

# Community News Flash #14

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
COMPLETE THE ATTACHED DAILY HEALTH CHECK  
BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD(REN) TO SCHOOL EACH DAY.**

## ***Important Dates***

Tuesday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>	- Plant Fundraiser Pick-up
	- Spirit Wear sent home
Thursday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	- White Spot Hot Lunch
Friday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Flood Relief Friday
Sunday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	- Deadline for Menchie's & Panago Fundraiser
Monday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	- Festive Sweater Day
Tuesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	- Grinch Day
Wednesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Santa's Workshop Day
	- Term 1 Point of Progress Reports Sent Home
Thursday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Santa Hat Day
	- Pizza Hot Lunch
Friday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	- PJ Day
Monday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	- Winter Break (School Closed)
Monday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- School Opens after Winter Break

## ***Communicating Student Learning***

Term 1 Point of Progress reports will be coming home to families on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Please take some time with your child to review Term 1 learning, celebrate successes, and set goals for Term 2. Please don't hesitate to connect with teachers or Administration to talk further about student learning.



## ***Hand Sewn Santas by Division 11***



## Traffic at Rosemary Heights

With the fall/winter weather upon us, we are sending out a friendly reminder about our drop off and pick up routines which are in place to help keep our students safe. The lanes in front of the school are for drop off only; please **do not** leave your vehicle and walk your child to their class. If you need to bring them to their outside door, please find a parking spot either in the parking lot or on the street. Parking in our parking lot is limited, so if you need to drive, please come early. Please also be mindful that the cul-de-sac has four large cones clearly marking this area, as this is a no stopping zone as well.

Also, please be mindful that the orange cones at the front of the school are in place to designate the spots for buses and vans dropping off and picking up for daycare centres; please do not move the cones or double park beside them and leave your car to pick up your child.

We are very hopeful if we all work together, we can ensure that drop off and pick up times will run smoothly and safely.



# Winter Waterland Fundraiser



*The Rosemary Heights PAC and Managers are raising funds to provide swimming lessons for Grade 3 students at our sister school, James Ardiel Elementary. Swimming is an important life skill that some may not have an opportunity to learn. Let's work together to ensure that all of the grade 3's at James Ardiel get that chance!*

*Donations can be made online at [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) between December 6 and 16<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to raise \$3000! Your contribution will make a positive difference in these children's lives.*



# FLOOD RELIEF FRIDAY!!!

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>



*As many of you know, there has been an excessive amount of rainfall in some BC regions, resulting in flooding. The Managers would like your help with raising funds to support families who have been affected by the floods. We are asking Rosemary Heights families and staff to donate a toonie on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be made in cash or online at [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com).*

*Your donation will go to the Red Cross.*

*Let's help these families to make the best out of their holiday season.*

These make the perfect stocking stuffers for those kids that are hard to buy for!



**menchie's**  
MORGAN CROSSING  
STOCKING STUFFER FUNDRAISER!

4 PACK FOR  
**\$20**

KID FRIENDLY STOCKING STUFFERS!

Share with friends & family!

Menchie's Morgan Crossing is partnering with Rosemary Heights Elementary School until December 12th. Get a 4-pack of fill-your-cup vouchers for **ONLY \$20!** (For up to \$10 value each. Conditions apply)

For every pack sold, \$8 will go to our school!

- Support a locally owned business
- Holiday shopping done
- Give back to our school
- Easy stocking stuffers

Tiny print: \$20 for a 4-Pack which consists of 4 - fill your own cup up to \$10 value each. Vouchers valid at Morgan Crossing Menchie's Location only. Not redeemable with orders placed through Door Dash, Uber Eats or Skip the Dishes.



**Purchase a Panago Pizza voucher for \$12 redeemable for any medium pizza!**

This coupon is redeemable for **ANY medium** pizza at **ANY Panago** location or online! This also **includes all the Specialty and Premium pizzas**. You can add toppings, choose your crust and even create your own with no extra cost!

