



BAYRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Bayridge Community;

These last couple of weeks have been amazing – thanks to our students, staff and the community. Thank you for all of the warm welcome messages and the big smiles of hello!

Here are some of the happenings around our school...

Student Learning Surveys

As we look towards next year, we are gathering data about how we are doing as a school to help us to plan more strategically and help us as we make decisions about where we should focus our efforts. The annual Ministry of Education Learner Satisfaction Survey helps us gather some of those pieces of information.

We know that your time is valuable but we would appreciate it if you could complete this survey. Your input is important and vital to effective planning and we appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with us. Thanks.

The survey can be found at this [link](#).

Before and After School

As many of you are aware, the COVID-19 cases in our community have been increasing (including a positive case reported this week in our school). As a result, the Surrey School District developed new targeted health and safety measures in partnership with Fraser Health to further protect our staff, students, their families, and the community across Surrey.

A NEW additional measure that we are requesting your support with is ensuring all students arriving at school make their way directly to their door of entry and NOT engage in play on the playground or field. The rationale for this is that we do not want the children in different learning cohorts mixing with each other and/or siblings not in attendance at school. This same request applies after school. We kindly ask that all students and their families vacate school grounds immediately after school. Also, thank you for continuing to wear your masks at drop off and pickup of your children.

Daily Health Check (*UPDATED*)

Please note, as part of the work being done to update the Surrey Schools COVID-19 Safety Plan to reflect recent changes to the BCCDC and Ministry of Education guidelines, new versions of the Daily Health Checks are being introduced. [Please refer to this link for the updated Daily Health Checklist.](#)

To ensure we limit the exposure and spread of illness, the district requires parents/guardians to conduct daily health checks every day prior to sending their children to school. The "Daily Health Check" form allows for a personal review of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone with symptoms should stay home and follow the instructions on the checklist attached. Thank you for your due diligence in keeping our students, staff and community safe and healthy.

Early Dismissal Days

We will be having three early dismissal days coming up before the end of our school year. This is to provide an opportunity for school-based health & safety committees and school staff to review and revisit health & safety plans, discuss recommendations and implement or adjust any COVID mitigation strategies. Early dismissals will take place on *April 30, May 14 and June 7*. Students will be dismissed at 1:35pm.

Ready, Set, Learn

Ready, Set, Learn is a program designed to provide children and families with an opportunity to gather information about early learning. This early learning program is part of an initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Parents/caregivers will receive helpful tips, through a virtual event, to support their child's learning and development, as well as information about the early learning programs offered by the school district and the community resources available to families. It is a great way for you to connect with your future school and community!

Please visit the BC Ministry of Education website for the booklet *Helping your preschooler get ready for school* (English and translations available) http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/rsf/

Please REGISTER your child (born in 2017 or 2018) by filling in the [survey at this link](#), before Tuesday, April 27

****This virtual event is for children born in 2017 & 2018 (not for those coming to Kindergarten in September). There will be a separate event for our new K students in the Spring!**

Grade 6 Parents

It is also that time of year when we start looking ahead to see which of our Grade 6 students would like to participate in Grade 7 band for the upcoming year. Letters of intent were sent home this week. Please make sure to fill them out and return them to the school by April 26th. This will help us looking forward to next year, in terms of staffing needs. These forms do not guarantee placements, but simply an expression of interest.

Upcoming Dates:

April 22 – Earth Day

April 30 – Last Day for Student Learning Surveys

April 30 – Early Dismissal 1:35 pm

May 4 – Ready, Set, Learn Virtual Event 1:00 pm

May 7 – Non-Instructional Day – School is Closed to students

May 14 – Early Dismissal 1:35 pm

May 12 – PAC Meeting 1:00 pm

May 24 – Victoria Day – School is Closed

May 31- Non-Instructional Day – School is Closed to Students

June 1 – Welcome to Kindergarten

June 7 – Early Dismissal 1:35 pm