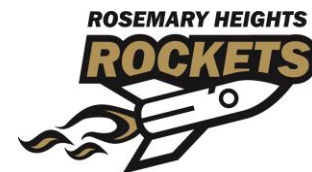


Community News Flash #5

October 1st, 2021



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

Important Dates

Friday, October 1st

Wednesday, October 6th

Thursday, October 7th

Friday, October 8th

Monday, October 11th

Thursday, October 14th

- Purple Student Verification Forms Due

- Fruit and Veggie Program Begins

- 1:30pm Early Dismissal

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- School Spirit Wear Day

- Turkey Trot

- Grade 7 Hoody Orders Due

- Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

- White Spot Hot Lunch

Updated health and safety protocols in all schools

Dear parents/guardians,

On Wednesday afternoon, the Surrey Board of Education met with Fraser Health's Medical Health Officer responsible for schools to discuss masking, vaccinations, testing and exposure notifications.

At that time, the Board made a decision to expand the provincial mask mandate to include all students from kindergarten to Grade 12. Earlier today, the provincial government announced that these measures will be in place province-wide effective Monday, October 4th. You can see the government news release on the provincial mandate [here](#).



This means that all staff and students (K-12) must wear a mask when inside a school or on a bus.

We recognize this will be a change for some of our young students. We will work closely with our students on mask wearing in a positive manner and ensure all of our students continue to have access to non-medical face masks.

The Board of Education also discussed additional measures including vaccination clinics, testing, and notifications:

- **School-based Vaccine Clinics:** The Board of Education will partner with Fraser Health to examine hosting vaccine clinics in our schools for the purpose of increasing vaccination rates in our communities where rates are low. These clinics will only be available to our school communities - staff, students and their families.
- **COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle test kits:** The Board will promote the use of [take-home COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Sample Collection kits](#) to families with children who become symptomatic while at school. This initiative will help increase access to testing and work towards preventing COVID-19 transmission in the school environment.
- **Notifications:** Families are now able to access COVID-19 exposures on the [Fraser Health website](#). Fraser Health will post the school name and date(s) of exposure on their website [here](#). Our Board will continue to work with Fraser Health to do all we can to ensure that notification processes are timely, transparent, and include information about clusters.

We would like to thank Fraser Health for their continued partnership and expertise during this pandemic, and our school community for your support.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dekerf
Principal

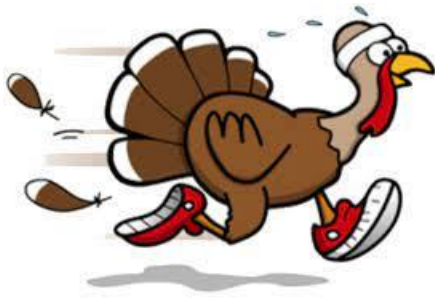


Masks

Please be sure to send your child to school each day with a few clean masks in a Ziploc bag or container, labelled with your child's name.

Early Dismissal Days - October 6 & 7

Please be reminded that Wednesday, Oct. 6 and Thursday, Oct. 7 are Early Dismissal Days for students at 1:30 p.m. In and around these dates, teachers will be making connections with caregivers to learn more about students' strengths, stretches, interests and other pertinent family information. Meetings are taking place using a variety of formats and aligned with health & safety protocols.

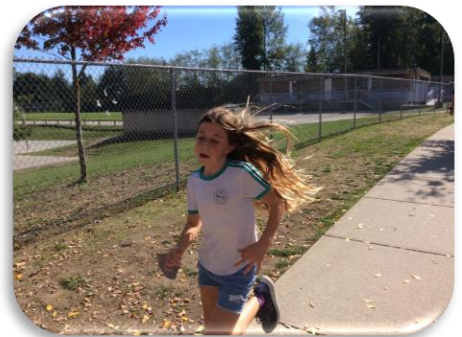
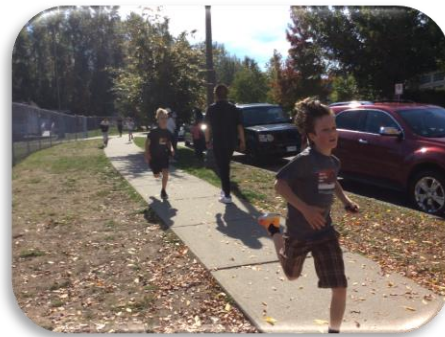


Rosemary Turkey Trot

On Friday, Oct. 8th in the afternoon, primary and intermediate students will partake in our traditional Rosemary Turkey Trot run around the perimeter of the school property! This year students may wish to bring a Surrey Food Bank donation on this day or families can also donate through cash-online. Thanks for supporting this fun event and contributing to an important local charity.

Terry Fox Run 2021

In celebration of the Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope, our school participated in a Terry Fox School Run. We proudly raised \$1398.40 of much-needed funds for cancer research. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.



