



The Green Timbers Stand-Edition #10

Reminders

Spring Break March 16 – 29

March 30 School Resumes

April 2 PALS 1:15 – 2:05

April 3 Track Attack Begins

April 7 Class Photos 9am

Classes attending Surrey Dance Festival April 7-9

April 10 - 13 Easter Break

Principals/Vice Principals Message

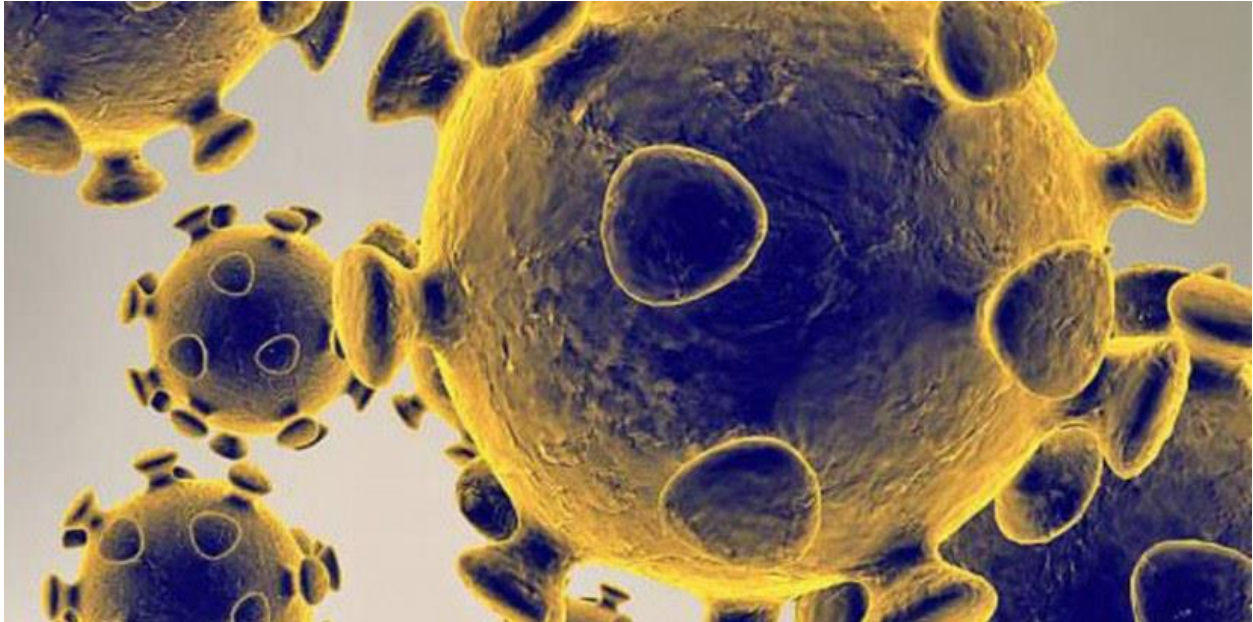


“We live in uncertain times but the thing we are confident about is that our times will continue to change!”

Some change brings good things and some change brings challenges to be addressed. I know that the news these days are filled with messages of uncertainty which often creates fear. As adults, we manage the uncertainty even though it can cause “stress.” I find it concerning that more and more of our children speak with adult voice and say “I’m stressed.” As adults, we want the best for our children, and we want them to be safe. We protect them, shelter them, provide for them and teach them. Sometimes though, adults may share a little too much with respect to the news and media reports. Our children are “our hearts.” They need to know the big picture ... Yes, we need to be vigilant on the spread of illness, but maybe young children don’t need to hear the news each day with all the detailed concerns ... It is not good for children to live in fear. They know the adults in their lives are looking out for them and keeping them safe.

I don’t have all the answers, I wish I did but this is just something for all adults at home and at school to ponder as we navigate the upcoming uncertain times.

