year’s animal is Tiger.

Lower parking lot

We have noticed that some parents are dropping-off and picking-up their children in the lower parking lot. This creates a lot of problems for staff arriving to work or leaving work. Please do not use the lower lot to pick-up and/or drop-off your child. You can use the upper parking lot drop-off/pick-up zone or you can park on a neighbouring street and walk your child to school.

Dress for the weather

OUTSIDE DAY	INSIDE DAY
Above 2 degrees and raining	2 degrees or below and raining
Snow days	Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out

No Basketball 2022 😞

Woodward Hill will not be participating in basketball this season. Let’s hope basketball will be back in 2023!



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Library Learning Commons

Students in K-3 are now voting for their favourite Surrey Schools Picture Book of the Year nominees! Results will be announced in February and district results later this spring. We continue to practice literacy strategies during our weekly library blocks and will soon be introducing some new projects focused on design thinking.

Grades 4-5 students have been invited to join the Reading Link Challenge and weekly practices have now started. We meet every Tuesday at lunch hour in the library learning commons. Teams read 6 novels selected by Surrey Public Libraries and participate in a trivia competition about the books. It's tons of fun and a great way to read some new books alongside friends! The winning school team will be invited to compete against other schools in April.

Grades 5-7 students are doing a wonderful job of library monitoring this year! A big thanks to all of our dedicated monitors who help shelve and label books, set up displays, and keep the library learning commons organized for our school community. We appreciate you!

Upgrading our audio/video

We are looking to upgrade our audio/video system in the gym in collaboration with our PAC. An upgraded system will provide seamless audio and video capabilities, Bluetooth connectivity and wireless microphone technology – a much needed improvement!

Student Leadership - Upcoming spirit days

Our Leadership Team with support from Mme. Poirier and Mrs. Howden have decided on the following Spirit Days. Mark your calendars for some fun school spirit!

Jan. 21st- Decades Day (Break out your retro attire!)

Feb. 23rd- Pink Shirt Day

March 9th- Green Day

April 22nd- Earth Day Spirit Day

May 4th- Star Wars Day

June 3rd- Rainbow Day



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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](#). For information on programs of choice and Kindergarten lottery see [here](#) and [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 #

Grade 6 and 7 Immunizations

Public Health nurses will be at Woodward Hill on Thursday January 27 to complete the Grade 6 and 7 immunizations started in the fall.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:



January 21	Spirit Day – Decades Day!
January 27	Grade 6 and 7 immunizations
January 31 – February 4	Lunar New Year
February	Black History month
February 4 – March 7	Tennis XL
February 21	Family Day – no school
February 23	Pink Shirt Day
February 25	Non-instructional day classes not in session
March 9	Green Day!
March 11	Report Cards Home & Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 28	First day back after spring break
March 28	PAC Meeting 6:30pm on Zoom