



Bothwell Elementary School

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Ms. Krissy Epele, Principal

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NEWSLETTER

A Word from Your Principal

We have completed our first month of the school year and it has been a wonderful month here at Bothwell! Students have been settling into their classes and the routines well, and they are excited to be back at school.

The weather has been wonderful this month, and looking ahead it looks like more nice weather. Please remember to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for the weather, and an extra change of clothing just in case they do get wet outside at recess and lunch.

The staff and students have been busy this past month learning about the importance of who Terry Fox is and why we raise money for cancer research. Students have been learning about the responsibility of learning about the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, and we ended the week with an assembly explaining what Truth is and what Reconciliation is. It was amazing to see the sea of orange at the assembly.

Mrs. Winterhalt, our music teacher, as taken on teaching band to our grade sevens this year and she has started a choir group. As you walk by the music room at lunch, you can hear the beautiful singing of the students. It is exciting to see so many students being supported in their music interests.

We are having safety concerns in the morning in the small parking lot at the front of the school. Please be mindful of the no parking signs. We want our students to be safe walking into school, and the lot is getting congested.

Thank you for all your support as we finish the month of September and enter the month of October. Looking ahead we have a lot of wonderful things happening in October, please review the dates ahead. Have an amazing day and if you have any questions or concerns, I am here.

Ms. K. Epele

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct. 6 Terry Fox Run at 1:00 pm
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Monday – **School is closed**
- Oct. 11 Meet the Teacher Night 5:00-6:00 pm
- Oct. 12 Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)
- Oct. 13 Individual Photo Retake Day
- Oct. 17 Fire Drill
- Oct. 20 Non Instructional Day – **School is closed**
- Oct. 24 Div. 14 field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 25 Bottle Drive
- Oct. 26 Hot Lunch (Popeyes)
- Oct. 27 Growth Assembly—Families Welcome
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade
- Nov. 1 **1:27 pm Early Dismissal** – Communicating Student Learning
- Nov. 10 Non Instructional Day – **School is closed**
- Nov. 13 Remembrance Day – **School is closed**
- Nov. 28 Grade 6 Immunizations
- Nov. 29 Bottle Drive
- Nov. 29 Growth Assembly—Families Welcome

Please refer to the calendar on the Bothwell school website for updates or changes:

<http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/bothwell>

Terry Fox Run Friday

Thank you for your generous support. As of today, we raised \$952 for cancer research!

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer. We can use all of you to help with supervision during the event.

Volunteers are asked to please meet at the front of the school at 12:45 on Friday. A staff member will be there to give you instructions on where you have been assigned to help out.

Hallowe'en Fun at Bothwell

Your child is welcome to dress in costume on Tuesday, October 31st. As always, please ensure any replica weapons are not part of the costume and remain at home. We also encourage you to discuss with your older children the importance of having "G-rated" costumes. There are many movies, series and video games that have violent characters and themes that are not appropriate for K-7. Thank you for helping to ensure we create a fun, safe and respectful day together.

Thank you.

Picture DAY



Students came home with QR codes from our individual photo day on September 19th. This is an opportunity for families to order prints if you so wish.

On Friday, October 13, a photographer from MountainWest Studios will return to take pictures of students who were away for our last photo day, new students or for students who wish to have a retake done.

If you are requesting a retake please be sure to let the office know (by phone: 604-589-0369 or email: bothwell@surreyschools.ca) to ensure your child is called down on October 13th.

If your child was absent for school on the first photo day or is new to Bothwell since, there is no need to call or email.

SAVE the DATE

Thursday, November 2nd is an early dismissal to meet with teachers so they can share updates about your child's learning and growth so far. Please watch for further communication from your child's teacher about this.

Social Media

Out of respect for everyone's privacy, we ask that you do not take photos or video of children while at school or on school field trips. Some families have sensitive situations where a photo innocently posted on social media could lead to challenging circumstances.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



PAC Corner

Thank you, PAC, for getting Several fundraising initiatives off the ground, including hot lunches, Sun Oka Farm Apples and Purdy's chocolates. Dates and deadlines for these initiatives can be found on the calendar on the Bothwell School website.

Thank you parents for supporting our many initiatives! Thank you to our PAC and volunteers for your support and dedication to making Bothwell an amazing place to be.