Coronavirus



Coronavirus – As it is likely that we will see ongoing concerns with COVID-19, the District has established a plan in conjunction with the Ministry of Health regarding how to manage and hopefully limit the spread of illness. Please go to the Surrey Schools website which can help you to keep current with the latest news and to alleviate some of your concerns. Currently the District, is operating under the constant information they are receiving from the Provincial and World Health Authorities and their recommendations. Please know we are watching the situation very carefully and are taking every reasonable precaution when it comes to student safety. At this time, the District is confident that allowing students to continue their normal routines puts students at low risk of coming into contact with the virus.

There are a few things for us all to be thinking about. In the meantime, we ask families to:

1. Please check the District website www.surreyschools.ca Look at the section “SPOTLIGHT” for all the current details. This will be your most current information that the District provides
2. Keep children who are sick at home until they feel better. Students who vomit or have a fever or diarrhea will be sent home and asked to remain at home until they have no symptoms
3. Continue to educate children on proper hand washing and cough/sneeze etiquette – we are doing a lot of this at school. Ask your child to teach you what they have learned. (It really helps children to have the opportunity to teach someone so they solidify the learning themselves!)
4. Remember hand sanitizer does not work on dirty hands... hand sanitizer has to have an alcohol content of over 60% to be somewhat effective..... the best prevention is to **Wash Hands with Soap and Water!**

5. Caution all children to not leave food on their desks. ie don't put sandwich on desk, keep it in a container or on plastic wrap it was wrapped in. This is good practice at anytime but even more so now.

Cleaning of musical instrument mouthpieces.



Given the current health landscape, all band teachers are reviewing with students the procedures for cleaning mouthpieces for musical instruments. Mouthpieces for all wind instruments should be cleaned and disinfected as per standard practices. The following is information we received from Long & McQuade outlining cleaning protocols using *Trophy Sterisol Germicide*. This is one product that is available, but you may be aware of other products that would also be effective. This information was provided to Long & McQuade by Vancouver Coastal Health.

Concentrate Product

1. Dilute *Trophy Sterisol Germicide* by adding 63 mL of concentrate to 1 Litre of water in a non-metal container.
2. Transfer to a lidded container such that the depth is at least 4 cm.
3. Rinse mouthpieces (if mouth piece is dirty, wash with soapy water and rinse off soap).

