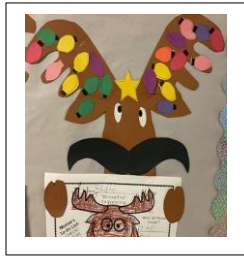


École Martha Currie Elementary



Week at a Glance -
Jan. 3 - Jan. 7, 2022



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Surrey, BC
V3S 4N2
PH: 604-576-8551

Principal: Mr. B. Samra
Acting Vice-Principal: Mme. S. Christmas

Message from the Admin

Upcoming Events

Monday Jan 3

- School starts

Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Important Dates

Jan. 14

- Hot lunch

Jan. 19

- Chips Day

Jan. 27

- Carnaval

Jan. 28

- Hot lunch

Just a reminder

If your child will be absent or late from school, please call the office at:

ph 604-576-8551

We can't believe how fast this term has come and gone! We remember the nervous excitement that came with the return of 'somewhat normal' schooling in September, and now our school has gone through so many fabulous times. Of course, both of us will be in different roles next month. Mr. Samra would like to extend a huge thank you to Mme Christmas for the outstanding job she did as Acting Vice-Principal. She really took the job to heart and gave it everything she possibly could! Mr. Samra has been re-assigned to HT Thrift in the new year, and his good-bye message is elsewhere in the WAG. We would like to extend the best of wishes to the new admin team that will consist of **Ms. J. Tarnowski** and **Ms. S. Banjac**.

With the new term will come a few changes to our staffing. We would like to wish **Ms. C. Haddock** (Div. 4) all the best as she is looking at a new opportunity in education.

Because Mme Christmas returns to the classroom next month, we would like to thank **Mme J. Brooks** for all her work in Div. 10. Hopefully we see her back as a Wolf soon.

It was so much fun seeing our students and staff enjoy Spirit Days all week. As always, we have a highly creative community!

We wish our families and staff a restful, safe and joyous Winter Break. It has been a busy time, so our students deserve a good break. Merry Christmas to all who celebrate and Happy New Year to everyone. School re-starts on Jan. 3rd.

Mr. B. Samra and Mme S. Christmas
(Principal) (Acting Vice-Principal)

Div. 27 – Who's the Grinch?



Big Sisters Free Tutoring

My name is Alice and I work for Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland.

I'm reaching out to you today as we currently have an influx of volunteers for our Study Buddy program in the Surrey area. This is a FREE service for youth and families to provide tutoring to self-identifying girls between the ages 7-17 who are struggling academically.

We know the past year and a half has been difficult for youth academically, but we can support them. Our Study Buddy volunteers are also fantastic role models and support systems for their youth outside of the academic work. The sessions can be done in-person or virtual depending on the families comfort level.

Here is information about our [Study Buddy Program](#) and please find attached the referral form.

If you have specific questions please feel free to reach out to me or Angie, our Study Buddy Team Lead at adube@bigsisters.bc.ca

Our referral forms and general overview about the Study Buddy program have been translated into a handful of the most common additional languages spoken by the parent/guardian. If that would assist with the referral process, please feel free to reach out to me. Please note, if the youth requires a mentor that speaks Mandarin or Cantonese, it will take us longer to match them in the program.

Please send completed referral forms back to me, so we can help support these youth to be matched with a Study Buddy tutor.

Thank you again for helping children and youth in our community reach their full potential!!

Winter/Christmas direct drawings - from Division 17



Message from Mme Christmas

I have sincerely enjoyed my time as Acting Vice Principal. It was a special opportunity to have this role in a school I have been teaching at for almost twenty years. Thank you to all the staff, students, and parents for your support, and special thanks to Mr. Samra for his mentorship and encouragement. I am looking forward to joining Division 10 in January! (Although Mme Brooks did such a fantastic job with them I will need to raise my game!) I wish you all a wonderful holiday with your families.

Mr. Samra Goodbye

It has been an honour to serve as principal of Martha Currie these last 3½ years! It will be tough leaving a community that I feel so at-home with. I am grateful for the experiences I have had in school with such awesome kids, caring staff, and supportive students. We are a very busy school, even through COVID, and I have thoroughly enjoyed being in a place that is hopping all the time.

I would like to give a sincere thank you to the great families who have truly acted as partners in my time at M.C. You have been welcoming right from the beginning, and I have been humbled by the conversations with so many of you since my move was announced. I would like to give a special thank you to the PAC who has always supported the needs of the school and worked in true partnership with the staff. It has been a pleasure working alongside all the co-Presidents over the years: Sharon Ferguson/Pam Ruhr, Brenna Jacks/Marisa Tucci, and Theresa Cledomin/Jasmin von Stetten. Merci!

I would also like to give a public thank you to the amazing staff at Martha Currie. COVID-aside, our school offers so many experiences and opportunities that take place outside the four walls of the classroom. Our staff give so much of their time because they are student-centred and deeply care about your children. You are in very good hands! I would like to give a public thank you to the hard working office staff: Ms. R. Wolshlager, Ms. C. McMurray, and Ms. A. Halliday for always making my job easier and more enjoyable. As well, thank you to my partner Mme S. Christmas for jumping into the Acting VP role with a full heart and proving you are an incredible leader. Finally, my gratitude to Ms. Rachel Ladd and Ms. Sara Banjac for their time as VP's.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the students for making our school a fun place to work. From the student-initiated clubs to the never-ending supply of volunteers who represent our school in clubs and teams, your children bring a joy and leadership that we get to see every day. Even when they mess up, I have always enjoyed working through the problems with the kids and seeing them learn and grow. I will miss these Wolves the most.

I am very proud of the work our community has done over these years. As we continue to embed diversity into our culture, I look forward to hearing how much further growth the school gains in the hands of Ms. Jen Tarnowski and Ms. Sara Banjac. I wish ALL of our community a safe and happy break and nothing but the best in the future.

Mr. B. Samra,
Principal

Wishing you all the best during the holiday season.

From the staff at Martha Currie





2022-23 Surrey Schools calendar

Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

Sept. 6, 2022	Schools open
Sept. 26, 2022	Non-instructional day
Oct. 10, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 21, 2022	Non-instructional day
Nov. 10, 2022	Non-instructional day
Nov. 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2, 2023	Winter break
Jan. 3, 2023	Schools reopen after winter break
Feb. 20, 2023	Family Day
Feb. 24, 2023	Non-instructional day
Mar. 13 - Mar. 17, 2023	School closure days
Mar. 20 - Mar. 24, 2023	Spring break
March 27, 2023	Schools reopen after spring break
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
May 5, 2023	Non-instructional day
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
May 29, 2023	Non-instructional day
June 30, 2023	Administrative day/schools close

Total days in session: 180

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per *School Act and Calendar Regulation*:

Students in Kindergarten: 848 hours of instruction

Students in Grades 1 to 7: 873 hours of instruction

Students in Grades 8 to 12: 947 hours of instruction

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