



# Panorama Park Elementary

October 25, 2021 to October 29, 2021

Dear Panorama Park Parents and Families,

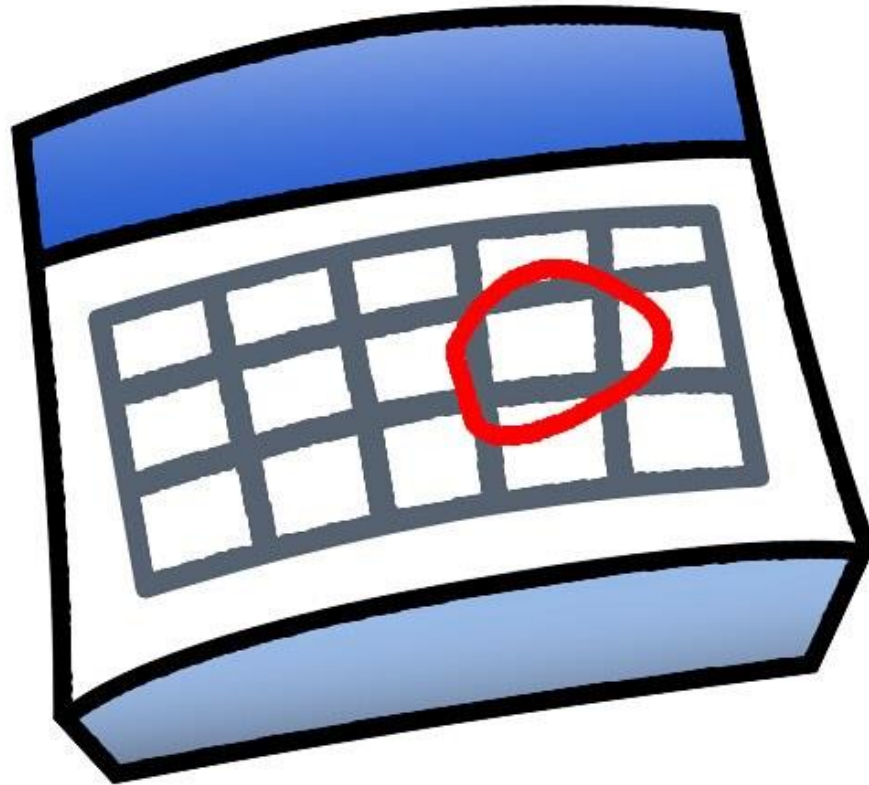
The leaves are turning, and that means Halloween is just around the corner! We're a few weeks away from tricks and treats, and just like last year, the District has health and safety measures and recommendations to make sure Halloween celebrations at school are Covid-safe. Halloween costumes can be worn safely in classrooms. Students are reminded not to touch each other's costumes – no matter how amazing they are – and to not bring accessories to school that can be passed around. Students must continue wearing non-medical face masks as required, though to ensure breath ability, costume masks should not be worn over non-medical masks or face coverings. Please leave costume masks at home. Sealed, pre - packaged, individually wrapped goodies (no homemade treats) can be shared. However, a designated staff member will use methods that minimize contact and maximize physical distancing while handing out goodies. Costumes should be appropriate for an elementary school setting. They should not be overly scary or gory and replica weapons are not permitted at any Surrey school at any time. Let's be creative and have a spook-tacular Halloween!

All the best,

Jag and Harman

~ Ms. J Dhaliwal (Principal) & Mr H Gill (Vice Principal)

## What's Happening This Week



### **Monday, October 25**

- Volleyball Boys Practice after school 2:40 pm to 3:30 pm

### **Tuesday, October 26**

- JumpStart 2:35 to 4:30
- Volleyball Boys Practice in the morning 7:45 am to 8:30 am

### **Wednesday, October 27**

- Fruit & Veggie Delivery
- Volleyball Girls Practice at lunch 11:50 am to 12:35 pm
- Volleyball Boys Practice in the morning 7:45 am to 8:30 am

### **Thursday, October 28**

- Volleyball Girls Practice in the morning 7:45 am to 8:25 am

### **Friday, October 29**

- Virtual Halloween Costume Parade
- Pumpkin Carving Contest

## Pumpkin Carving Contest



All students are welcome to participate in the pumpkin carving contest this year on Friday, October 29th, 2021. There will be 5 categories for primary and intermediate. The categories will be best decorated, best carved, scariest, cutest, and funniest.

Pumpkins can be dropped off Friday, October 29th at 8:00 am by the exterior gym doors. Leadership students will be collecting the pumpkins and arranging them in the gymnasium. All pumpkins need to be tagged with the student's name and the category.

