

École Woodward Hill Elementary

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Ey' Swayel, Woodward Hill families,

As you may have heard, with the recent surge in COVID cases, BC health officials have issued new restrictions to stop the spread. You can read more about the update [here](#). While there have been cases of COVID in schools, much of the evidence suggests that these cases are not spread through school activity, but rather by social and family gatherings outside of school. At school, we continue to implement measures to keep students and staff as safe as possible and for the most part, these measures have been successful: *increased hand washing, increased cleaning during and after the school day, the use of masks, limited contact with those outside a student's learning group, and parents keeping their children home if they are ill*. Thank you for playing your part to bend the curve in the right direction!

Fraser Health and self-isolation

If your child is told by Fraser Health to self-isolate at home for two-weeks, you will receive a communication from your child's teacher with information on Surrey ONE – Surrey's library of digital learning resources. Information on Surrey ONE was shared in the November edition of the District's [ConnectED parent newsletter](#).

Diwali

On behalf of students and staff, we wish our community a happy Diwali! Each day this week (November 9 – 13) a brief announcement will be made to acknowledge Diwali.

Allergy Awareness

Many of our students have very serious food allergies. Although we cannot claim to have an environment free from all food contaminants, we all play a role in sending our children to school with nut free and shell-fish free lunches. If you have questions about the type of food allergies in your child's class, please contact your child's teacher.

We Scare Hunger!

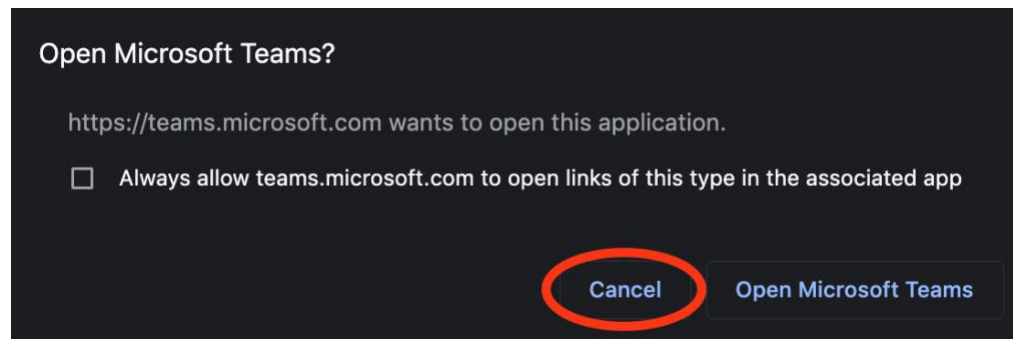
A BIG thank you to our community's generosity with non-perishable food donations from October 26 – 30. By the end of the week we had at least 20 boxes of food!

Remembrance Day at École Woodward Hill Elementary

Remembrance Day is a time to recognize the men and women, past and present, who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. Many of those we honour gave their lives so we can enjoy a better future. On Tuesday November 10 at 11am, we will host a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. Click the link below to join us

[École Woodward Hill Elementary Remembrance Day Ceremony](#)

If you will be joining us on a mobile device, then be sure to download the FREE Microsoft Teams app. If you will be joining us on a computer or laptop, there is no need to download any apps or software. Simply click CANCEL when asked if you would like to open or download Microsoft Teams, then click CONTINUE ON THIS BROWSER.



Looking for volunteers

We are seeking adult volunteers to supervise the upper crosswalk on 142nd Street before and after school. With enough volunteers, we can create a **Crossing Guard Schedule** that requires minimum commitment but goes a long way to help keep our children and families safe. If you are interested in helping out, please email Mr. Issel at issel_b@surreyschools.ca

Welcome Linnea Wolfe and Nicole Brenner-Rae

We offer our welcome to Ms. Wolfe and Ms. Brenner-Rae. Ms. Wolfe is teaching Grade 6/7 one day per week in a job share with Ms. Grewal. Ms. Brenner-Rae has accepted a 50% contract working in a job share with our Vice-Principal, Ms. Howden. We also welcome our student teachers – Ms. Kelly Le, Ms. Rupri Nahal, Mr. Ray Jin, Ms. Fatima Bhayani and Ms. Megan Kay. Good luck to our student teachers!

Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up

When driving onto school property to drop-off or pick-up your child curbside, please remain in your vehicle. The front of the school is drop-off/pick-up only and not meant for parking. If you need more time to drop-off/pick-up your child, please park on one of the neighbouring streets and walk to the school. Also, please use the crosswalks on 142nd Street and in the school's parking lot. We ask drivers to obey all traffic signs including the **NO LEFT TURN** for traffic coming up 142nd and wanting to enter the school – thank you!

Cold weather and rainy days

The following general criteria is used when deciding to send students outside. Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing.

Above 5 degrees and raining – outside

5 degrees or below and raining – inside

Raining *and* so windy umbrellas will turn inside out – inside

Snow days – outside

Cold and dry days – outside

What happens in January with blended learning classes?

Anticipate a survey to come from the Surrey School District aimed at trying to better understand what parents will do come January. The survey will help us determine how many students currently in blended classes will be returning to face-to-face instruction in January.

Upcoming dates

Nov. 10 Virtual Remembrance Day ceremony 11am

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – school not in session

Nov. 13 **PAJAMA Day**

Nov. 18 Picture retakes day (Blended learner picture day as well)

Dec. 11 Formal communication about student learning sent home