4. Soak mouthpiece in the sanitizer for 10 minutes.
5. Rinse the mouth piece and air dry or dry with disposable cloth.

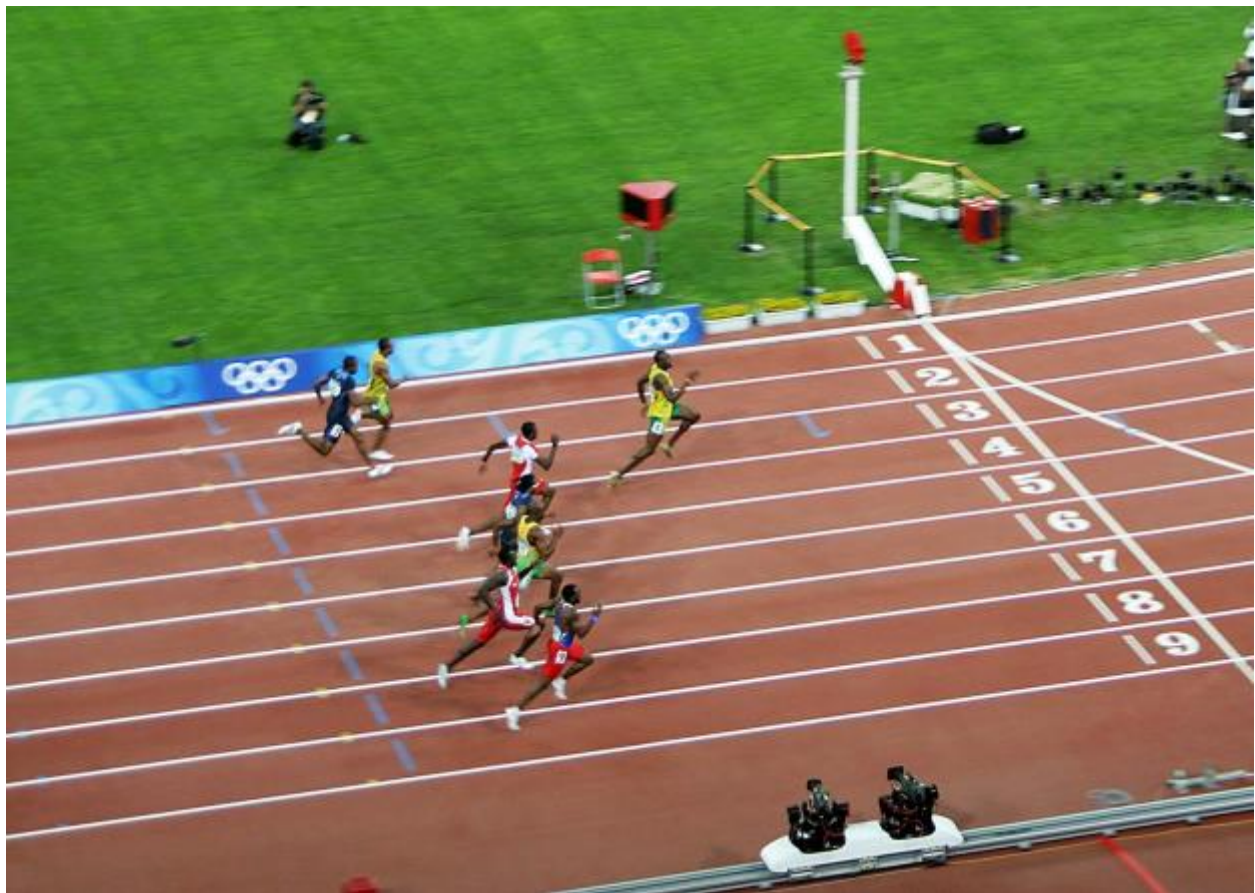
Ready-Made Spray (*available for purchase at music stores*)

1. Rinse mouthpieces (if mouth piece is dirty, wash with soapy water and rinse off soap).
2. Spray on sanitizer making sure all surfaces are wet for at least 10 minutes.
3. Rinse the mouth piece and air dry or dry with disposable cloth.

Please note:

- The above cleaning protocols, as recommended by health authorities, were provided by Trophy, the manufacturer of Sterisol Germicide.

Track Season



Track Season will soon be starting! You child will be running and taking part in athletics outside a great deal in April & May. Students will also be taking part in the Green Timbers Marathon and running at recess / lunch. Please send your child to school with sturdy running shoes and clothing that they can exercise in.

Jump Rope for Heart



We will be jumping for fun, fitness and to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Details will soon follow but look for your child to be sharing the news with you in April!

Spirit Wear



We have 1 spirit wear order that came in with no name and has not been picked up. If you think it is yours, please come in and share with Mrs. Watson what it is you think you are missing. This order would like to find its owner!

Freezie Sales



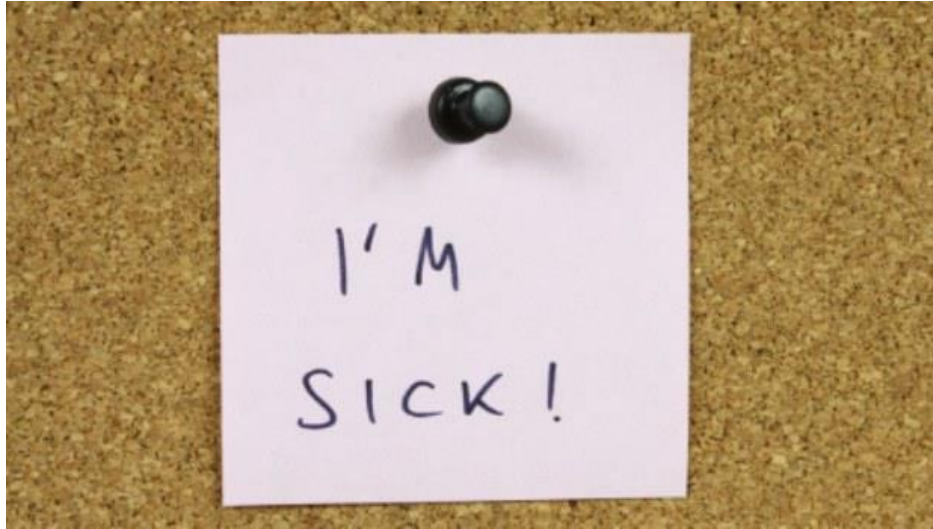
We will be selling Freezies in April 9th to fundraise for some school initiatives such as outdoor playground equipment for all divisions. Freezies will be sold at \$1.00 each and will be available at lunch and after school in the undercover area. We hope our families may be able to support us in this day.