**FINE PRINT: They expire in 1 year!**

**Head to Munch-a-Lunch to purchase!**

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/rosemaryheights>

**Sale Ends December 12<sup>th</sup>**

(please make sure you checkout fully and make your payment before logging off)

**Vouchers will be sent home with your child by December 14th**

If you have any questions please contact  
rosemaryheightspac@gmail.com



## *Pastel Drawing by Junhan Grade 4*



### ***COVID-19 Vaccination for Children Ages 5-11***

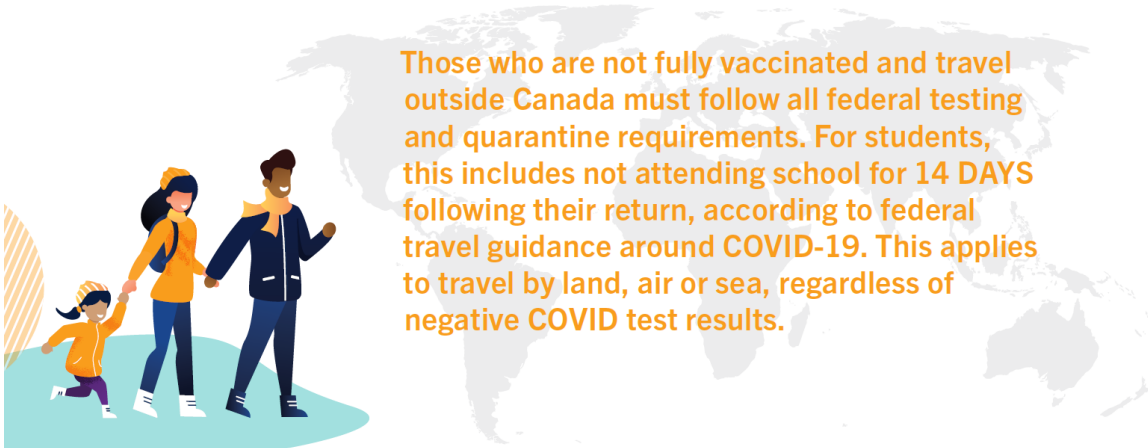
As you know, the COVID-19 vaccine has been approved by Health Canada for use children five and older. The province has begun sending booking invitations to families, with many already receiving texts and emails to book their child's appointment. The Ministry of Education has asked us to support families in receiving trusted information about vaccines by sharing the resources below.

#### **Resources:**

- [Surrey Schools - COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds available starting Nov. 29](#)
- [BCCDC - COVID-19 Vaccination for Children 5-11 years old](#)
- [ImmunizeBC - COVID-19 Vaccines FAQ for Children Aged 5 to 11](#)

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND SCHOOL

With international borders now open to non-essential travel, ensure you know the requirements and restrictions for students and staff travelling outside of Canada, including to the United States and Mexico, as they pertain to returning to school.



This 14-day attendance restriction also applies to:

- day cares and camps
- settings with vulnerable people (i.e. long-term care facilities)
- large crowded indoor or outdoor settings (i.e. amusement parks, sporting events)
- crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking

**Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students should not return to school within 14 days following international travel, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test result.** There are exemptions for travel as part of cross-border custody agreements. For more information on this exemption, please visit [here](#).

## AIR TRAVEL

Those 12 years or older must be fully vaccinated to board domestic and international flights departing most airports in Canada and must show the [Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination](#).

To re-enter Canada, all returning travellers five and up must provide proof of a COVID-19 negative molecular test result (also known as a [pre-entry test](#)) taken within 72 hours before returning OR proof of previous positive test result taken between 14 and 180 days. Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children and adults must also take an [arrival test](#) when returning to Canada and will receive a kit to use on Day-8 of their mandatory quarantine.

## LAND BORDER CROSSING

COVID-19 proof of vaccination is required in addition to your regular travel documents. Children under 18 are exempt from showing proof of vaccination. However, everyone five and up must follow the same pre-entry and arrival testing requirements as noted under Air Travel to re-enter Canada.