Everyone's support is needed. Whether that be by attending a PAC meeting to hear what's happening around the school and providing quorum to vote on school initiatives or coming out to volunteer your time at events. If you would like more information or can volunteer please email your PAC executives at: bothwellschoolpac@gmail.com



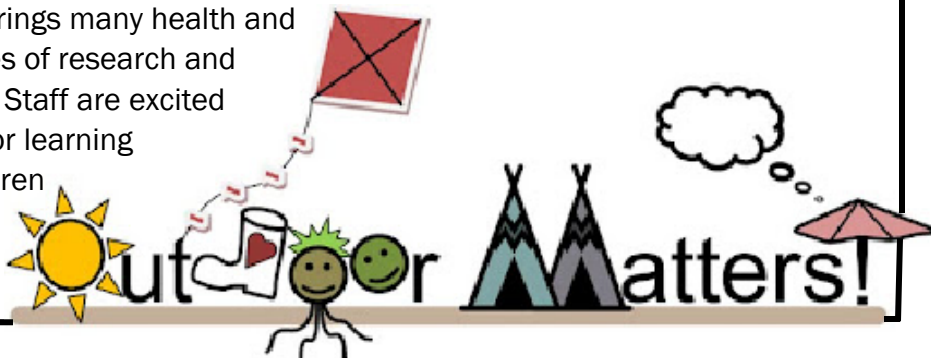
Supporting OPAL Requires We Dress for All Weather

Our weather is changing daily and students need to be prepared for our upcoming rainy and cool season. Please ensure your child has the following prepared for school:

- Rain coat with a hood;
 - Rain boots
 - Rain pants (or a "muddy buddy")
 - Inside shoes
 - Extra socks, pants and shirts
- ** Umbrellas are optional as they can be difficult when it is blustery

Learning in our natural environment brings many health and educational benefits. We have decades of research and experience to support this knowledge. Staff are excited to explore the expansion of our outdoor learning spaces, and when warm and dry, children are happy and engaged outdoors.

Thank you for your support!



PARKING WARNING

We currently have parents parking in no parking zones. Please observe all street parking signs and/or orange cones. Parking is only permitted in designated parking stalls. Do not park along the side of the parking lot entrance or block the fire lane entrance.

City bylaw officers and the RCMP do issue tickets to cars parked illegally. Please be sure to observe no parking areas.

School & Parking Safety Reminders

Your children are precious to you just as other children are precious to their parents.

Let's all keep this in mind when picking up and dropping off children for school.

Tips for drivers:

SLOW DOWN! A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in school zones.

PLEASE FOLLOW POSTED STREET SIGNS.

DO NOT PARK ON THE FIRELANE & NO STOPPING ZONES.

ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS THE VEHICLE SAFELY. Children who are driven to school should exit the vehicle on the side closest to the curb or sidewalk.

DO NOT PASS. Use caution when a vehicle in front of you stops as the driver may be yielding to a pedestrian crossing the street.

ALWAYS YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS. Most of the pedestrians are children who are not always paying attention and are easily distracted.



Tips for students:

WALK ON SIDEWALKS. Walk, don't run across the street and always use sidewalks where available.

DON'T JAYWALK. Drivers don't expect to see pedestrians away from intersections and crosswalks, so pedestrians are even less likely to be seen.

DO NOT CUT THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. This is not a safe area for students to be walking. There is a lot of traffic coming through the parking lot and drivers are not always able to see children walking and zipping between parked and/or moving cars.

