



École Élémentaire
Peace Arch
Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year to all of our families at École Peace Arch Elementary! Welcome back to school for the start of 2021. May you all continue to stay safe and healthy as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times together! As part of our January re-start, the teachers will spend time reviewing and practicing the important routines at school that keep us all safe and healthy. We ask that our families also review the importance of the following measures as you prepare your children for their return to school:

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water
- Maintaining a safe distance from others in the classroom and in the hallways
- Minimizing their contact with others outside at recess and lunch by finding ways to play that keeps their hands and body to themselves
- Coughing or sneezing into their elbow
- Staying home when feeling unwell

Office Updates:

Please welcome Ms. Joanie Donovan, retired principal, who will be assisting in the office while I continue a gradual return to work. Ms. Donovan served as principal at South Meridian for a number of years and recently served as Acting Principal at Hall's Prairie/East Kensington. Ms. Donovan will be at Peace Arch each morning for the next two weeks, while I'll be there in the afternoons. Mrs. Kristy Crnkovich will also begin her role as Vice Principal. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with your questions and/or concerns moving forward!

Playground Updates:

We are very excited to see the changes happening on our playground and the new equipment that will soon be available for the students to play on! Playground completion was slightly delayed due to the snowfall in late December. The installation is now expected to be complete by Tuesday, Dec. 5, followed by the placement of bricks and wood chips and the inspection. This means our students will need to continue playing in the other four zones at recess and lunch for a little while longer!

Winter Weather:



Please ensure your children are dressed and ready for the rainy, snowy or cold weather (warm jackets, gloves, hoods, umbrellas and waterproof boots)! ***All students are expected to be outside for recess and lunch play times!***

Kindergarten Registration:

If you or someone you know has a child turning 5 on or before December 31, 2021 it is time to register them for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. On-line registration will begin on Monday, January 11th, 2021. Registration information as well as information on Choice Programs in Surrey can be found on our school website [here](#).

Best regards,

Ms. L. Boulet
Principal

*At École Peace Arch Elementary
we want our students to
Take care of themselves
Take care of others; and
Take care of this place*