

# Newsletter September 2021



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## A Message From The Principal





Dear students, parents and guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year at Frost Road Elementary! After the extraordinary year we had, we hope that you had a healthy, relaxing summer filled with things that brought you joy and happiness. We are excited to see all our students next week. This week teachers have been busy setting up their classrooms to welcome our students back. We would like to send a special welcome to all those families who are new to our school, including our Kindergarten families whose children are at the beginning stages of their educational journey.

Be safe, be calm and be kind.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bertholm, Principal,

Mrs. Deol, Vice Principal

and all of our Frost Road staff.

## **Staff Information**



Please welcome the new staff members to Frost Road.

Teachers: Mr. Heacock; Ms. Woo; Ms. Cha; Ms. Ansah; Ms. Mensch; Ms. Sahai; Mr. Adams

EA'S: Ms. Cleak; Ms. Crivat; Ms. Hakimi; Ms. Hunter; Ms. Ramlu; Ms. Sandhu

We would also like to say good-bye to one of our lunch hour supervisor: Ms. Ghiasi



### School Supplies for 2021-2022 School Year



Your student school supply packs can be ordered ONLINE at:

https://creativepacks.ca

You can still order your school supplies - There will be a \$15.00 fee

**Part A**: The essential pack with items chosen by your teacher/school. This comes as a package deal with all items listed included. Items cannot be changed, substituted, or omitted

**Part B items**: You MUST have all Part B items. Individual items may be purchased from Creative Children by adding them to your Pack order or bring them in from home.

## Part B and/or C items must be ordered at the SAME TIME as the Part A pack. You cannot come back to the website and order Part B items separately.

Payment types accepted are VISA, MasterCard, Vanilla Prepaid VISA or MasterCard gift card or PayPal.

\*\*If you wish to purchase the supplies on your own, please go to the school website, click on the "Parent" tab in the purple task bar, scroll down and click on "School Supply Lists" and print-off the appropriate supply list for the grade your child is going into.

#### \*\*\*Please note that Kindergarten do not have the opportunity to purchase school supplies

\*\*\*Special Note: Once classes have been assigned additional items may be requested.

## **Parking/Traffic Concerns**



#### Parking/Traffic Concerns

During drop off and pick up times, please do not park or pull into the staff parking lots, as these are for staff only. If a vehicle is parked behind a vehicle already parked in a stall, that vehicle doesn't have the ability to pull out of a stall whenever necessary. Please obey all the posted speed limits and staff directing traffic and take extra care when approaching crosswalks. Thank you.

#### **Student Absences or lates**



Please call or email (<u>frostroad@surreyschools.ca</u>) the school office if your child(ren) is absent for any reason. Your cooperation is required in reporting to the school, not just the teacher, when your child is going to be late or absent from school. Our telephone has an answering machine that is on from 3:30 pm to 8:00 am, so we ask that you please give us a call before 9:00 am to advise us if your child will be absent or late. The office staff calls all those students who are away and whose parents we have not heard from. We appreciate your co-operation. Thank you!

#### **Updated COVID Information**



#### Understanding B.C.'s new K-12 Health & Safety Guidelines

**Check Up:** Every day, check to see how you are feeling, and stay home if you aren't feeling well. If you have symptoms, get tested. **Back Up:** Be mindful and considerate of others' personal space. Try to keep your hands to yourself and only play with your friends. **Wash Up:** Wash or sanitize your hands regularly, including after playing outside, going to the bathroom, when putting on or removing your mask, and before and after eating. Be sure to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

**Mask Up:** All K-12 staff and Grade 4-12 students must wear a mask indoors. K-3 students are encouraged to wear a mask. Ensure your mask is clean and dry, is a good fit, and covers your nose and mouth fully. And remember, don't touch your face or play with your mask.

**Vax Up:** If you haven't already, <u>register to receive your first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine</u>. Getting vaccinated is the most effective way to reduce infections and transmission of corona virus.

