

Community News Flash #3

September 17th, 2021



Important Dates

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| Tuesday, September 21 st | - Welcome Back Breakfast 8:00am |
| Thursday, September 23 rd | - Meet the Teacher |
| Friday, September 24 th | - Terry Fox Run |
| Monday, September 27 th | - Pro D Day - No School |
| Thursday, September 30 th | - Truth and Reconciliation Day - School Closed |
| | - Orange Shirt Day |

Student Placements Complete

With great care and collaboration, students have now all been placed into their permanent classes for the school year. Thank you to all of our families and staff who supported children through the uncertain and exciting beginning days of school. Now we look forward to really connecting with each other, building positive relationships and moving forward with significant learning for all of our community this year.



Welcome Assembly

On Thursday we began the school year with our traditional Welcome Assembly, but in smaller grade groups to help ensure comfort, and health and safety for all. During the gatherings we welcomed new and returning staff and students, practiced some assembly routines, reviewed school expectations, highlighted upcoming events and opportunities, and celebrated our awesome Rosemary community!

Meet the Teacher - NO whole school gathering

Our school calendar lists September 23rd as our Meet the Teacher date. We certainly look forward to connecting with families in and around that time. Teachers may introduce themselves to parents / guardians via email, class newsletter, a Teams or Zoom meeting, or an alternate format. October 6 & 7th are Early Dismissal days, where teachers may go further to connect with caregivers virtually or in person (with H&S protocols in place).



Terry Fox

Friday, Sept. 24 is our school's Terry Fox run in the afternoon. This event will take place rain or shine with a few H&S modifications. We look forward to living out Terry's dream, raising awareness, and raising fund for cancer research. Please expect a notice with more details early next week.

HOW'S THE WEATHER TODAY?



West Coast Recess

We will soon be entering the rainy season here on the west coast and unless there is a severe weather warning, students will continue to go outside for recess and lunch. Free play, fresh air and social interactions outside are a valuable part of students' learning each day. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather (including proper footwear, change of socks / clothes, warm waterproof outerwear and maybe an umbrella).



Tuesday, September 21 at 8am:

Outside the Gym on the basketball courts

Please join us for breakfast: muffins, croissants, fruit and juice

Everything is individually pre-packaged and sealed by the caterer

Let's take a moment to celebrate being back to school and
together for what will be an incredible year!

Rosemary Heights Elementary School PAC

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





Student Planners

Teachers are in the process of handing out planners. All students in Grades 1-7 are expected to purchase a planner for \$5.00. All purchases can be made online starting September 20th at www.schoolcashionline.com

Tertiary coloured dots, inspired by the book, "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds



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

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.

September 10, 2021

Re: Back to School in the Fraser Health region

Vaccination:

- Vaccination is the best way to protect our communities and ourselves. Vaccination protects both those who get vaccinated and those who are not yet eligible for vaccinations, such as youth under 12 years of age. Everyone 12 and older is encouraged to walk in to any of our vaccine clinics for same-day immunization as soon as possible. Clinic locations are available at fraserhealth.ca/vax.
- Health and safety measures - such as daily health checks, hand washing and the use of masks - are in effect at schools to protect both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- For more information on youth immunization, please review the BCCDC Q&A document, or visit the province of B.C. and BCCDC web resources for more information.

Masks:

- At this time, all K to 12 staff, students in grades 4 to 12, and visitors should wear masks in all indoor areas, including at their desks and on school buses.
- Mask use for students in kindergarten to grade three is encouraged.

Daily health checks:

- Students will continue to be required to complete daily health checks, stay home when feeling sick and practice diligent hand hygiene.
- The K to 12 Health Check website and app can help kids and parents decide if their child should attend school based on their symptoms. Encourage parents to bookmark the health check website or download the apps for iPhone/iPad iOS or Android devices.

In-classroom learning:

- Strict physical distancing and cohorting is no longer required. However, schools can continue to create space between people by spreading people out where possible, managing flow of people in common areas to prevent crowding, taking students outside as much as possible and reminding students and staff about respecting others' physical space.
- Schools should continue to apply effective prevention measures such as cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, ensuring ventilation systems are working properly and providing frequent opportunities for hand hygiene.

COVID-19 exposure at school:

As per provincial direction, public health will notify staff and students who need to take a specific action, such as self-monitoring or self-isolation, as a result of a COVID-19 exposure. The school community will be notified when appropriate, such as in the case of an outbreak, and this will be posted to our website. Public health will continue to provide contact tracing for all positive cases of COVID-19 in schools:

- If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, and were potentially infectious while they were at school, public health will investigate to determine if there were any potential close contacts within the school.
- If it is determined that there are close contacts within the school, public health will notify the school administrators and request information to assist with contact tracing and provide guidance on what steps should be taken.
- Public health may then:
 - Recommend 14-day self-isolation if necessary
 - Recommend self-monitoring for symptoms if necessary
 - Provide follow-up recommendations if necessary
- Schools will ensure students who are required to self-isolate are able to continue their educational program. Together, schools and public health officials will determine if any other actions are necessary.
- Parents, caregivers and families will be notified by public health if their child is determined to be a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person.

Resources:

For more guidance and information to support children and youth in school during COVID-19, visit fraserhealth.ca/schools. For general school health resources, please see our *Healthy Back to School Guide*.

Additional COVID-19 school information and resources can be found on the government of B.C.'s COVID-19 safe school web page and the BCCDC's K-12 Schools and COVID-19 web page.

As we prepare for the new school year together, Fraser Health remains dedicated to working in close collaboration with our network of partners across all levels of the education system to keep students, teachers and our communities safe.

Sincerely,

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Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority

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.