

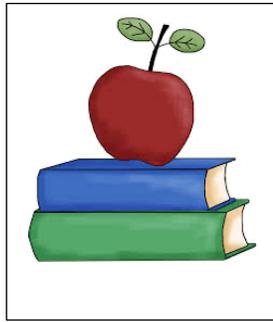


# MJ Norris Elementary

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Parents,  
We hope you have all had a restful two months of summer with family and friends. As the 2022-2023 school year stretches out ahead of us, we are excited to work together with you and the children to continue to support their learning!



## Managing Health and Safety (H&S) This Year:

As we begin to leave pandemic worries behind, it is important to remember Schools are following the current guidelines of the Provincial Health Officer:

\*Masks may be worn as a personal choice. If your child develops signs of illness while at school, a mask will be provided for them, to keep others from catching the illness.

\*We will continue to wash hands a lot!

\*Students and staff are asked to stay home when ill (including colds, flu, etc.)

COVID continues to be present, in new forms, and circulates in our community. Here are the measures that will keep us protected from its impacts, from most powerful (#1) to most basic (#4):

1. Get vaccinated. This is the most helpful defence against COVID! Get all boosters as they become available. This keeps your defences strong.
2. Spend time outdoors more than inside and clean all surfaces regularly
3. Give other people some space/distance
4. Limit contact with others, and wash hands often, as this reduces exposure to COVID.

\*Thank you for helping to show your child how to be safe by continuing to model all of these safety measures at home, just as we will at school.

## How do I stay up to date with information from the school?

Most communication from the school will be sent electronically. Please download the **Surrey Schools app** for your phone, add Martha Jane Norris as a contact, and allow for push notifications. The link to our newsletters, as well as any important or urgent messages, will be pushed to parents directly through the app.

Please delete the old "School Link" app, as Surrey School District is no longer using the School Link platform.

## The MJ Norris Team:

The MJ Norris staff is looking forward to working with students and their families in the coming year. This year, we welcome new staff in some of our classrooms and in support positions. Please see the staff list on page 2 of this newsletter, and log on to our website to view any updates to the staff list. We invite all parents to become involved in the school in a number of ways:

- \*talk with the teachers about how you can help
- \*work with the P.A.C. executive
- \*volunteer to help with school fundraisers.

Our PAC Executive needs you to step forward to join and lead, as our 2021/22 president/Treasurer, Pardeep Thandi is no longer at our school.

Watch for an announcement of this year's first PAC meeting. Join our PAC Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Bedi, parents to serve on PAC with her in 2022-23.

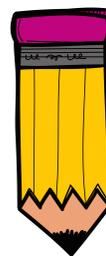
## MJ Norris' Code of Conduct

This morning, your child reviewed the SHARP behaviours expected here at MJ Norris. What does SHARP stand for? The students and staff have chosen 5 values they believe are important for student success. Students should be:

- Safe
- Helpful
- Active
- Respectful
- & -Persevere

We will focus on these five important values and discuss how we can be SHARP learners over the coming weeks!

## School Supplies:



Several families ordered school supplies near the end of last school year and those supplies were delivered to their homes. We will ask for those supplies after classes are settled. Please save them at home for the first week we're together.

If you had not ordered, a supply list has been given to your child today so you can shop for these.

## Calendar of Events:

This year we will begin to do some of the extra-curricular events we missed during the earlier stages of COVID. Any events we plan will be done with a great deal of thought to reducing possible exposures to illness. Our School Calendar will be updated regularly on our website: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/marthajanenorris/NewsEvents/Newsletters/Pages/default.aspx>

### School Goals:

1. Our learners will use targeted strategies and critical thinking to read and write proficiently
2. Our learners will apply strategies to make healthy decisions develop positive Social and Emotional mindsets

### Finding Out About School News:

We want to help parents to know what is happening at school. There are many sources for this information, and in the interest of reducing paper waste, most information will come via the internet.

