

# Community News Flash #30

## April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021



### **Important Dates:**

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| Monday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>    | - National Drop Everything and Read Day        |
|                                   | - Dress as your favorite character day         |
| Tuesday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>   | - 1:30pm Early Dismissal (Student Conferences) |
| Wednesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> | - 1:30pm Early Dismissal (Student Conferences) |
|                                   | - 7:00pm PAC Zoom Meeting                      |
| Thursday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>  | - Internet Safety and Digital Literacy Webinar |

### **Principal Message:**

#### **Masks**

- All staff, visitors and Grade 4 to 7 students are required to wear a mask at all times when inside a school.
- All Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are strongly recommended and encouraged to wear a mask when inside a school.
- Rosemary parents and family members are encouraged to wear a mask during drop off and pick up times, as a way of supporting and modeling mask wearing at our school.

#### **Music**

- Masks can be temporarily removed to engage in playing a wind instrument.
- Masks must be worn by K-12 staff and Grades 4-12 students while singing.

#### **PE**

- Students in grades 4-12 must wear masks during low-intensity activities when indoors.
- High-intensity physical and sport activities should be taken outside whenever possible.

#### **Universal Protocols (all schools, all times)**

- Prohibit any adult face to face meetings in closed offices.
- All meetings should be scheduled using virtual platforms.
- Informal face to face conversations with the use of masks may proceed but need to be less than 10 minutes in length and physical distancing needs to be maintained at all times.



## ***Interior painting***

The interior painting of our school has continued during spring break and we only have a few classrooms and learning spaces left to complete.

## ***Weekend Incident***

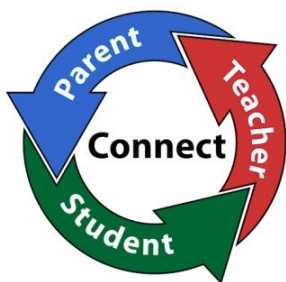
In light of the recent weekend incident at neighbouring Blumsen Park, please keep the following safety reminders in mind.

### ***Please remind your children of the following points:***

- Be aware of your surroundings. If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, notify a parent or another trusted adult (like a teacher or grandparent).
- Trust your instincts and your feelings. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable or if you feel like something's just not right — even if you can't explain why — walk away immediately and notify a trusted adult.
- If a stranger ever approaches, they should step away, yell "No!" and leave the area immediately. Always notify a parent or another trusted adult of what happened.

As you are all aware, communication is key when it comes to child safety. Sometimes it can be difficult to initiate a conversation about possible dangers to your children, but it is essential in preparing them in case of emergency.

Mr. Dekerf, Principal



## ***Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences***

With COVID Health and Safety restrictions, our student led conferences will look a bit different and take place in the home during the early dismissal days. Please expect communication from your child's teacher regarding the timing and format for this informal reporting process. Families will learn more about their child's progress and ways to support learning at home.



## ***Internet Safety and Digital Literacy Webinar***

Mark your calendars, on April 29th the PAC has partnered with the "WHITE HATTER" to offer all parents a 2 hour live virtual info session on internet safety and digital literacy when it comes to your kids. This is to help you

understand the power of technology and mobile communications today and to mitigate the sometimes unintended consequences of high risk or undesirable online behaviour. This webinar serves as a 101 introduction on the many different subjects for families staying safe and private online. It will address the immediate concerns and solutions caregivers can implement to raise digitally literate adults.

Here are some of the topics that will be discussed:

- The research on the positives and negative the internet provides
- Challenges youth today face online
- Technology as a distraction
- Media overconsumption
- Online predators
- Challenges parents and caregivers face
- Each person's personal digital footprint
- How online information is collected and used
- Opportunities technology provides
- Data tracking & collection
- App privacy
- Personal online legal consequences
- Concerning signs to look for
- Sleep concerns
- Account management
- Exploitation
- Nudes and sexting
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There will also be a LIVE question and answer period at the end of the presentation. This is free... but you have to register online - the Zoom details will be sent to you directly.

TO REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/RHEWhiteHatter>

MORE INFO: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/.../Internet-Safety-and...>

## ***Student Learning Survey***

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support.

We've worked in collaboration with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to update the parent and guardian/caregiver survey in 2018/19 and make it more useful for parent, guardians/caregivers, teachers, and schools. Your valued participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is now available online at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm) and is available in 18 different languages. The survey will be available until Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The results of the parent and guardian/caregiver SLS survey will be available through the Ministry of Education website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>) and on the BCCPAC website (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/>) in summer 2021.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558-5339 or email [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com). We sincerely appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

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# DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	<p><b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home and get a health assessment.</p> <p>Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	<p><b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.</p>
Loss of appetite	
Headache	<p><b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home for 24 hours.</p> <p>If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea and vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<p><b>If yes:</b> All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to <a href="#">self-quarantine</a> for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.</p> <p>This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before they are scheduled to attend school to adhere to the selfquarantine orders. Additional information is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<p><b>If yes:</b> Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.</p> <p>You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.</p>

Check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#). If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider, or call 8-1-1. For more information on COVID-19, please go to [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca). If you develop severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

## **SURREY SCHOOLS**

**Spread the word! We need...**



### **SUPERVISION AIDES NEEDED NOW**

*Can you, or someone you know, help to provide supervision for children?*

Supervision Aides work one hour per day (5 days per week, preferably) to provide supervision to elementary and secondary students during their lunch break. Pay rate is \$22.21 per hour.

Ideal for those retired individuals or adults who relate well to children, and youth, and are seeking part-time employment.

Preference given to those individuals available daily (Monday to Friday).

*For more information, and to apply online, please visit*  
[www.surreyschools.ca/careers](http://www.surreyschools.ca/careers)