Community News Flash #4

September 24th, 2021



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

Important Dates

Friday, September 24th Monday, September 27th

Thursday, September 30th

Friday, October 1st Wednesday, October 6th

- Student Verification Forms sent Home
- Pro D Day No School
- Babysitting Course / Stay Safe Course
- Truth and Reconciliation Day School Closed
- Orange Shirt Day
- Student Verification Forms Due
- Fruit and Veggie Program Begins



Surrey Schools Statement on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Province of BC has recognized this as a day of commemoration and as such, the Surrey School District will be closing all of our schools, as well as all district sites on September 30, 2021.

"In June the Tk'emlúps te Secwé pemc First Nation announced the discovery of the remains of 215 children buried at the site of what was once a residential school in Kamloops. This discovery and the many others that followed at residential school sites across the country serve as a difficult reminder for survivors of residential schools and their families, of the hurt and intergenerational trauma they have endured," said Laurie Larsen, Chair of Surrey Board of Education.

"The Surrey Board of Education is committed to highlighting the importance of this day and encouraging all staff and students to take the time to educate, reflect and engage in conversations about truth, reconciliation and the actions that each of us can be taking."

Creating a national day of recognition was one of 94 recommendations given by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Action 80 called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Indigenous people, to establish a statutory holiday "to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."

Surrey Schools recognizes the importance of this date and the opportunity it provides for our staff, students and families to reflect on the unmarked graves of children discovered at the sites of former residential schools across Canada, and the lasting impact these schools have had on Indigenous communities.

Our schools have previously observed September 30 as Orange Shirt Day, a movement to recognize the colonial and violent legacy of residential schools and commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day recalls the experience of residential school Survivor Phyllis Webstad, who at six was stripped of her new orange shirt on her first day attending the St. Joseph Mission Residential School near Williams Lake, BC. The date of September 30 was chosen because it was the time of year when Indigenous children were typically removed from their families and forced to attend residential schools.

Our district is committed to educating students and our community about the importance of how residential schools created intergenerational trauma that deeply affects Indigenous Peoples today. We know that each of our 131 schools will find their own unique way to show support to mark this important date.

We continue to show gratitude to members of our Aboriginal Education Council, and the Elders, Leaders and families from the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and other Coast Salish Peoples, as well as our Indigenous staff, students and their families who continuously share their voice and their stories with our staff and students and provide their counsel in relation to our programs and services.

Resources

Truth & Reconciliation events

 KUU-US Crisis Line Society: First Nations and Aboriginal specific 24/7 crisis line based in Port Alberni and serving the entire province.

TOLL-FREE: 1-800-588-8717
 YOUTH LINE: 250-723-2040
 ADULT LINE: 250-723-4050

Native Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-877-209-1266. Answered by staff 24/7. Available

throughout







Walk For Reconciliation

Join us on Thursday, September 30th 2021 for Truth and Reconciliation Day to honour the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Complimentary event parking will be provided at the SFN parking lot at Semiahmoo Park for those wearing orange shirts. Please wear masks and follow Covid safety protocols.

1:00pm Opening Remarks

Grand Chief Bernard Charles Memorial Plaza (Top of Marine

Drive)

Refreshments

1:20pm Walk for Reconciliation

Walk the promenade from the plaza to Semiahmoo Park

1:50pm Speakers @ Spirit Stage

(Semiahmoo Park)

Family activities in the park

2:15pm Drums Across Canada

2:20pm Honouring Ceremony

2:30pm Closing

A limited number of orange shirts designed by artist Melaney Gleeson-Lyall of the Musqueum, Snaw'naw'as and Lyackson Nations will be available for a minimum \$20 donation from 12-1pm at Grand Chief Memorial Plaza. Melaney is an intergenerational residential school survivor. Donations will go to elders programming.



Purple Student Verification Forms

Student Verification forms went home today. Please review, sign and return your child's form to their classroom teacher by October 1, 2021.





Fruit and Veggie Program

We are pleased to announce our school has been accepted into the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

Sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC.

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

Need something for your kids to do on the Pro-D Day?

Babysitting Courses and Stay Safe Courses are back in person! And Rosemary Heights Elementary is hosting them on the PRO D Day!



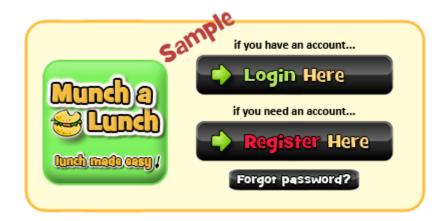
Make sure you use promo code Rosemary to get the Rocket price!

- •CLICK here for the September 27th Babysitting Course September 27 Babysitting
- •CLICK here for the September 27th Stay Safe Course <u>September 27 Stay Safe</u>
- CLICK here for the October 22 Stay Safe Course
 October 22 Stay Safe

HOT LUNCH IS BACK ORDERING/REGISTRATION

Parents will place their hot lunch orders <u>online</u> using <u>MunchaLunch.com</u>! You can pay for your orders online by credit card (Visa/Mastercard)

- 1) Go to: https://munchalunch.com/schools/rosemaryheights
- 2) Click the "Register Here" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
- 3) After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the "Login Here" button to access your account.



- Online ordering will be OPEN on September 21.
- If you need assistance with ordering, or do not have access to the internet,
 please contact <u>rosemaryhotlunch@gmail.com</u>
- Orders must be completed prior to Thursday, September 30.
- First Hot Lunch will happen on Thursday, October 7th

Once an order has been placed and paid for **you are unable to change or add to your order.** All payments must be made **before October 2nd.**

***Failure to pay your hot lunch balance will result in suspension of your order until the balance is paid.



Grade 7 Hoody Orders

A notification for ordering the Grade 7 Hoodies has been sent home through the school cash online system. There are three garment choices available:

- Hoody \$35
- o Zip Hoody − \$40
- o T-shirt \$20

The chosen design is pictured above. The most popular size to order is an adult small. If you are unsure of the size to order, please have your child visit Mr. Lightbody as he has sample garments of different sizes to try on. All garments will be black.

The deadline for ordering a hoody is Friday, October 8.

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.schoolcashonline.com



DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:
Chills	Stay home and get a health assessment.
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom:
Loss of appetite	Stay home until you feel better.
Headache	
Body aches	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	Stay home for 24 hours.
Nausea and vomiting	If sumptoms don't got bottor or got worse, got a boolth assessment, sontact a
Diarrhea	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.
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel	If yes:
outside Canada in the last 14	All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-
days?	quarantine for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.
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	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.
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
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Have you been contacted by	If yes:
public health and notified that	Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.
you are a close contact of a	
person confirmed to have	You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do
COVID-19?	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.
	emergency department.
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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.