\*\* Please note, travel rules and restrictions are subject to change. It is the responsibility of staff and students/families to review the latest federal guidance. For the latest information, visit [travel.gc.ca/travel-covid](https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid)

It is time to register for



# KINDERGARTEN

Children who will turn five years old before January 1, 2023 are eligible to begin school in September 2022



Registration begins in  
Surrey Schools  
**Monday, January 10, 2022**



**TO REGISTER, PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**

(for school catchment areas, please view <https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/LocateSchool/Pages/default.aspx> or 604-595-6308)

**THE SURREY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOW USING A WEB-BASED [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#)**

Once submitted, the form and any supporting documents will be available to school staff and the Principal who will use their judgement to determine if documentation requirements have been satisfied.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process and may be uploaded to the registration portal or presented in-person at the catchment school or school-of-choice:

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport).
2. Proof of guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document or guardianship order).
3. Proof of Citizenship for both the parent and student (Canadian Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Passport, Landed Immigrant Document, Permanent Resident Card, Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced Identification Card).
4. Proof of residence (e.g., ordinarily resident) of parent/guardian in BC:
  - a. Three pieces of identification showing the address of residence (purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
  - b. One of the three pieces above must be government issued in order to complete the registration process (BC driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID or BC Care Card of parent/legal guardian).

**Documents which are helpful, but not required:**

- **Health Documents** (Care card, immunization records, medical condition information)

**FOUR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE (LISTED BELOW) ARE AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.**

Application to these programs is made through the online lottery system starting Monday, January 24, 2022

[www.surreyschools.ca/programsandservices/choice/online-application](http://www.surreyschools.ca/programsandservices/choice/online-application)

**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THEIR LOCAL CATCHMENT SCHOOL BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE KINDERGARTEN CHOICE LOTTERY**

## FRENCH IMMERSION

### Laronde

1880 Laronde Drive  
604-536-1626

### Martha Currie

5811 - 184 Street  
604-576-8551

### Peace Arch

15877 Roper Avenue  
604-536-8711

### Riverdale

14835 - 108A Avenue  
604-588-5978

### Simon Cunningham

9380 - 140 Street  
604-588-4435

### Woodward Hill

6082 - 142 Street  
604-594-2408



## INTENSIVE ARTS EDUCATION

### David Brankin

9160 - 128 Street  
604-585-9547

### White Rock

1273 Fir Street  
604-531-5731

## MONTESSORI

### Douglas

17325 2 Avenue  
604-535-0180

### Latimer Road

19233 - 60 Avenue  
604-576-9184

### Mountainview

15225 - 98 Avenue  
604-589-1193



## TRADITIONAL

### Cloverdale

17857 - 56 Avenue  
604-576-8295

### McLeod Road

6325 - 142 Street  
604-595-1060

### Surrey

13875 - 113 Avenue  
604-588-1248



For more information, contact a school or visit [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca)





## IT'S DECEMBER AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS – HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US!

Classrooms across the district will mark the occasion with activities, crafts and celebrations. While schools are encouraged to celebrate, it is critical that we plan ahead and ensure that all of our holiday activities are consistent with the district's COVID-19 health and safety protocols. We've included guidance and suggestions below.

### *Winter Assemblies Or Concerts*

Following provincial recommendations, schools can host in-person winter assemblies or concerts within the following guidelines:

- \* Limit the number of attendees to 50% capacity of the space.
- \* Ensure attendees follow visitor protocols:
  - \* **CHECK UP:** do a health check before attending and don't attend if not feeling well
  - \* **BACK UP:** give others personal space
  - \* **WASH UP:** practice hand hygiene often while at the event. Ensure hand sanitizer is available for attendees
  - \* **MASK UP:** masks are required to be worn while indoors.
- \* Ensure that all student performers are spread out and are masked while singing or performing, unless a dance performance is high intensity.



- \* Schools may want to have a virtual option available. Microsoft Teams can accommodate live assemblies or schools can pre-record and host these videos on the district Vimeo platform using this [step-by-step guide](#) developed by Education Services. Remember to obtain parental consent before filming students and/or posting online!