### **Virtual Halloween Costume Assembly 9:25 am - 10:00 am**

Ms. Onions will be moving throughout the school with an iPad so that students can showcase their costumes to the school. Students line up from the interior door to the exterior door in a single file line while Ms. Onions captures their costumes to share with the school community.

## You Are Not Alone - Mental Health Videos

The Surrey School District is very pleased to share two mental health videos for students (and supporting resources) that have been developed by our District through the Fraser Health Region Rapid Response Team (RRT). Our intent is to have these videos shown in our classrooms, but they are also useful resources to be viewed at home with your children.

### LINKS TO VIDEOS AND SUPPORTING RESOURCES

[You Are Not Alone - Elementary \(English\); French; Punjabi, Mandarin, Arabic](#)

[Teacher Resource Guide](#)

Posters - [You Are Not Alone](#); [Your Mental Health is Important](#)

[You Are Not Alone - Secondary \(English\); French; Punjabi, Mandarin, Arabic](#)

[Teacher Resource Guide](#)

Posters - [You Are Not Alone](#); [Your Mental Health Matters](#)

[Coping with Stress & Anxiety - Elementary \(English\); French; Punjabi, Mandarin, Arabic](#)

[Teacher Resource Guide](#)

Posters - [Coping With Stress & Anxiety](#); [Stress](#); [Anxiety](#)

## Volleyball Season



### Girls Volleyball

We are about to begin volleyball season! Practices will be:

Thursdays 7:45 am to 8:25 am and

Wednesdays at lunch.

There may be occasional additional practices depending on need. Game days will be on Tuesdays after school, from **October 30th until December. 5th.** Our celebration play-day will take place on **Wednesday, December 4th**, location to be determined.

Thank you to Mr. Yeh and Mr. Lai for coaching and providing our students with this great opportunity.

### Boys Volleyball

Our practices and season has begun.

Practices will be:

Monday: After school 2:40 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuesday: Morning 7:45 am to 8:30 am

Wednesday Morning: 7:45 am to 8:30 am

The games will be held after school on Wednesdays. For away games, players will leave Panorama Park shortly after the end of the day bell and will meet up at the host school. The games typically end around 3:45 pm. After students will be transported back to school.

Thank you to Ms. Brown and Ms. Nair for coaching and providing our students with this great opportunity.

### **Carpooling Guidelines (Volunteer Parent Drivers)**

- Spread out occupants as much as possible
- Travel with same people whenever possible
- Masks for all occupants
- Hand hygiene before and after
- Clean high touch surfaces regularly
- Open windows
  - Set ventilation to bring in fresh outside air, not recirculate
  - Complete a Volunteer Driver Form

### **Please Return Verification Forms**



Students were sent home with some important school forms for parents to fill out a few days ago. If you haven't already, please complete / update the Verification form for each of your children at Panorama Park and return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

## Parents Visiting Our School



Visitors are to:

**Book an appointment with the school.**

1. Perform a daily health check prior to entering
2. Wear a mask
3. Perform hand hygiene before and after the visit
4. Sign in and out with contact information at the office (records kept for 45 days)
5. Access will be limited to the purpose of the visit
6. Respect others' personal space



## Litter



Schools are our second home and it is important to keep our school sanitary and clutter-free. One way to do so is to avoid littering. Littering in schools is harmful not only to the students and staff in the vicinity, littered rubbish could also affect the people, animals, and the environment outside the school premises. Factors like wind and rain allow waste to travel and reach great distances. Thus, please help keep our school grounds litter free. Monday mornings and early mornings we find quite a bit of litter on school grounds. If you use the playground or fields in the evening, please ensure that litter is not left on school grounds.



Parking

**NO  
PARKING  
ANY  
TIME**





A few friendly reminders about our parking lot to keep our students safe and make drop off and pick up easy and stress free:

- Please give yourself time to drop off and pick up your child.
- Our parking lot is for staff only, with some spaces for visitor parking
- Please do not double park in front of cars in the drop off area and wait for your children. Rather, please leave the lot and line up to make another pass and meet your child. Cars that are idling in front of the school will be asked to circle around and come back into the lot.
- When dropping off and picking up students in front of the school, please have children exit and enter vehicles on the passenger side.
- We encourage parents to park off site, meet your child at their classroom door or a designated meeting spot, and then walk with your children to your vehicle.
- Please follow the parking signs such as, No Parking in front of drop off loop and No Left Turn signs
- Please keep your speed slow in and around our school. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Kindergarten Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ)



Dear Kindergarten Parents/Caregivers:

Our school District is partnering with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), a research institute at the University of British Columbia, to do the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ). The CHEQ is an online questionnaire completed by parents and caregivers at the start of the Kindergarten school year. It focuses on experiences your child has had over the last few years that are strongly linked to children's health and well-being, education, and social outcomes. The CHEQ also includes COVID-19 related questions to help us understand the secondary impacts of the pandemic on children and families. **As a parent/caregiver of a Kindergarten student in the Surrey School District, you are invited to fill out the CHEQ this fall. It will be open until October 31st, 2021.**

The information from the CHEQ is shared with our school District and early years community to strengthen programs and services for families. Our school and Kindergarten teachers can also use it to better understand the different kinds of experiences children had before starting Kindergarten so that we can support them better.

