

Panorama Park Elementary Weekly Newsletter **January 17-21, 2022**

From Your School Administration



Dear Parents and Caregivers:

These are challenging times and we know that it is easy to become discouraged as COVID continues to impact our lives in so many ways. But the last 22 months has also shown that we are strong, resilient and are able to work together. We have so much to be grateful for and to give us hope:

- Panorama Park is a wonderful community. We have fantastic, talented students, supportive parents and a professional, caring and hard working staff.
- While OMICRON is more transmissible than previous COVID variants, those who get sick have milder symptoms and recover faster.
- Infection rates are high, yet hospital admissions and ICU admissions have remained manageable. Our health care workers are dedicated, work hard and we have excellent medical care in BC.
- We have the protection of a vaccine.

We are hopeful that 2022 will be the year of the "endemic". We will make it through together. Please continue to take care of yourselves and others. Stay rested and positive! And do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns (Dhaliwal_Jagdee @surreyschools.ca).

All the best,

Jagdeep

Jagdeep Dhaliwal (Panorama Park Elementary Principal)

January 2022 COVID Protocols and Reminders

Measures reviewed at Panorama Park include the following:

• Parents and students should not arrive early to school and should leave the grounds immediately after school to avoid crowding outside.

- Students lining up outside should spread out and maintain physical distance.
- Students should maintain physical distance inside and outside.
- It is important to do Daily Health Checks and to staying home when sick.
- Wearing a mask at school and bringing a spare mask from home. Masks should be worn over the nose and strapped into place to fit over the face.
- Washing / sanitizing hands regularly.
- Getting vaccinated if you are able to.
- Health Check Link
- fact sheet on what to do when someone is symptomatic or tests positive
- poster about the layers of protection we have in our schools to keep our community safe

Shape of the Week



Monday, January 17, 2022

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Friday, January 21, 2022

Functional Closures

You've heard a lot about a "functional closure", but what does that mean? It essence, it means that due to illness, there is not enough staff present, or available, to safely continue instruction. This may happen at one, some, or all schools in Surrey. Or, it may not happen at all. Staff are being told that if they are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, that it probably is COVID and that they are required to self-isolate for 5 days after symptoms first appeared. You can see how this could spiral into a staffing issue. Please see below an outline of how a functional closure would be triggered, what would happen on each day, and when, if staffing were able to return in acceptable numbers, the functional closure would end.

DAY ZERC

- · It becomes clear that significant staff will be absent
- Notify Assistant Superintendent ASAP
- · Prioritize TTOCs to site
- · If very early or during the day, cover as best we can with all available staff members
- · Staff absenteeism exceeds 25% HR confirms inability to backfill
- Superindendent informs Board and declares functional closure for 7 calendar days.

DAY ONE

- · Prepare for remote learning launch day. Tech and supplies to students and staff.
- · Get TTOCs connected if staff are ill.
- · Communications from staff to parents.

DAY TWO-SEVEN

- · Launch day for remote learning.
- On day 7, communication to staff and community re: reassessment of staffing levels, anticipation of return to face to face.

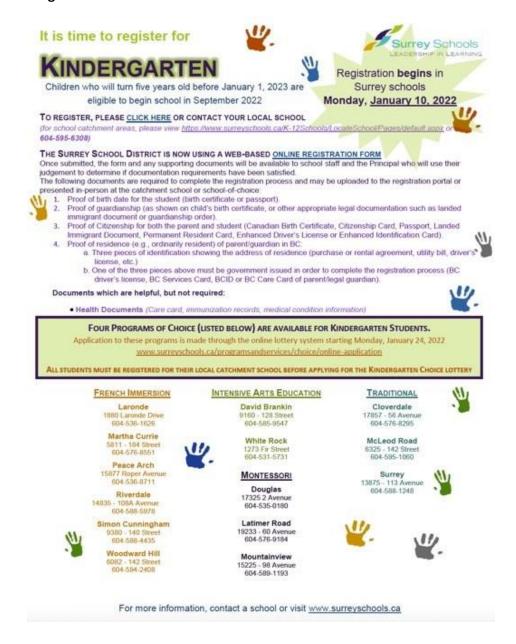
DAY 8

· Return to regular instruction

Should we go into a short phase of remote learning, it will be short and our staff have developed plans and communication strategies to stay connected with you and your children. Should we go into a functional closure, keep a close eye on your email. If access to technology is a concern for your family, please email Ms. Dhaiwal or phone our school office (604-596 0963) to let us know.

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Email Contacts

Almost all communication at Panorama Park (both school wide and in individual classes) is done electronically. It is very important that we have your current email address.

• For school wide communication please make sure you have signed up for our school email list on our school website page.

Mark Your Calendars

• Read Me Day - Spirit Day Thursday, January 27, 2022

• Global Play Day. Wednesday, February 2, 2022

• Red, White & Pink Day - Spirit Day. Monday, February 14, 2022

• Backwards Day - Spirit Day Thursday, February 24, 2022

• Family Day - No School. Monday, February 21, 2022

• Non Instructional Day - No School. Friday, February 25, 2022

Useful Links

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

- Surrey School District Website
- BC Curriculum Overview
- <u>CASEL</u> (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning)
- Social Emotional Learning Resources: <u>Second Step</u>, <u>MindUP</u>, <u>EASE</u>