The B.C. government has announced the updated Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings, outlining the protocols that inform the safe operation of our schools this fall. The updated guidelines were developed by the provincial government in collaboration with the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and the provincial K-12 education steering committee. They are followed by all school districts in B.C., including Surrey Schools. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 7, students will return to full-time, in-person learning with various health and safety measures in place. As was the case during 2020-21 school year, students and staff are still required to do daily health checks and stay home if they are not feeling well. Wearing masks indoors also remains mandatory for K-12 staff and visitors, and Grade 4-12 students. Students in kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks. Frequent hand washing and sanitization is also recommended and students and staff are asked to be considerate of others' personal space. Cohorts will no longer be in place. The new school year marks the return of opportunities for sports, music and other extracurricular activities for students. Schools will continue daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Surrey Schools will continue to work with Fraser Health on the Fraser Health region Rapid Response Team to review school communicable disease plans and support other districts in the Fraser Health region. Fraser Health will also have the authority to introduce additional regional measures specific to individual schools or the district in instances where community transmission rates are higher. As we head into another school year, we ask that you continue to follow B.C.'s health and safety guidelines in school settings, adhere to the B.C. Restart Plan outside of school settings, and if eligible, get your first and/or second dose of the vaccine as we

work together toward a return to normal. For more information, read the <u>B.C. government's news</u> release, or see the updated <u>K-12 Education Recovery Plan</u>.

\*\*BC K-12 Daily Health Check app can be downloaded for your families Daily Health Check, and you can also find a copy of the Daily Health Check on Frost Road's website.

## **School Cash Online**



Frost Road offers *School Cash Online*, which provides you with the convenience, easy, and quick way of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear, which is the preferred method of paying for items. *School Cash Online* is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques!

#### Which payment methods are accepted?

**Credit Card, Debit Card or eCheck** (an electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a

checking or savings account can pay by eCheck on SchoolCashOnline.

**myWallet** – An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and then used to pay for your child's fees on SchoolCashOnline. myWallet allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date. To use myWallet:

#### To register online:

Step 1: Visit our school website at: (www.surreyschools.ca/frostroad)

Step 2: Click on the "Parent" tab and select "Pay Fees Online".

Step 3: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps.

Step 4: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, **login in and add each of** your children to your household account.

Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

\*\* If you require assistance please contact parent Helpdesk at parenthelpdesk@schoolcashonline.com or 1-866-961-1803 or call Frost Road at 604-572-4050

## **Revised Bell Schedule and Calendar of Events**





#### BELL SCHEDULE 2021-2022

Supervision

8:10 am

Welcome Bell

8:25 am

Instruction

8:30 - 10:00 am (Intermediate)

8:30 - 10:15 am (Primary)

Recess

10:00 - 10:15 am (Intermediate)

10:15 - 10:30 am (Primary)

Instruction

10:15-11:45 (Intermediate)

10:30-11:45 (Primary)

Lunch

11:45 - 12:25 pm Instruction 12:30 - 2:30 pm Supervision 2:30 - 2:45 pm CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021-2022 September 7, 2021 School Opens September 22, 2021 Early Dismissal -1:30 pm September 27, 2021 Non-Instructional Day September 30, 2021 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School October 11, 2021 Thanksgiving October 22, 2021 Non-Instructional Day November 11, 2021 Remembrance Day – No School November 12, 2021 Non-Instructional Day December 15, 2021 Early Dismissal – 1:30 pm December 20, 2021–December 31, 2021 Winter Break January 3, 2022 School reopens after winter break February 21, 2022 Family Day – No School February 25, 2022 Non-Instructional Day March 10, 2022 Early Dismissal -1:30 pm March 14 - 18, 2022 **School Closure Days** March 21 - 25, 2022 Spring Break April 15, 2022 **Good Friday** April 18, 2022 Easter Monday May 6, 2022 Non-Instructional Day May 23, 2022 Victoria Day May 30, 2022 Non-Instructional Day June 23, 2022 Last Day of Instruction and Early Dismissal -1:30 pm June 24, 2022

Administration Day/Schools Close