**The questionnaire does not assess your child's skills or abilities, or your parenting. The CHEQ is simple and easy to complete and will take approximately 30 minutes of your time. Your participation is voluntary.**

When you click the link to the CHEQ you will be presented with a consent form available in [English](#), [عربي](#), [中国人](#), [中國人](#), [فارسی](#), [Français](#), [日本](#), [한국인](#), [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#), [Español](#), [Tagalog](#) and [Tiếng Việt](#). It is up to you if you wish to participate and you will have the option to withdraw. **Please note, the CHEQ is available in English, ਪੰਜਾਬੀ, and 中国人.**

HELP is responsible for keeping CHEQ data safe; your child's personal information is kept in a secure research environment at the University of British Columbia.

Additional information regarding the CHEQ can be found on the CHEQ website which can be accessed [HERE](#).

## Dress for the Weather



It is important children get outside for some fresh air at morning and lunch recess times. Students will be sent outside for recess times (please see below criteria) and should be dressed for the weather. Please send your children with rain jackets, umbrellas, and rain boots to ensure their comfort during our outdoor recess times and the learning time in the classroom afterward. Please send an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack.

### Cold Weather & Rainy Days

#### Inside Day

- 5 degrees or below and raining
- Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out
- Raining very hard – duration and intensity is great

#### Outside Day



- Above 5 degrees and raining
- Snow Day

## Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA's)



FSA's are administered annually to grade 4 and 7 students. This year Panorama Park will participate from October 18 - November 4. These assessments include literacy and numeracy components and have online as well as hard copy written sections. FSA's are reviewed and assessed by District teams according to specific criteria outlined in the tasks. They are sent home to parents in late November / early December.

## PAC MEETING - Virtual Zoom

We will be having our first general PAC Meeting on **October 26 (Tuesday)** PAC Virtual Meeting @ 5:00 pm on Zoom. We are encouraging our parents to attend virtually via Zoom.

Here is the Zoom information to join the meeting:

Jag Dhaliwal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PAC General Meeting Time: Oct 26, 2021 05:00 PM Vancouver



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82423260307?pwd=R04yQWFSU1g3S0dLbVIYYk1ab1ZvUT09>

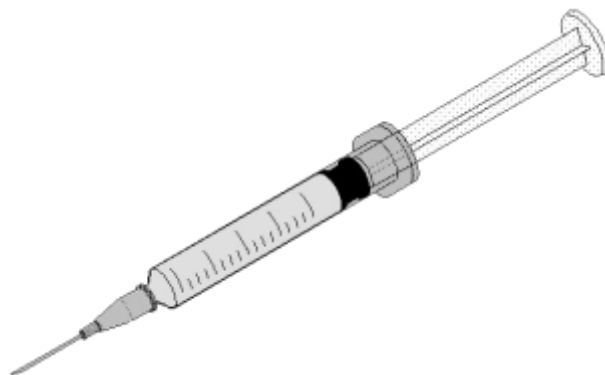
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## If Your Child is Absent



If your child will not be at school due to illness, a medical appointment or other reason, please make sure you contact our office at 604-596-0963. You can leave a voice mail after hours which will be checked as soon as our office staff arrives in the morning.

## Medications and Medical Alerts



If your child needs medication for an allergy or medical condition, please inform our office, your classroom teacher and ensure these medications are sent to our office as soon as possible. If your child has a medical alert that is new or we are not aware of, please contact our office to fill out a Medical Alert form so we have this information on hand.

## COVID Reminders and Daily Health Checks

- Schools will continue to follow a strict cleaning and hand sanitizing regiment.
- A reminder that masks are mandatory for all students in grades K -7.
- Staff members will wear masks when indoors at all times.
- Parents are expected to do daily health checks with their children before coming to school. For more information please see the [K-12 daily health check website](#) and [mobile app](#) to help students and families make the best decisions on whether to attend school, stay home, or take other measures. Questions and answers are easy to understand and are based on current health guidelines. All content is written with the K-12 age group in mind.

## Mark Your Calendars



- **October 22 (Friday):** Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
- **October 26 (Tuesday)** PAC Virtual Meeting @ 5:00 pm on Zoom
- **November 11 (Thursday)** Remembrance Day
- **November 12 (Friday)** Non Instructional Day

## Useful Links

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

- [Surrey School District Website](#)
- [BC Curriculum Overview](#)