*\*Monthly newsletters posted on the school website.*

*\*Notices to tell about special events.*

*\*the **Surrey Schools app** on your phone, with Martha Jane Norris as a contact, to allow for push notifications.*

*\*Messages written in your child's student planner.*

Please also visit the district's website at [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca) where you will find information about the district's latest programs and website on the alphabetical list of schools. It is our goal to provide updates, forms, current information, and important event dates. We often send out important messages to the email addresses you have given us on your child's registration form. Please make sure you update your email address with our office.

### Student Agendas/Planners

The Student Planner is a helpful tool to assist in communicating between school and home. If your child's classroom teacher regularly uses a planner, a notice will go home asking you to purchase this item from the school. Planners cost \$5. The planner includes many very helpful pages about MJ Norris Elementary, such as routines and code of conduct, and calendar for the 2022-2023 year.

### Student Forms

A package of student forms will be sent with your child very soon. ***These forms need to be reviewed each year and updated.*** These include the student information we have at the office, and media and nutrition permission forms. It is very important that these forms be read over, completed with current information, and returned to school as soon as possible once you have received them. We will also make many of these forms available on the school website. Simply print, fill out and return.

### Our Timetable (Bell Schedule)

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 8:30am | First Bell                  |
| 8:35am | Second Bell (school starts) |
| 2:30pm | Dismissal                   |
| 2:45pm | Supervision ends.           |

**Please note: Please continue to send your child with a bag/boxed lunch, at this time.**

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sept 16 Terry Fox Run in neighbourhood
- ◆ Sept 22 Meet the Teachers Evening
- ◆ Sept 26 Pro D Day (no school)
- ◆ Sept 29 Orange Shirt Day
- ◆ Sept. 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)
- ◆ Oct. 3 Photo Day

### Student Placements & Class Composition

Students met as a grade group today so that teachers could take attendance and give students information about the rest of the week.

This year, with many new students at the school, we will create the class groupings after our students and the teacher team for that grade level have worked on some back-to-school activities. Formal class lists will be made some time next week. Where a child may be placed in one of two classes, our promise to you is that no decision will be made hastily. Classes will be organized after careful consideration for the students' academic, social and emotional needs.

An increase or decrease in the enrollment can have a significant impact on these decisions, as a school may lose or gain a division. This process takes time. For the first week or so, all students at each grade level will work with each of the teachers at their grade level.



### Student Absences

Kindly contact the school if your child will be absent or late. Each morning, when the attendance is reported to the office, our secretaries Ms. Oxley and Ms. Warne, will phone home if a child is absent if we haven't heard from you. We want to be sure each child is safe and hasn't gone missing en route to school.

### Arrival and Departure

Students are to arrive between 8:20-8:30 and will be let into their exterior class doors at 8:30. Please be ready for your child to be dismissed at 2:30. All should have left the grounds by 2:45.



### Allergy Alert!

It is very important that you inform the school of any allergies that your children have. This is especially the case if your child has a life-threatening allergy like anaphylaxis.

In the case of anaphylaxis, your child must have an EpiPen on them or at school and we want to ensure staff knows where their EpiPen is stored.

### Martha Jane Norris Preschool & Before/After Care

The Cambridge Learning Centre, located in our school, provides a wonderful program for our preschool aged friends & a before and after school care program (for a fee). This is a private community group, and is not run by the school or district. For more information, or to register for preschool, call **604-729-0543** or **604-897-8553** or go to **www.cambridgepreschool.ca**.

