



Orca Newsletter #6 February 2021



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Principal's Message



As we finish off the month of February, students are back into the routine of learning at Lena Shaw. Our staff is working hard to create positive learning activities within our COVID world while our students are busy and engaged.

Without a doubt, February has been a very busy month at Lena Shaw on many levels. One of the major highlights for us was Pink Shirt Day! This year, a number of classrooms worked in collaboration with our diversity committee to create submissions for a school-wide video that was shared with our entire school community on February 24. Pink Shirt Day is a reminder to all of us on the importance of being kind, thoughtful, respectful and compassionate to everyone. At Lena Shaw, we strive to be a community of caring and acceptance. The submissions from our staff and students reinforced this message. Thank you to everyone who helped to support this incredible day. A huge thank you to Mr. Weakes for helping put the video together for our community. Thank you Mr. Weakes!

While Pink Shirt Day was a major highlight for our school this month, our resilience was challenged with a number of COVID cases. The number of infections in the lower mainland is growing and we at Lena Shaw were impacted as a result. Please know that every day, our school is working hard to ensure a safe environment for both our students and staff. In order to help keep our school community safe, please be mindful of following the COVID personal health check everyday before sending kids to school. The COVID Personal Health check for schools has been updated this month. I will be attaching it later in this newsletter. If you or your child has any of the listed symptoms, please stay home and get a COVID test.

March brings a renewed focus on our personal health with a focus on our social and emotional awareness. We look forward to making March a great month of learning and self-care. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Chila or myself. Be kind, be calm, be safe.

Mr. Chambers

Principal

Important Dates



Thursday, March 11th. Report Cards Home

Monday, March 15th. Spring Break

Monday, March 29th. School Re-opens

Friday, April 2nd. Good Friday - No school

Monday, April 5th. Easter Monday - No school

Friday, April 23rd. Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday, April 27th. Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm

Tuesday, April 27th. Student Exhibition of Learning

Report Card Update



Report card distribution to students and families has been moved to Thursday March 11, 2021. We appreciate parent and student understanding with the preparation of report cards at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please reach out to Mr. Chambers or Mr. Chila at any time.

Welcome Student Teachers and EA Practicum Students



Lena Shaw is very pleased to welcome several SFU students teachers and EA Practicum Students to our school for the next few months. These student teachers and EA's are here to observe our amazing staff and students and begin their journey towards formalizing their credentials. Welcome to our Lena Shaw team!

SFU Student Teachers:

Sophia Cadez – Ms. King

Kendel Floberg – Ms. Siqueira

Priya Grewal – Ms. McPherson

Chelsea Keserich – Ms. Shin

William Lukin – Mr. T. Weakes

EA Students:

Severena Godin – Ms. Konchuk

Kulwinder Garcha – Ms. Lewis.

SPRING BREAK



Just a reminder to all parents and students that Spring Break begins Monday March 15th and goes until March 28th. Students return to school on Monday March 29th! Remember to stay in your bubble, practice physical distancing and wear a mask when out in public. Have a safe and restful break!

Message From Our PAC



Hello from the PAC,

In order to ensure to minimize adults in the school building, we are looking to move our PAC meetings to an online format. The PAC is working with Mr. Chambers and Mr. Chila to see what we can do make this happen. Stay tuned!

Cold Weather



Please make sure that your child is properly dressed for very cold and/or wet weather. It is important for children's general health to get exercise and fresh air each day. Please let the office or teacher know if you need support with winter clothing for your child.

School Weather Closures



Sometimes extreme weather conditions or other unusual circumstances can cause a school closure at short notice. In the event of a potential school closure, please monitor the surrey schools website at www.surreyschools.ca, CKNW 980, News 1130, CBC Radio, RED 93.1 or Radio India 1600 AM. We ask that you avoid calling the school as we typically require the use of our phone lines to communicate with district officials and/or emergency personnel.

Pink Shirt Day



As outlined in my Principals message earlier, I want to thank all of the classes who helped provide a segment for our Pink Shirt Day video. It was incredible to see so many students and classes participate. Again, a big thank you to our Diversity Committee and Mr. Weakes for their help in driving this initiative!

This year, Pink Shirt Day was on Wednesday February 24th, 2021 ↔

What is cyberbullying? Bullying through electronic means. There are many forms, including harassment, impersonation, outing, cyberstalking, and denigration, but all exist – at least in part – in the digital world. Cyberbullying can often feel even more overwhelming than traditional bullying, because access to a target is 24/7. If you think that it is not happening to your child and they have unlimited phone use ...you are likely misinformed. We have many students at our school who use their phones throughout the night to communicate with others. Please ensure that our students do not have phones in their bedrooms and please monitor their texting and on-line use. Should you find that your child is being bullied or may be causing harm to others, we are here to help. Please contact your child's teacher, Mr. Chila or Mr. Chambers at any time.

Keeping Student Information Up To Date



Please help the school keep your student's information up to date by contacting the office if you move, get a new phone number or would like to add/change a contact to your student's record. To update your information, please reach out by email or phone.

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Lost and Found



There are many, many clothing items in our lost and found bin. Please encourage your child to look for their lost coats, jackets and other pieces of clothing. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store the lost and found items. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated to others at Spring Break.

Parking Reminder



Just a reminder to parents that the parking lot and alley way to the parking lot are for staff only. Please drop off students in front of the playground or in front of the main office area only.

Your help in the mornings is greatly appreciated.

Daily Health Check

Please do not enter the workplace if you answer YES to any of the following questions:			
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Have you been contacted by Public Health and identified as a confirmed contact of a person with COVID-19?	YES	NO
	Has Public health instructed you to self-isolate?	YES	NO
Are you experiencing any of the following <u>new</u> or <u>worsening</u> symptoms?			
Key Symptoms of Illness	Fever or Chills	YES	NO
	Cough	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Difficulty breathing	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Extreme fatigue or tiredness	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Body aches	YES	NO
	Nausea or vomiting	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date. **If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever),** you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to the school/district site when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to the school/district site until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

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When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to the school/district site once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.

- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from the school/district site until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to the school/district site when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor’s note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.

Revised by Health and Safety Department – February 12, 2021

How we are staying safe and supporting students.

- Students are in cohort groupings
- Hand washing at numerous scheduled times
- Students have been provided with 2 reusable masks if they wish to use them
- Separate recess and lunch times
- Walking on the right side of the hall
- Custodian cleaning high-touch surfaces during day
- Custodians cleaning after school
- Counselor Mr. Juric Juric_j@surreyschools.ca
- Full time Child Care Worker Mr. Slabicki
- Aboriginal Childcare worker, Mr. Williams. williams_p1@surreyschools.ca
- Community School Partnership, Ms. Thompson
- Breakfast and lunch programs

Will your child turn 5 years old in 2021?



Kindergarten Registration started on January 11, 2021.

Now is the time to prepare for Kindergarten Registration for September 2021! Do you have a child or know a neighbor that will have a student starting Kindergarten next year?

Children with the Birth Year of 2016

In light of COVID, registration for Kindergarten is now online and began on January 11, 2021. The link to register for kindergarten is <https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx>. All of the documents mentioned below must be submitted online to complete your registration. The documents required to register are:

- Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport)
- Proof of guardianship (parents/guardians as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation)
- Proof of citizenship for a parent and student (birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
- Proof of residency (purchase or rental agreement, cable, Hydro or gas bill) Three items must be submitted with 1 being government issued
- Immunization records
- Carecard

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