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Newsletter

Racism, Kindness, and the events of the world right now:

During this time of fighting for what people of colour, should have had forever, you may be watching a lot about the protests in the news and talking about it in your home. We as a society need to stand up for acceptance, fairness, and kindness for ALL. We need to teach our children about the injustices and racism that DO occur in the world. We need to teach them and education ourselves so that we are not sitting by and letting injustice and oppression occur.

Here are a few resources to help you:

This website has a great, easy to read article with a lot of information on having the conversation, making it relatable for kids, advocacy, and being open to the discussion:

<https://www.parenttoolkit.com/social-and-emotional-development/advice/social-awareness/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-race-and-racism>

and

[Beyond the Golden Rule](#) This is a short book that outlines how to talk to children about racism at the various stages of their life from Preschool on.

I urge you to have a conversation about these important topics with your child regardless of their age. We need to stop believing it doesn't exist and make sure that we are part of the solution.

Counselling Newsletter:

Ms. Ghani has also included some good resources on talking to your children about this important topic as well as her usual other great tips! [Counselling Newsletter](#)

The first week back:

Thank-you to all of our families who reached out and communicated your intentions for June. It has been so great to see some students back in our hallways and classrooms. I could **not stop smiling** on Monday! This week has been very successful. We have a perfect number of children coming to ensure that we can properly socially distance in our classrooms and building. We are continuing to remind students to distance and as you can imagine, they forget at times. This is what the learning is all about and we will continue to remind and teach about health needs at this time. Online learning is continuing for all and our staff are still available for all the support you need. The year is not quite over yet!

Grade 7 leaving ceremony

We are planning to still have a ceremony, although a different type, to honour our Grade 7s who are leaving this year. Our Grade 7 committee has been working behind the scenes with me to figure out some details. We will be having two ceremonies (times TBD) on Wednesday, June 24. If you are a grade 7 parent, please make sure you are able to attend that day. The Grade 7 group will be split into two, with as many friends as possible being in the same group. They will take place on the back field to ensure proper social distancing and to do our best to stay within the guidelines of gatherings of less than 50 people. As with all things right now, some families may decide that they are unable to attend. Students will still receive their medal and certificate. We will be asking for an RSVP in the next week or two so we can plan our groupings. Please watch for the survey. Unfortunately, we feel we are unable to have a party of any kind so after the ceremony and time for pictures, we will have to say goodbye. Thank-you to our Grade 7 parents who helped with this planning and for your understanding about the different way we have to hold our leaving ceremony this year. I'm so glad we are able to do SOMETHING!

The Case of the Missing Library Books:

Search your garage! Search your other backpack! Look under your stuffies! Look between the mattresses! In your freezer! In the cat house! Ask your little brother!

Please help us locate our missing library books by searching your houses and returning them to school. Books can be returned Mon, Tues, Thurs, or Friday by dropping them off in the bin at the front of the school. Just inside the front doors, you will find a bin marked "Library Books" here. Please feel free to come anytime between 8-2:30 and drop off your books. We thank-you in advance!!!

It's that time of year again!

Parent Class placement requests:

As we turn towards summer, we have already begun planning for next year. With that in mind, we always put out the following survey to parents if they wish to make a request for class placement for September. Please keep in mind that **we DO NOT take requests for specific teachers**. We DO want to know if you have information that help us place your child in a specific learning environment. This survey is completely optional as our teachers know the students very very well and specifically in the context of the learning environment. All of our staff work very hard to make the best decision for each student's class placement.

Here is the link to the form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzZ_fwGD5cgRPoQNEPaCg2ppUQTFVNEVRMldJQ0pOM0JBRkhVSkxHWTEyTS4u

Year-end Report Cards:

With the unusual time we are in, summative (year-end) reports are going to look quite different and more abbreviated. Heavy emphasis will be placed on evidence of learning before spring break with comments more on efforts and engagement in learning after spring break. Many teachers will be asking for students (possibly with your help) to complete a self-assessment. These self-assessments are a big part of what we do every term, but they are even more important during this one. Please make every effort to ensure that your child checks if their teacher has asked them to complete a self-assessment and also ensure that they return the completed form to their teacher. These self-assessments are vital to help us do our year-end reports.

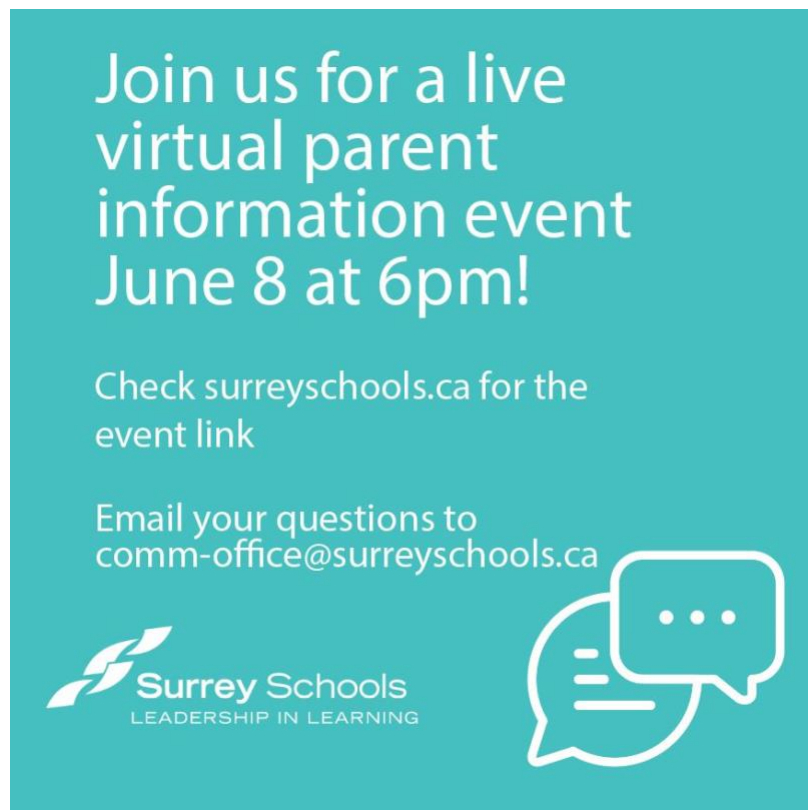
Students will be invited to come in on Thursday, June 25th (our last day) to say good-bye to their teachers and pick up their report cards. Please look for more information on this to come. All reports not picked up will be mailed.

From the District:

Join us for a live virtual parent information event

[Surrey Schools](#) is holding a virtual parent information event on Monday, June 8, at 6 p.m. Superintendent Jordan Tinney will cover important topics including our plans for the remainder of the school year, what we've learned and what you can anticipate for the fall. He will also address parent questions and concerns. If you have a question that you would like answered, please email comm-office@surreyschools.ca by end of day Sunday, June 7.


Go here for the link to the live event:




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Check surreyschools.ca for the
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