Parking Problems in our Community



We have received several complaints from concerned neighbours regarding the parking in our community. Some of our families are parking across neighbour's driveways or in neighbour's driveways. This makes it difficult for people who do not have children in our school to leave home and go to work in the mornings. Please have the courtesy to respect people's property by seeking permission before parking in driveways or blocking access.

Absent, Sick, Vacationing Students



If you know your son or daughter will be absent from school, PLEASE let us know either by phone at (604) 588 5961 or by email @ greentimbers@surreyschools.ca

DONATIONS - We Are Looking for



Binoculars

Gardening items (such as trowels, gardening gloves)

Rain Ponchos

Seeds or bulbs (any variety)

Bags of Soil

Magnifying Glasses

PALS (parents as literacy supports)



Do you have a child ages 3-4 that will be entering Kindergarten soon? Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles are invited to participate with your young learner in a program called PALS. This program was designed to help caregivers support their children's early language, literacy and numeracy development.

PALS Session Dates

April 2 - 1:15-2:25

June 4 - 1:15-2:25

Our School is going Cashless!

We are joining the many Surrey schools who have gone to **online payment of school activities**. Many of our families who have high school aged children will be familiar with this system already. For those who are not familiar with online cash payment systems, we have the following link to help you sign up: <https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/> to access. *If you have any trouble there is a Parent Helpdesk at parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com or 1.866.961.1803.*

If you would like to come in to the school to register and set up your account we have some great helpers who will be able to assist. Please pop into the school at any of the following times:

Currently 40% of our parents have signed up for Cash Online.

We are excited to be ushering in this system which will be convenient and easy for our families to use.

We are looking for fabric!



If there are any families who have fabric that they are willing to donate to the school for art projects, Mrs. Moody is collecting. We would really appreciate having it come in as the primary students will be using it for a large mural project this springtime. Please note that the fabric will be cut and used by K - 5 students and would not be able to be returned.

Kindergarten Registration



Children who will turn five years old before January 1, 2021 are eligible to begin school in September 2020. If you know of a neighbour or friend in the area, ask them to come and register their child for Kindergarten.

BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS UPON REGISTRATION AT THE SCHOOL:

In-person registration is required at the neighbourhood school or school of choice (if space is available).

The following documents are required at the school when registering:

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport).
2. Proof of guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document or guardianship order).
3. Proof of Citizenship for both the parent and student (Canadian Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Passport, Landed Immigrant Document, Permanent Resident Card, Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced Identification Card).
4. Proof of residence (3 pieces - 1 being government issued) of parent/guardian in BC: a. BC driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID of parent/legal guardian; or b. A combination of other supporting documentation such as ownership/long-term lease of dwelling, vehicle registration, employment within community, Canadian income tax record (e.g. purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, etc.)

*Documents which are helpful, but not required: Health Documents (Care card, immunization records, medical condition information).

Have a Safe and Restful Spring Break



We are hoping all our students and their families have a safe, relaxing Spring Break. Get lots of rest, eat healthy food, enjoy the company of family, do some fun activities and most of all come back to Green Timbers ready for the final 3 months! The year is flying so quickly and it will be June before we know it!

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