### Traffic Safety Reminder

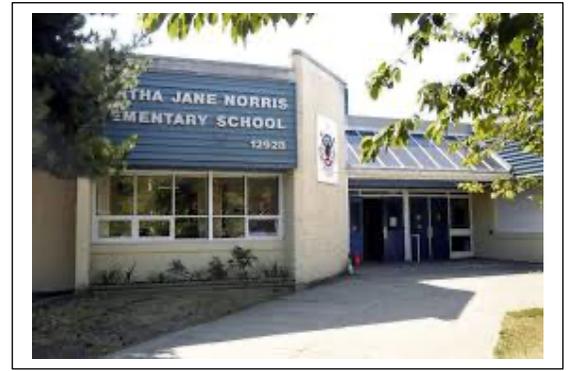
MJ Norris is beautifully located at the heart of the neighbourhood. One of the biggest concerns held by staff and parents is that of student safety in the parking lot and on 66 A Ave. We encourage all of you to take the time to walk to school. This will improve our students' safety and health. For those of you living very far away, please drop the children off directly beside the sidewalk or on the drop off curb in the parking lot. Small children are so difficult to see in busy parking lots- they need to look both ways and stay with their adult.

### Visiting Policy

If you have questions or concerns, you are encouraged to share them with us. Our teachers are happy to meet over the phone with parents before or after school, and are beginning to arrange some in-person meetings again. The principal, Mrs.



Souder, is available throughout the day. Please call the office to arrange a meeting. We may simply have our meeting over the phone, or we can set up an online TEAMS meeting, so we can see each other during the meeting.



### Staff List for 2021-2022

|                       |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Div. 1                | Ms. Pottie   |  |
| Div. 2                | Mr. Driedger   |  |
| Div. 3                | Ms. Baker  |  |
| Div. 4                | Ms. Layton   |  |
| Div. 5                | Ms. Jones  |  |
| Div. 6                | Ms. Michaels   |  |
| Div. 7                | Ms. Rai  |  |
| Div. 8                | Mr. Gibby  |  |
| Div. 9                | Ms. Vass   |  |
| Div. 10               | Ms. Wortley  |  |
| Div. 11               | Ms. McKay  |  |
| Div. 12               | Ms. Wittenberg   |  |
| Div. 13               | Ms. Kilpatrick   |  |
| Div. 14               | Ms. Wainwright   |  |
| Div. 15               | Ms. Kochhar  |  |
| Div. 16               | Ms. Mattu/ Ms. Toor  |  |
| Div. 17               | Ms. Dhadwar/ Ms. Toor  |  |
| LST                   | Ms. Jeannotte  |  |
| LST                   | Ms. Dawson   |  |
| LST                   | Ms. Gerhardt   |  |
| LST                   | Ms. Sran (Mon-Wed, Fri)/Ms. Kamimura (Thurs)   |  |
| Librarian             | Ms. Kamimura   |  |
| Music                 | Mr. Radke  |  |
| Band                  | Mr. Albitt   |  |
| Counsellor            | Ms. Jaswal   |  |
| CCW                   | Ms. Jhand  |  |
| Integration Teachers  | Ms. Grewal<br>Ms. KhunKhun   |  |
| EA's                  | Ms. Sandhu<br>Ms. Trinidad<br>Ms. Newton<br>Ms. Harding<br>Ms. Hawkes<br>Ms. Deo<br>Ms. Singh<br>Ms. Lalli | Ms. Haroon<br>Ms. Sanderson<br>Ms. Cheema<br>Ms. Pataria<br>Ms. Gill<br>Ms. Anand<br>Ms. Sukhai<br>Ms. Hatchwell |
| Noon-Hour Supervisors | Ms. Legge<br>Ms. Bal<br>Ms. Mann<br>Ms. Rai  |  |
| Custodians            | Ms. Lalli<br>Mr. Domingo   |  |
| Secretary             | Ms. Oxley<br>Ms. Warne   |  |
| Principal             | Ms. Souder   |  |

Paying for most school items is going to be made easy this year! Martha Jane Norris plans to use this online payment system to collect your payments for school fees (ie planners, field trips) and items such as spirit wear.

What makes this better, is your fees are paid without risk of losing money on the way to school.  
\*We do ask that most of our families sign up for this secure system now.

Please register at:

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

#### Why Use SchoolCash Online?

**Convenient** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home

**Easy To Use** Online shopping with various payment methods

**Safe** Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school

**Saves Time** Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

