

# Community News Flash #34

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## ***Important Dates:***

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| Friday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>     | - Pro D Day - School Closed                    |
| Thursday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>  | - White Spot Fundraiser                        |
| Friday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>    | - 1:30pm Early Dismissal                       |
| Wednesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> | - PAC AGM Meeting                              |
| Monday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>    | - Victoria Day - School Closed                 |
| Monday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>    | - Pro D Day - No School                        |
|                                 | - Deadline for Parent Class Placement Requests |



## ***COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Test Kits available to symptomatic students at all schools in the Surrey School District***

Effective May 6<sup>th</sup>, COVID-19 mouth rinse/gargle test kits will be available in all schools in the Surrey School District.

BC Children's Hospital and Fraser Health are making these test kits available for any student who becomes symptomatic during the school day.

As is practice, if a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student will be safely isolated, and families will be contacted to pick their child up as soon as possible. A kit will be offered to the parent/guardian to take home when the child is picked up.

Instructions on how to administer the test at home are included in the kit. The sample can be dropped off at any [LifeLabs location](#) for processing. Results from these tests will be received through the same processes as tests taken at COVID-19 test centres.

Acceptance of a kit is voluntary and solely a parent's or guardian's decision. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at LifeLabs in a timely manner, and not all students will be amenable to a test.

The availability of this test kit is yet another way that we are working with our partners in public health to safely keep our schools open.



The health and safety of students and staff remains our first priority and we thank our staff, students and larger school community for their vigilance and commitment to our [health and safety protocols](#).

Please continue to monitor your child(ren) for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) before sending them to school each day. If they have any symptoms, children should remain at home and access testing at a collection centre, if advised.

For more information on testing, please visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control Testing Information website](#).

## **School Fees**

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

We have provided an itemized school supply list based on grade. Parents may opt to purchase supplies directly from the company. However, parents may choose to wait to do the purchasing themselves.

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

**Student Planner:** We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

**Field Studies and Field Trips:** Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.



**Musical Instruments:** Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher. Also, our Grade 7 students who opt for/take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list or for your convenience you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start. Payment is made directly to School Start. Costs for supplies vary based on grade.

## **Reading Link Challenge**

Congratulations to Reading Link Challenge Participants.

The Blue Team who went on to represent Rosemary Heights placed a close second in the Reading Link Challenge. Congratulations to all of the teams who participated.- Great job Eva, Eden, Emma, Ella and Lucy for representing Rosemary Heights.

Also Congratulations to Gr 4's Eden, Hannah and Caleb who entered a Story Writing Contest. Their stories were selected as the top 10 to be featured in a podcast.



**READING LINK  
CHALLENGE**

Caleb's Story "Puzzle 1000" will be featured on May 3  
Hannah's Story "Screen-Free Day" will be on June 7  
You can listen online at ImaginationStation Podcast

## **May 7<sup>th</sup> is National Child & Youth Mental Health Day**

Every year at this time FamilySmart showcases great resources as well as offering special events through partnerships with other organizations that care about child and youth mental health. As May 7<sup>th</sup> is about also about building caring connections between young people and the caring adults in their lives, we have planned a special event for parents and caregivers on this day:

**Topic:** "Conversations about Mental Health: What it sounds like at different ages."

**Date:** Friday, May 7, 2021

**Time:** 12pm - 1pm (PST)

**Cost:** Free!

**To register & receive an event**

**reminder:** [www.familysmart.ca/events](http://www.familysmart.ca/events)

[Please click here](#) for full details of the activities and videos that are tailored to families in the community, as well as elementary and secondary school aged children and youth.



If you have any questions about this event, please email: [info@familysmart.ca](mailto:info@familysmart.ca)

# Y is for Yearbook!

## 2021 Yearbook Order

Every year the yearbook committee of grade 7 students completes a yearbook for sale. The books are high quality full colour books printed by a professional yearbook company. From kindergarten all the way through grade 7 there are many precious memories in the book. Each classroom has its own 2-page spread. There are also a variety of pages completed to commemorate many of the activities that have taken place over the year. The book is 92 pages in total.

There are a limited number of copies available so get your order in early. Last year the books sold out completely. Books must be ordered online through the school on-line ordering web-portal – the same place you pay for other school fees. If you are unfamiliar with the procedure to do this you can contact Michelle in the office and she can assist you.

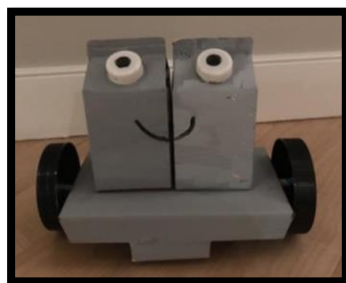
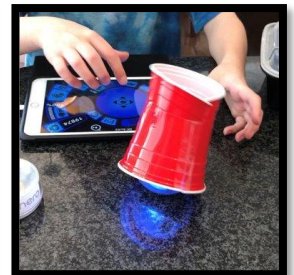
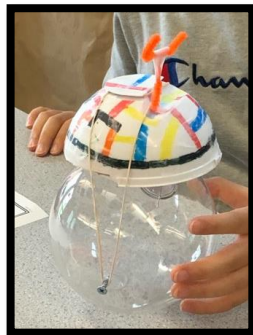
**Cost: \$24.00**

**Order due date: Friday, May 7, 2021**

**Office phone number: 604-541-1613**

*Mr. Lightbody and the Yearbook Committee*

## Droid STEM by Div. 19





# ENJOY WHITE SPOT. RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR GRADS.



**MAY 13  
ONLY**

Order at White Spot Morgan Crossing on May 13 & we'll donate 20% of your bill value towards your Grade 7 grads. Be sure to let us know you're from Rosemary Heights elementary when you order or pickup. We'll see you soon!



**MORGAN CROSSING WHITE SPOT**  
15877 Croydon Drive  
Surrey, V3Z 2J6  
(604) 560-5550

**ORDER ONLINE AT [WHITESPOT.CA](http://WHITESPOT.CA)**

\*Offer valid for dine-in and take out at White Spot Morgan Crossing on May 13, 2021. Dine-in service availability is based on current provincial health restrictions. Not valid for delivery. 20% of bill is calculated before tax and gratuity. Cannot be combined with other promotional offers.

## ***Immunizations for School-Aged Children***

Fraser Health's Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year beginning with students in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID-19. These appointments will be located at local public health units. Health unit staff will contact families to book these immunization appointments over the spring and summer.

The immunization programs for kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year are currently under development.



## ***Mother's Day Art from Div. 8***



***"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."***

*- Cardinal Meymillod*



# DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	<b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home and get a health assessment.  Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	<b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	<b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home for 24 hours.  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.
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?	<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.  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> .
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?	<b>If yes:</b> Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.  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.

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.

## **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)