



# Panorama Park Elementary

December 6, 2021 to December 10, 2021



Dear Panorama Park Families,

The next two weeks will be busy ones at Panorama Park. There is sense of warmth and positive energy around the school with our students and staff working hard to create a sense of belonging for one another. For the second year in a row, our Winter Concert will again be a virtual one. We are still working within the safety regulations that allow for much smaller gatherings in schools. The performances will be recorded ahead of time and shared with our families during the last week of school.

before the break. Preparation for these recordings are well under way and we are looking forward to sharing them with you.

The Christmas season can be a wonderful time of year. However, with the cloud of COVID continuing to loom and the effects of recent and ongoing floods still lingering, this is also, for many, a very challenging and stressful time. With this in mind we hope you will consider donating to our "Food Drive" campaign to support the Surrey Food Bank. This year our campaign will begin next week and run from December 6 to 10. Please see the information about the campaign later in this way.

As we begin December, please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Regards,

J. Dhaliwal (Principal) and H. Gill (Vice Principal)

## Communicating Student Learning



It's time to start thinking about the more formal aspects of Communicating Student Learning (CSL). Here are a few important events coming up before the holidays:

- Early dismissal is at 1:35 pm on December 9. During this time, teachers will be meeting with parents via phone, TEAMS and in person. (pre scheduled appointments). This is a time for parent - teacher conferences.

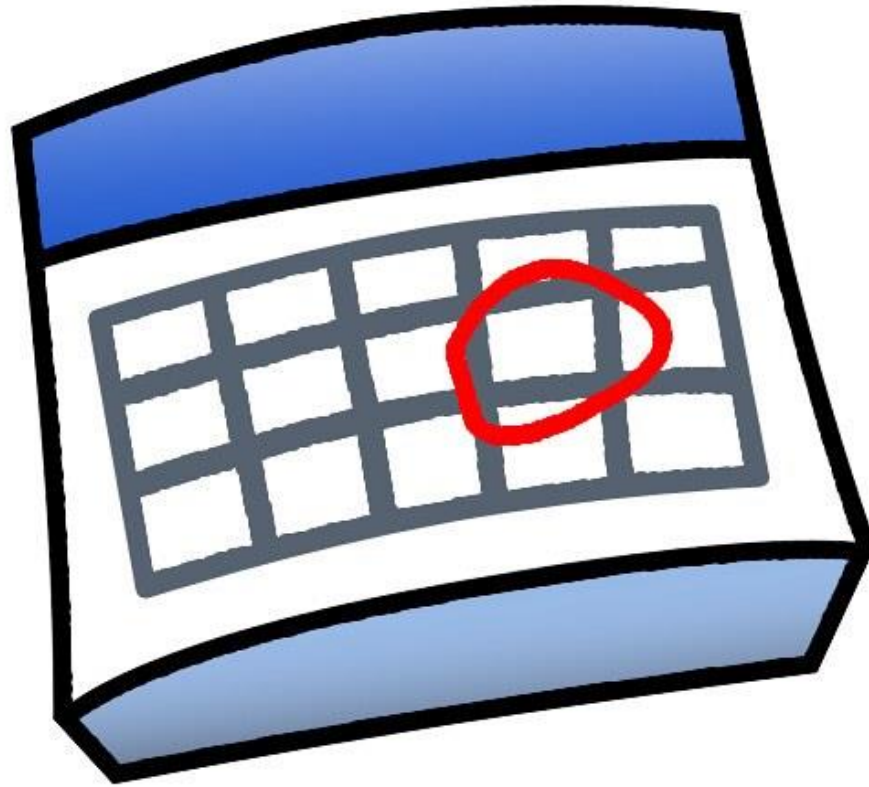
- Please take some time out of your busy schedule to view your child's FreshGrade digital portfolio. Your child's digital portfolio is the main way your child's teacher will be sharing learning progress. If you have not yet accessed your child's digital portfolio, or don't know how, please reach out to your child's teacher.
- Home conversations around your child's learning make a huge difference. We all know that the standard question of "How was your day?" or "What did you do at school today?" will automatically trigger the responses, "Good" or "Nothing." A peek at your child's digital portfolio in addition to specific questions will ignite more open conversation. [Please feel free to use the following PROMPTS](#) at home to get these conversations started.

## Families Travelling Outside of Canada

We are still receiving questions and wanted to clarify the information we have received about students travelling outside of Canada. For students re-entering Canada travelling with vaccinated parents and a negative COVID test, quarantine is waived, **but school is not included in the exceptions.** So, all children that are unvaccinated (including under 12) must not attend school for 14 days after returning to Canada. Please click [here](#) to access a brochure put out by the Canadian government on the restrictions in place.

