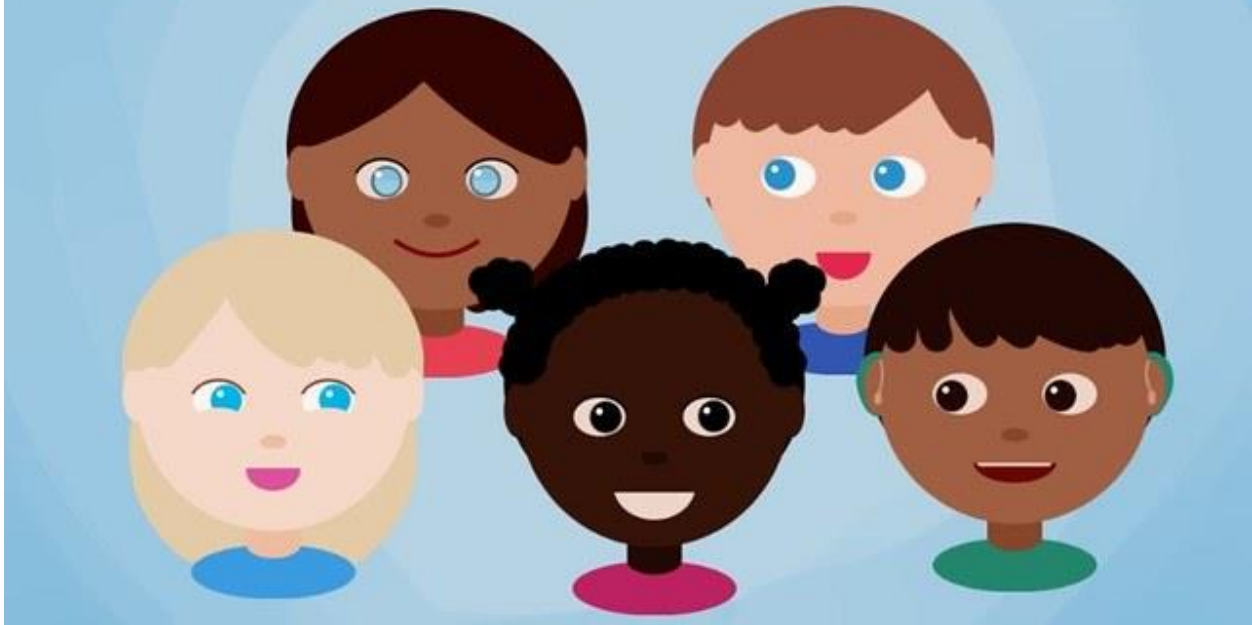


Be Yourself



Panorama Park Elementary January 23 to 27, 2023

Monday, January 23, 2023

- Gravity Track (Jan 23 to Jan 27)

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

- Divisions 7 & 8 Field Trip – Aquarium
- Minister of Education and Childcare Event 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

- Intra-mural sports at lunch - Grade 3 Red & Green Teams

Thursday, January 26, 2023

- Intra-mural sports at lunch - Grade 3 Yellow & Blue Teams

Friday, January 27, 2023

Gong Xi Gong Xi

Happy Chinese New Year! Happy Lunar New Year!

It is a tradition to celebrate the New Year with loud noises, bright lights, and the colour red to chase away evil monsters and the old year. The celebration also brings luck and prosperity into the new year with firecrackers, fireworks, red clothes, and red themed decorations. Many families will clean the house to get rid of bad luck. Many will go see the dragon dance at the Lantern Festival, as dragons are believed to scare away evil spirits and bring fortune and luck.

Even though it is not written originally for the New Year, 'Gong Xi Gong Xi' is one of the most famous songs to welcome the new year. 'Gong Xi Gong Xi' (恭喜恭喜) loosely means 'wishing you prosperity and happiness'. It is in a minor (sad) key with the refrain repeating between each verse. Feel free to sing along or follow along, especially during the refrain.

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Minister of Education and Childcare Event

Next Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Minister of Education and Childcare, Rachna Singh and Minister of State for Childcare, Grace Lore will be at Panorama Park Elementary to celebrate the childcare spaces that were funded through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund. Our school is one of the sites that directly benefited from this investment which allowed our school to provide before and after school child care for families. Media will be at this event but we will take precautions to ensure no student is filmed or photographed.

Gravity Track



The Gravity Track arrived on Tuesday and will be with us until Jan. 25th. That is six or seven days! The Gravity Track is a district resource that enables students to design and create a vehicle of some sort, to ride the length of the track. Basically, students compete against their peers to create the fastest moving 'vehicle'. Using potential energy, gleaned from gravity, cars can run fast or slow; depending on the skill of the design.