Fruit and Veggie Program

Please complete the form below to allow your child to participate. You will need to submit a separate form for each child.

<https://forms.office.com/r/cTkTBVqnPv>

EVERY CHILD MATTERS!



Student Attendance

We ask that families ensure that children attend school on time, during scheduled hours, and minimize any mid-day interruptions, whenever possible. If your child is going to be away from school or late to school please email the office at rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca and include the following information:

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



Internet safety

What are the concerns about access?

The Surrey School Board believes access and use of technology is an integral component of current learning and working environments. However, the potential for misuse of the Internet exists, even with due diligence.

Sending or receiving inappropriate information (e.g. racist, slanderous, pornographic, threatening, sexist, confidential, etc.) or using chat rooms or polling booths for this purpose is possible.

Sophisticated search capabilities and easy access to web sites provide a wide range of information at your child's fingertips. Internet contact with students by strangers with questionable motives is also a major concern, particularly with chat rooms.

What is the Surrey School District doing to reduce the risk of inappropriate use of technology?

Internet access for all schools in B.C. is provided by the Provincial Learning Network (PLNet), a network supported from Victoria. PLNet provides virus protection service and limited blocking of inappropriate sites, such as pornography.

School district responsibilities

- To provide age appropriate instruction for students on responsible, appropriate use of the Internet.
- To make every reasonable attempt to ensure appropriate use of the Internet by students.
- To investigate suspected misuse and provide consequences for misuse of district resources.
- To encourage parents and students to complete a Technology Access and Use Agreement form as part of mandatory consent for student access to the Internet at school.



Student responsibilities

- To follow guidelines set out by the Surrey School District and his/her parents regarding Internet use.
- To make responsible decisions around his/her use of technology and the Internet.

Parent responsibilities

- Instruct your child to never give out identifying information - home address, school name, or telephone number - in a public message such as chat or bulletin boards and be sure you are dealing with someone you and your child know and trust before providing personal information via e-mail.
- To instruct your child regarding boundaries of what is considered acceptable use of the Internet by your family.
- To be aware of the risks in accessing the Internet.
- To emphasize to your child the importance of personal safety in Internet use and that people online may not be who they seem. Because you can't see or even hear the person, it would be easy for someone to misrepresent him or herself. Thus, someone indicating that "she" is a "12-year-old girl" could in reality be a 40 year-old man.
- To monitor and supervise your child's use of the Internet when not in a school setting.
- To be aware that children can access the Internet from almost any computer (home, friends, or school).

Suggestions for parents

- Place home computers in a high traffic area in the home, not your child's bedroom.
- Set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use. Discuss and post them near the computer as a reminder.
- Make casual checks of your child's work while they are using the Internet.
- Monitor the sites visited by your children through logs and bookmarks on your computer.
- Consider 'filtering' software which can block access to objectionable sites, words or phrases.

For more information visit the
www.wiredkids.org website

Protecting Surrey Schools Together (PSST)

PSST is an information and reporting site that has been created in collaboration with and for students in the Surrey School District. The website, as well as the new app launched in 2019, provides students access to safety related information that is relevant to them and their school community and to access other credible sites to further assist with their searches. These tools were developed by the *Safe Schools Department* in collaboration with the *Surrey RCMP* and *Surrey Crime Prevention Society*. They are routinely updated based on input from Surrey School District students.



PSST

REPORT IT!
It's your school,
keep it safe!

The PSST website and app offers reliable information and resources on important topics affecting students.

Resources

Find what you need to get help, with information on bullying, online safety, discrimination, drugs, gangs, and self-harm.

Student Connection

Learn what resources are available in your school, including how to find and connect with Safe School and Substance Use Liaisons.

Report It!

Use the report feature to quickly notify staff about bullies, threats of violence, vandalism, or drugs in your school, community, and online.

Try the App!

Download the PSST app to directly report situations from your phone. Available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.



A primary feature of PSST is the “**Report It**” tool, which allows students to report, anonymously if preferred, on safety related concerns regarding themselves, their school or others. Once a report has been submitted, it is sent to the Safe Schools Department and is responded to based on the information provided. If the concern is not immediate in nature and can be helped at the school level, information will be shared with the school’s administrator. Safe Schools staff is available to assist if needed. If a report concerns activity in the community or is of a more serious nature, it will be shared with the Surrey RCMP. Each report is attended to on a case to case basis.

The PSST Report It tool can also be used by students to reach out for help. If a student wishes to speak with a Safe Schools representative, they may ask to be contacted through the reporting tool.

Students are made aware of the site/app and its functions through in-school promotions, Social Media and presentations.

Protecting Surrey Schools Together

www.psst-bc.ca

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	<p>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: 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>If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p>
Loss of appetite	
Headache	<p>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: 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>If yes: All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-quarantine 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 here.</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>If yes: 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. 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.