



École Woodward Hill Elementary

6082 – 142nd St., Surrey, B.C. V3X 1C1 ♦

PH: 604-594-2408 ♦ Fax: 604-594-2336 ♦

www.surreyschools.ca/schools/woodwardhill

Newsletter 9 February 25, 2022

Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,

I would like to begin by acknowledging the events in eastern Europe and our collective hope for peaceful resolution. With world events being as they are, we are faced with the collective responsibility to support our children, give them reason for optimism and hope for a better future, and tend to their physical and emotional health. The importance of our work with our children cannot be understated. Our children need us to be stalwart leaders, to be examples of hope, love, and care towards others. We set an example with our actions and our words. How we speak about challenging situations in front of our children matters. How we model our values through our behaviour matters. And how we manage our daily stress matters. The coming of spring offers a metaphor for optimism as we move towards light and warmth. Like the coming of spring flowers, the people that make-up our school community brighten our days and bring hope for a better tomorrow.

Black History Month at Ecole Woodward Hill

February is Black History Month. We have been celebrating the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. We have had daily morning announcements and have been designing our doors and bulletin boards around the school to bring awareness to these important contributions.



Online/Internet Safety

Are you aware of what your child is viewing online? If not, consider setting rules and boundaries for usage such as, *I will only use the internet when I am with my parents*. Below are examples of Household Rules that can help families set boundaries for internet use. Don't hesitate to ask your child what they are doing online, follow their social media accounts, and have conversations about appropriate/inappropriate usage. A great place to start is [bettereducate](#) (will not open in Safari).

Negotiating Household Internet Rules

With younger kids, it makes sense to just explain the rules you expect them to follow. Here are some examples of rules that might make sense in your home:

- I will not visit any websites that I think my parents would not approve of.
- I won't share my passwords with anyone (except my parents or a trusted adult) – not even my best friend.
- I will not be mean or cruel to anyone online, even if someone else is mean to me first.
- If I ever get mad while I'm online, I will let myself cool down before I say or do anything.
- I will not share anything online that belongs to someone else without their permission.
- I will not buy things online unless I have my parents' permission.
- I will never share any personal information about myself, such as my age, where I live, and where I go to school.

As kids get older, though, they're a lot more likely to follow rules if they've been involved in making them. Rules are also likely to change as they want more privacy (though even teenagers say their parents are a big part of their lives, both online and offline.)

Before you renegotiate rules, ask them some questions to find out which of the old rules have stuck in their mind:

- Do you feel like you know what things we expect you to do, and not do when you're online?
- Do you know what to do if things go really wrong?

It's also important to understand the new spaces they're exploring, and what's exciting about them.

YOU CAN SAY: *Show me some cool things you or your friends are doing online, or with social networks.*

Now you can ask your child to suggest things that they think you should definitely NOT do online. It's best if most of the rules come from them, but you can prompt them to think of areas they hadn't considered, like sharing passwords or downloading.

Make sure they understand that the result of these new rules is trust: if you know that they understand and will follow the rules you've negotiated together, you'll be able to trust them more.

Tennis XL

A big thank you to our PAC for sponsoring tennis lessons. Melinda from Tennis XL taught several lessons to our primary and intermediate students in our gym.

Here's what a few of our students said:

- *The tennis was really immersive because you learned about backhand and forehand. It was fun learning about the different games. We also learned how to score. It was lots of fun! -grade 7 student*
- *I really liked it. –grade 7 student*
- *It was pretty good because we got to learn new things. – grade 4 student*

PAC Raffle

Our PAC is holding a raffle to raise funds for the purchase of a new professionally installed Audio/Visual system for our gym. The raffle begins on March 28, so your children will bring tickets home right after spring break. The first booklet will have your child's name and corresponding number for their class teacher. Booklets will be returned to school with cash and upon returning books, students will be entered into a draw for spirit wear. There will be ten thousand tickets in the draw and tickets will be sold for \$2 each.

Grand Prize	iPad mini, worth \$850 plus taxes
2nd Prize	Keg Gift Card, worth \$200
3rd Prize	Cactus Club Gift Card, worth \$150, and tickets to movie night

The final draw will be held on April 13.