Kindergarten Registration



THE SURREY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOW USING A WEB-BASED [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Children who will turn five years old before January 1, 2024 are eligible to begin school in September 2023.

Once submitted, the form and any supporting documents will be available to school staff and the Principal who will use their judgement to determine if documentation requirements have been satisfied.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process and may be uploaded to the registration portal or presented in-person at the catchment school or school-of-choice:

PART ONE: Required documentation (does not have to be from British Columbia)

1. Photo identification for the parent/guardian such as: driver's licence, passport, Photo BC Services Card, BCID card.
2. Evidence of guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation, such as, landed immigrant document or guardianship order).
3. Evidence of birth date for the student (e.g., birth certificate or passport).

PART TWO: Evidence of residence for the parent/guardian in British Columbia

4. Valid government issued documentation showing the address of residence with the name of ordinarily resident parent/guardian (e.g., BC Driver's License, BC Services Card, BCID or ICBC Registration Document, etc.). If the above documents are not available, the Principal uses discretion to register students.

2023 Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in BC public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. It is the only source of province-wide information of children's learning experiences. The information is very helpful for others like the Ministry of Health, who use it to improve health services for children across BC. Your participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

This survey is voluntary and your response is encouraged, not required. **Please do not include any third-party information (e.g. talk about other specific people) survey or any personal information about yourself.** If any personal or identifying information about yourself or others is included it will be deleted before results are processed and stored. Data will be stored in Canada and accessible only within Canada.

Parent Surveys:

- Parents may access the survey by the Direct Access from the website listed below.
- Surveys are to be completed by parents with children in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12.
- A parent may complete a survey for each child in the targeted grades.
- The parent survey is available in English, French and 16 other languages.
- Parents can complete surveys on their own time.

The [2022/2023 Student Learning Survey](#) (SLS) for students in Grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, as well as parents, staff, and principals/vice-principals opened on January 3, 2023. The survey will remain open until April 28, 2023.

Protect Yourself And Others This Cold And Flu Season!



Nobody likes being sick, and with cold and flu season upon us, it's up to all of us to help prevent the spread of communicable disease in our school communities. [B.C.'s Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) remain important to the ongoing protection from and prevention of respiratory illness, including colds and flus. The health and safety of our classrooms is a team effort – students, staff and visitors are urged to stay home if they are not feeling well or are experiencing symptoms, including fever and/or chills, recent onset of coughing or diarrhea:

- For uncontrolled fever: stay home until you do not have a fever and feel well enough to return to your regular activities.
- For undiagnosed vomiting and diarrhea: stay home until there has been 24 hours since your last episode.

In addition to staying home when you're sick, there are a few other ways you can keep yourself from getting sick and from spreading illness to others:

- Wash your hands regularly: Practise frequent hand hygiene to prevent the spread of germs and respiratory illness.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Cough and sneeze into your elbow instead of your hands.
- Get your recommended vaccinations. [Flu shots](#) are free to everyone in B.C. six months and older, and are available as a shot or a nasal spray. BC residents 6 months and older are also encouraged to get their [COVID vaccinations](#).

The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for everyone. This choice will be supported and treated with respect in all our schools. Disposable masks will continue to be available at our sites for those that wish to use them. Staff, students or visitors may attend school if their symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition such as seasonal allergies, or if their symptoms have improved to where they feel well enough to return to regular activities, and any fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication (i.e. acetaminophen, ibuprofen). If a staff member, student or visitor develops symptoms of illness while at school and is unable to participate in regular activities, they should go home until their symptoms have improved. If you are unsure or concerned about your symptoms, please connect with your health care provider or call 8-1-1. For more information, check the [Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). *Thank you for continuing to keep our schools and workplaces healthy!*



Important Calendar Dates for 2022 – 2023

Monday, February 20

Family Day (no school)

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| Friday, February 24 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Thursday, March 2 | Term #2 Formal Reports |
| Thursday, March 9 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| | Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm |
| Friday, March 10 | Last Day of School prior to Spring Break |
| March 13 to March 24 | Spring Break Holidays/School Closure Days |
| Monday, March 27 | Back to School |
| Friday, April 7 | Good Friday (no school) |
| Monday, April 10 | Easter Monday Holiday (no school) |
| Friday, May 5 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Thursday, May 4 | Interim #2 or Student Led |
| Monday, May 22 | Victoria Day (no school) |
| Monday, May 29 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Thursday, June 29 | Last Day of School |
| | Term #3 Reports Go Home |
| | Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm |
| Friday, June 30 | Administrative Day /School Closed |

Useful Links

Click on the links below to be taken to these websites:

- [Surrey School District Website](#)
- [BC Curriculum Overview](#)
- [CASEL](#) (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning)
- Social Emotional Learning Resources: [Second Step](#), [MindUP](#), [EASE](#)