In addition, the Surrey School District has also put out information about international travel which you can find [here](#).

## What's Happening This Week



### **Monday, December 6**

- Food Bank Drive Begins

### **Tuesday, December 7**

- JumpStart 2:35 pm to 4:30 pm - Last Day
- Fire Drill at 1:00 pm

### **Wednesday, December 8**

- Ugly Sweater Day

### **Thursday, December 9**

- Early Dismissal at 1:35 pm
- Parent - Teacher Conferences

### **Friday, December 10**

- Food Drive Ends

## Food Drive



Panorama Park's Food Drive will be held December 6-10. The food bank has suggested donations of peanut butter and jam, tea bags and coffee, sugar and spices, condiments, oils, tuna and crackers, cake mixes and frosting, dishwasher and laundry detergent, and boxed milk. Our community has been very generous with their donations in past years. We thank you for your continued support.



Spirit Day - Ugly Sweater Day



In this fun school wide spirit day, wear you ugly sweater. If you do not have a festive or ugly sweater do not worry. Get creative and dazzle one up! There is no need to go out and purchase anything. We all look forward to seeing your awesome sweaters!

## Parents Visiting Our School



Visitors are to:

**Book an appointment with the school.**

1. Perform a daily health check prior to entering
2. Wear a mask
3. Perform hand hygiene before and after the visit
4. Sign in and out with contact information at the office (records kept for 45 days)
5. Access will be limited to the purpose of the visit
6. Respect others' personal space



Parking

**NO  
PARKING  
ANY  
TIME**





A few friendly reminders about our parking lot to keep our students safe and make drop off and pick up easy and stress free:

- Please give yourself time to drop off and pick up your child.
- Our parking lot is for staff only, with some spaces for visitor parking
- Please do not double park in front of cars in the drop off area and wait for your children. Rather, please leave the lot and line up to make another pass and meet your child. Cars that are idling in front of the school will be asked to circle around and come back into the lot.
- When dropping off and picking up students in front of the school, please have children exit and enter vehicles on the passenger side.
- We encourage parents to park off site, meet your child at their classroom door or a designated meeting spot, and then walk with your children to your vehicle.
- Please follow the parking signs such as, No Parking in front of drop off loop and No Left Turn signs
- Please keep your speed slow in and around our school. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Dress for the Weather



*1 - It is important children get outside for some fresh air at morning and lunch recess times. Students will be sent outside for recess times (please see below criteria) and should be dressed for the weather. Please send your children with rain jackets, umbrellas, and rain boots to ensure their comfort during our outdoor recess times and the learning time in the classroom afterward. Please send an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack.*

### **Cold Weather & Rainy Days**

#### **Inside Day**

- 5 degrees or below and raining
- Raining and so windy umbrellas will turn inside out
- Raining very hard – duration and intensity is great

#### **Outside Day**

- Above 5 degrees and raining
- Snow Day



## If Your Child is Absent



If your child will not be at school due to illness, a medical appointment or other reason, please make sure you contact our office at 604-596-0963. You can leave a voice mail after hours which will be checked as soon as our office staff arrives in the morning.

## COVID Reminders and Daily Health Checks

- Schools will continue to follow a strict cleaning and hand sanitizing regiment.
- A reminder that masks are mandatory for all students in grades K -7.
- Staff members will wear masks when indoors at all times.
- Parents are expected to do daily health checks with their children before coming to school. For more information please see the [K-12 daily health check website](#) and [mobile app](#) to help students and families make the best decisions on whether to attend school, stay home, or take other measures. Questions and answers are easy to understand and are based on current health guidelines. All content is written with the K-12 age group in mind.

## Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, December 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Early Dismissal at 1:35 pm

Friday, December 17 Last Day of School prior to Winter Break

**December 20 to December 31 Winter Break**

Monday, January 3 Back to School

Monday, February 21 Family Day (no school)

Friday, February 25 Non-Instructional Day (no school)

Thursday, March 3 Term #2 Formal Reports

Thursday, March 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Early Dismissal at 1:35 pm

Friday, March 11 Last Day of School prior to Spring Break

**March 14 to March 25 School Closure Days/Spring Break Holidays**

Monday, March 28 Back to School

Friday, April 15 Good Friday (no school)

Monday, April 18 Easter Monday (no school)

Thursday, May 5 Interim #2

Friday, May 6 Non-Instructional Day (no school)

Monday, May 23 Victoria Day (no school)

Monday, May 30 Non-Instructional Day (no school)

Thursday, June 23 Last Day of School

Term #3 Reports Go Home

Early Dismissal at 1:35 pm

Friday, June 24 Administrative Day/School Closed

## Useful Links

Click on the links below to be taken to these websites:

- [Surrey School District Website](#)
- [BC Curriculum Overview](#)