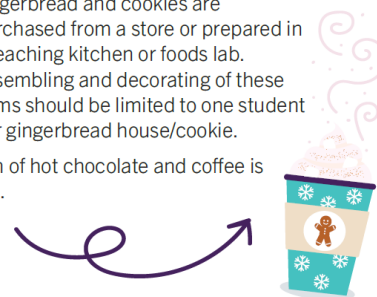
### *Food & Treats*

Limited activities involving food or treats can take place this year if appropriate precautions are taken:

- \* Food must be individually portioned and wrapped/prepackaged, and not shared amongst others.
- \* Food should be prepared by an establishment with a COVID Safety Plan. This means that food prepared at home and distributed at school is not acceptable.
- \* Staff meals, such as pancake breakfasts, may proceed at schools if prepared in a cafeteria, teaching kitchen or by a caterer and individually portioned or served.
- \* Staff events should be treated as personal events and held off school property. One option could be to hold the event at a restaurant.
- \* No communal donuts, chocolates and cookies left out for all to share. Please avoid this entirely this holiday season.

- \* Secret Santa gift exchanges can take place this year. Please develop a distribution plan to prevent crowding in an area.
- \* Gingerbread house decorating and cookie decorating may proceed if the gingerbread and cookies are purchased from a store or prepared in a teaching kitchen or foods lab. Assembling and decorating of these items should be limited to one student per gingerbread house/cookie.

Distribution of hot chocolate and coffee is acceptable.



# Celebrating THE Holiday Season Safely



## Food Bank, Toy Donations & Fundraising

It's the season of giving and it is so important that we safely continue school-based food, clothing and toy drives.

- \* The Surrey Food Bank can safely pick up food donations at schools through its [2021 holiday campaign](#). Check out their [school toolkit](#) for food bank drives.
- \* Donations to the [Surrey Christmas Bureau](#) can be safely dropped off at the bureau's toy depot or Surrey fire halls. Pickups from school sites can also be arranged.
- \* Fundraisers such as Purdy's Chocolates, poinsettia and wreath sales are allowed if appropriate health and safety protocols are followed.

If possible, please have the items sent home with students. Otherwise, pick-up of these items should be arranged with items picked up outside, with physical distancing and masks where appropriate. Schools should also stagger pick up times and/or offer multiple days for pick up to avoid crowding or congregating. If possible, offer a contactless pick up such as a drive-thru or delivery of items to the car trunk!

## Snow Many Ways to Celebrate Safely!

- \* A pajama day with your class and some great winter reads! Look for a Winter Reading Series throughout the month of December on [surreyschools.ca](#) and our district social media!
- \* A door or classroom decorating contest where each class decorates their door or classroom and challenges other classes to a fun competition! Decorations can follow a theme like your favorite holiday songs!
- \* Have an outdoor scavenger hunt within your class and find seasonal items that you can see, smell or touch. This can include fallen leaves, the smell of pine, or the rough feel of tree bark.
- \* Make festive holiday cards and find a special place to mail them to—like a senior's care facility or a homeless shelter. Please call the site in advance to ensure they are accepting cards and follow all safety protocols outlined by organizations.

Holiday movies are a fun and safe way to celebrate in class. Teach about inclusion with *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, grow their hearts with *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, tap into some holiday magic with *Frosty the Snowman*, or just have a laugh watching *Home Alone*.





The Surrey School district invites applications for the following position:

### **SUPERVISION AIDES**

This is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth. You will work one hour per day providing lunch supervision to elementary and secondary students. The hourly rate is \$22.21 per hour, and preference will be given to those available Monday to Friday.

Apply online at [www.surreyschools.ca/careers](http://www.surreyschools.ca/careers)

Questions? Contact Heidi Haywood, Human Resources 604-595-6145

Note: Successful applicants will be required to consent to a Criminal Record Search prior to employment. Only those persons selected for interviews will be contacted. To all others, thank you for your interest.



## **Student Absences**

If your child is going to be away from school or late to school please email the office at [rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca](mailto:rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca) and include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division
- Reason for Absence

If you choose to email your child's teacher, you will still need to notify the office of your child's absence, or the office will need to call to confirm absence.



## **Rosemary Rockets App**

Keep up to date with our school calendar by downloading our Rosemary Rockets app from the app store or google play.

<https://rosemary.appazur.com/#/>



# 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.

Please check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.