



# NEWTON ELEMENTARY

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*We would like to acknowledge the shared traditional territory of the Coast Salish people on which the Surrey School District is located. We thank the Katzie, Semiahmoo and the Kwantlen First Nations and acknowledge the diverse population of people who contribute to our school's rich culture.*



**Tomorrow – Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Please bring a 'Tooney for Terry' and help support the Canadian Cancer Foundation.**

**Our school goal is for each class to try and raise \$50.00.**

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Newton community for your patience and understanding as our team has worked exceptionally hard to organize classes and to provide a safe and welcoming return to school for the 2021/2022 school year. Our team of dedicated office staff, teachers, education assistants and support staff continue to work tirelessly to create a safe, caring environment for all and we will remain committed to do everything we can to slow the spread of COVID-19 and its variants and to ensure that we can all work and learn in a safe environment. **Remember, most of our students are not vaccinated and that although you might have received your shots, this does not reduce your risk of infection. The risk is the same!! You can still become very ill or worse, pass the virus to your children and loved ones...PLEASE WEAR MASKS when bringing your children to/from school.**

**Vaccinations do not eliminate the risk of infection...we must continue to use all safety measures to protect ourselves, our unvaccinated children, staff and our vulnerable and elderly family members.**

Everyone has a role to play in our protection plan and it is expected that you embrace your responsibility which allows children, staff and families to be safe in our community.

*We are a community of lifelong learners who: celebrate diversity,  
strive for our personal best, while respecting others and ourselves.*

# LAYERS OF PROTECTION and RESPONSIBILITIES

## 1. Parents/Guardians:



- **Please wear masks while bringing your child to and from school. We must model good mask wearing as our children are not vaccinated. Remember vaccines do not reduce your risk of catching or spreading infection!!**
- **MUST** assess their children daily before sending them to school. Students with ANY symptoms of illness are not permitted to attend school.
- **MUST** be available to pick up a sick child at school or designate someone else to do so. Sick children will be isolated, asked to wear a mask and sent home immediately.
- **Are not permitted to enter the building without a prior appointment.** Remember – adults are at greatest risk for spreading and contracting COVID-19. Please phone the office for emergencies or inquiries. Staff will not be delivering non-essential, forgotten items to children in the school.
- If your child will be away from school you MUST phone the school before 8:30 am. A message may be left at any time during the evening, before school or when the office is closed.
- Send a healthy snack, lunch and water bottle to school each day. Water fountains will only be available for filling bottles.
- **MUST have appropriate clothes for students to be outside in all weather conditions.** Students will be going outside in all weather for a minimum of one hour per day. Children need exercise and fresh air to stay healthy. Remember – the safest environment is outdoors. *Does your child have a raincoat, rainboots and/or an umbrella? Warm winter weather wear?*
- **Are asked to have an early, regular bedtime for children.** Sleep is an important tool in keeping children healthy and less likely to get infections and illness. Bedtime for K-1 should be by 8:00pm, Grades 2-4 by 8:30 and Grades 5-7 by 9:00pm. Remember, proper rest is vital for optimal health and also sets healthy patterns for teenage and adult years. Proper sleep and exercise boost your immune system.
- Are not permitted to enter the building without a prior appointment. Remember – adults are at greatest risk for spreading and contracting COVID-19. Please phone the office for emergencies or inquiries. Staff will not be delivering non-essential, forgotten items to children in the school.
- Ensure that your child is on time for school and remains in class until 2:30pm. Students should be on the school property by 8:25 am each day. It is most disruptive when children are late and leave early. Please teach them respectful habits that will be vital for them as adults.

## 2. Staff:



- All staff and other adults entering the school must assess themselves daily for common symptoms of cold, influenza, COVID-19 or any other respiratory illness before entering the school each day.
- Are asked to sanitize their hands on a regular basis. At least as often as our students.

### 3. Students:



- Students are successfully wearing masks. We have 1 or 2 students who are unable to wear masks at all times. Our students are doing an amazing job!!
- Wear masks when at school except when actively eating or drinking
- During recess and lunch only 50% of students will be outside. Students will have their breaks at different times throughout the day.
- Will avoid touching other students or adults.
- Will avoid touching their faces.
- Only one student at a time is to use the washroom.

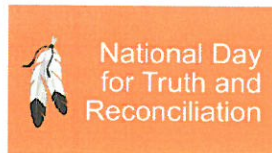
### School Planners

The school planners have arrived and are ready to be given to students. Please send \$5.00 to your child's teacher to help to cover the cost. The planner is an excellent way for you to communicate with your child's teacher and to keep abreast of what is happening at school. Please review it each day.



***Non-Instructional Day – Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – School Closed***

***Orange Shirt Day – Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>***



### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30 - School Closed

September 30, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.