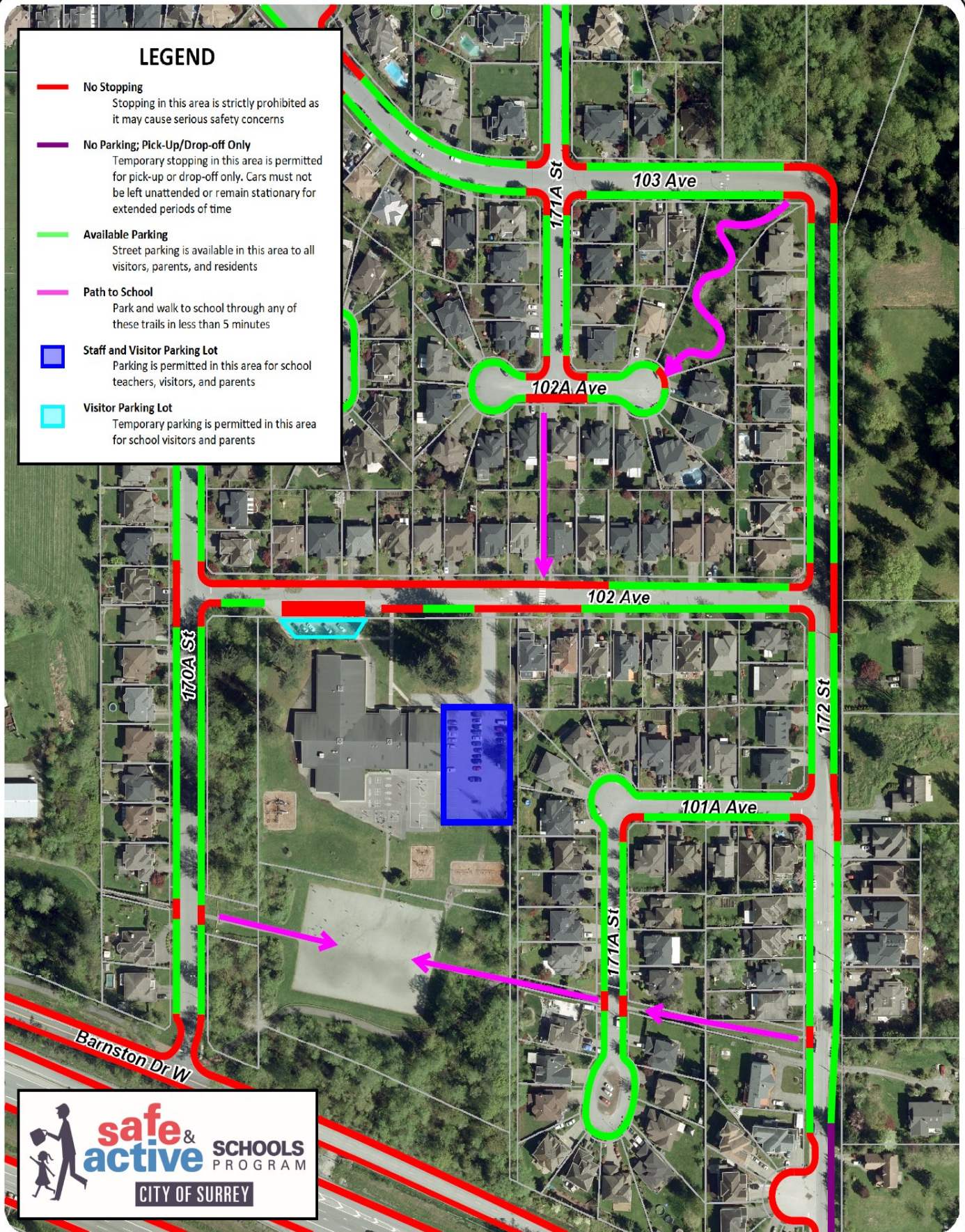
DON'T BE IN A RUSH TO CROSS THE STREET. Before crossing the street, wait at the curb and make sure all vehicles have stopped. Look left and right, then over your shoulder for vehicles that may be turning.

MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH DRIVERS BEFORE CROSSING AT A CROSSWALK. It's the best way to ensure they see you.

AVOID DISTRACTIONS. Don't wear headphones, talk on the phone, text or use handheld devices when crossing a street.

LEGEND

- **No Stopping**
Stopping in this area is strictly prohibited as it may cause serious safety concerns
- **No Parking; Pick-Up/Drop-off Only**
Temporary stopping in this area is permitted for pick-up or drop-off only. Cars must not be left unattended or remain stationary for extended periods of time
- **Available Parking**
Street parking is available in this area to all visitors, parents, and residents
- **Path to School**
Park and walk to school through any of these trails in less than 5 minutes
- Staff and Visitor Parking Lot**
Parking is permitted in this area for school teachers, visitors, and parents
- Visitor Parking Lot**
Temporary parking is permitted in this area for school visitors and parents



Parking Regulations: Bothwell Elementary School



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