Health & Safety Information

- Please remember to complete the daily health check before sending your child(ren) to school each day.
- As you know, each child will receive a package with five COVID-19 Antigen test kits for your family's use. The boxes will be sent home with students as soon as possible. For details on when to use this test, please visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control's website](#). You can access instructions on how to use these kits [here](#).
- Please do not send any nut products to school, including nutella and peanut butter. We have many students with serious nut allergies.

Plastic Forks and Spoons

Please try to remember to pack all forks and spoons in lunches. Thanks for your help with this; our earth thanks you too!

Communicating Student Learning

Assessment of your child's learning is an ongoing process that focuses on growth and improvement over time. Teachers work hard to communicate your child's progress, their strengths and stretches, and the "next steps" in their learning. If your child's teacher is using the Communicating Learning Template, you will receive a paper copy of your child's first formal report card on Friday, March 11. If your child's teacher is using FreshGrade or Spaces, you can expect an additional Student Progress form to be sent home the week of March 7 which will highlight certain artifacts in your child's ongoing digital portfolio.

Pink Shirt Day

Pink shirt Day is an annual event where people wear a pink-coloured shirt to stand against bullying. It is about celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusivity. Our virtual kindness assembly was on Wednesday Feb 23. Here are the links to the primary <https://youtu.be/in7eJXD35YE> and intermediate assembly. <https://youtu.be/O9JYxqndnuo>.



Ready, Set, Learn & Welcome to Kindergarten –May 18

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 and Welcome to Kindergarten events will be virtual again this year. 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.

Budget Consultations 2022

As many of you are aware, in late February, our district typically holds an in-person community forum and invites PAC representatives to attend sessions to learn more about our budget and other key priorities. In the interest of health and safety, we have once again moved our 2022 budget consultations online. All of the presentations have been pre-recorded so they can be viewed safely at home from this [web page](#). As with previous years, there is also an [online survey](#) to gather priorities and feedback from parents, students, staff and the larger community.

This year's agenda includes:

- [Introduction](#) (Surrey Board of Education)
- [Budget 2022](#) (presenter: Simon Ayres, Assistant Secretary Treasurer)
- [Capital projects](#) (presenter Dave Riley, Director Capital Project Office)

Consultations

As mentioned above, Surrey Schools is inviting all staff, students, parents and members of the Surrey, White Rock and Barnston Island communities to learn about and provide input on the 2022-23 district budget. Participants can share their feedback via an [online survey](#), or reach out to us through email (consultations@surreyschools.ca), traditional mail or your local Parent Advisory Council representative. The survey will run until end of day, March 4, 2022.

It is important to remember that while the majority of the district's budget is pre-allocated to operating and capital costs (i.e. school construction, additions, seismic upgrades, teachers, educational assistants,

programs/services and supplies), there is some room to address priorities identified by the community. This can include anything from funding scholarships, to classroom enhancement funds to new programs and social initiatives.

UPDATED Covid Guidelines animated videos

Please note that the animated videos supporting Covid-prevention practices for elementary students have been updated to include vaccination.

Again, they have been translated into French, Punjabi, Mandarin and Arabic, and all have closed captioning. (The videos are also available in a youth/secondary version, which are unchanged).

Check here to view links to all the videos (click on blue bar)

Or view the videos on Vimeo by clicking the links below:

Covid Guidelines (Elementary) – [English](#); [French](#); [Punjabi](#); [Mandarin](#); [Arabic](#)

Covid Guidelines (Elementary) – [English](#); [French](#); [Punjabi](#); [Mandarin](#); [Arabic](#)

Covid Guidelines (Secondary) – [English](#); [French](#); [Punjabi](#); [Mandarin](#); [Arabic](#)

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 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.

Cold weather and rainy days reminder

As a reminder, the following general criteria is used when deciding to send students outside at recess and lunch. Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing.

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



March 9	Green Day
March 9	Hot Lunch
March 11	Term 2 Reports Home
March 14-18	School Closure
March 21-25	Spring Break
March 28	School reopens
April 15	GOOD FRIDAY – School Closed
April 18	EASTER MONDAY – School Closed