

Community News Flash #9

October 29th, 2021



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

Important Dates

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| Friday, October 29 th | - Poppy Campaign Begins |
| Wednesday, November 3 rd | - 7:00pm PAC Meeting in the Library |
| Thursday, November 4 th | - WokBox Hot Lunch |
| Wednesday, November 10 th | - Remembrance Day Assemblies |
| Thursday, November 11 th | - Remembrance Day |
| Friday, November 12 th | - Non-Instructional Day |
| Wednesday, November 17 th -
Monday, November 22 nd | - Scholastic Book Fair |



Picture Day!

Student Photos

Individual photos have now been uploaded to Mountain West Studios website (<https://weborders.mountainwest.ca/signin>). Login codes were printed and sent home with students earlier this week. If you did not receive your child's code please email rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca and we can provide you with your child's code. Photo retake day will be November 24th, 2021.

Band Students

Band Students have some helpful 'homework' for weekends, holidays and spare time for developing their playing, making their band time a bit easier - they can visit and set up an account with Essential Elements Online, free, using their already paid for personal band book code to access interactive band tools; this code found on page one (title page of their band book); it has the student's specific personal access code.



Students may be asked for their school's code which is: SurreySchoMusic54. Develop your skills at home and access it this and every week!

October 25, 2021

Dear Neighbour,

Re: Safe Schools Halloween Initiative

As you know, Halloween is approaching. We are writing to request whatever assistance you can provide to help us keep our schools and neighbourhood from being vandalized.

In the last school year, the Surrey School District took close to **\$275,443.34** out of its budget (our taxes) to repair acts of vandalism. This money could have supported our students in many different ways. The Surrey School Board remains focused on reducing this expense.

While we do our best to educate young people to convince them of the senselessness of vandalism, we are also looking for other ways to deter vandalism on our schools and in the area. One approach is to enlist our neighbours' help to watch for anyone "hanging around" our schools, particularly after dark on Halloween.

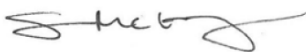
For many years, the school district has organized patrols of district staff (including trustees) in which small groups take shifts of an hour or two to walk around the grounds of the school. This small effort does a great deal to deter youth from even approaching our schools.

Please help us out by keeping your eyes and ears open to any activity at our schools and don't hesitate to notify us if you notice people milling about. If there is obvious, active vandalism taking place, please immediately notify police by calling 9-1-1. We also welcome your call to a special Surrey School District phone number set-up for Halloween at **778-776-9991** to report any suspicious activity so a security patrol can be dispatched.

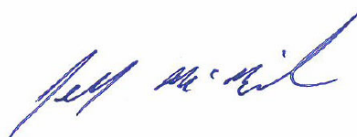
School vandalism affects our entire neighbourhood. Defaced walls or damaged property can be seen by everyone. News reports about such activity generate a public perception about our neighbourhood. Vandals allowed to congregate at a school typically spread their activities to neighbouring homes and vehicles. Vandals frequently choose to return and congregate where they have not encountered any deterrents in the past.

Please join us as we demonstrate to vandals that they are not welcome at our schools, or in our neighbourhood!

Thank you for your help.



Sarah McKay
Manager, Safe Schools



Jeff McMillan
Manager, Security/Infrastructure

LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING

Halloween “Trick or Treat” Safety Tips

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Costume safety

- Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with reflective tape and give each child a flashlight. Carry a glow stick that can be worn around the neck or wrist.
- Make sure your child can see. Use face paint instead of masks.
- To prevent falling, costumes should not be longer than your child's ankle.



Trick or treating safety

- Walk in groups and stay together. Visit houses on one side of the street at a time.
- Cross only at an intersection or at a marked crosswalk.
- Never walk out between cars to cross the street and never cross in the middle of the block.
- Children should stay in populated and well-lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside any house.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergencies.
- Examine your children's candy before they eat it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped.



Driving safety

- If you are driving on Halloween night, be extra careful. Slow down and look ahead. Be aware of your surroundings. Children are excited on Halloween and may forget some of the safety rules.
- Pay more attention to intersections and crosswalks.
- Be prepared to stop for kids who may run out in front of you.
- Remember that there will be more foot traffic on Halloween night and most of it will be excited young children.
- If you are going to be attending an office party or an adult Halloween celebration, don't drive if you have been drinking.

An adult should always supervise younger children.

Halloween fireworks safety

Every Halloween, children and adults are seriously injured and sometimes killed by fireworks.

According to Surrey and White Rock city bylaws, **it is illegal for any person to be in the possession of fireworks of any kind.**

The only exception is for persons who have a valid federal supervisor's certificate from the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada. However, city permits must be obtained and other restrictions still apply.



The penalty for violating the bylaw is a fine of up to \$5,000 and seizure of the fireworks.

Any fireworks brought on school property will be confiscated and students involved face suspension.

If you have any questions about fireworks use, please contact your fire department.



Happy Halloween



The Poppy

This year our school will be handing out a poppy to each student for our Remembrance Day Assemblies on November 10th.

The Poppy is the international symbol of remembrance representing a visual pledge to pay homage to the fallen, who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the preservation of peace and freedom. The Poppy Campaign was created as a means to raise funds in order to perpetuate this sacred memory and provide for veterans and their families in their time of need.

The Poppy Campaign commences the last Friday in October and continues to the end of the day November 11th, Remembrance Day. Legion Branches throughout BC & the Yukon organize the annual Poppy Campaign in their respective areas. All donations are in turn redirected to support programs and services for veterans and their families.

This year, your donation has never been more important. A new generation of veterans is coming home and turning to the Legion for housing, career transition counselling and trauma relief. And we will be there, with your support! Wear a poppy. Give generously.

Please donate online at www.schoolcashionline.com



Rosemary Rockets App

Available for download from the app store and google play.

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



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.