



# Clayton Elementary

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## Newsletter

Dear Clayton Families,

As we close week 6 into this sunny, Mother's Day weekend, the news media reports and information from Jordan Tinney has, I'm sure, brought you a lot of questions and wonderings. As our world begins to reopen, as we are allowed to increase our "bubble", and as folks will be returning to work, the district is working hard to create plans to follow the directives of the Minister of Education. Any plan you may be reading on Facebook or other social media sites is most likely NOT accurate. I urge you wait as patiently as possible until you hear from us and the district. Any plan that is put into place will have health and safety, our staff, and your kids at the heart and as Dr. Tinney said in his message today, face to face instruction will be optional and online learning will continue. It will not be a full return to all the regular June activities we typically have and learning as it was before, but an increase in face to face instruction for some students. I know many of you probably have questions. I don't have many answers at this time, and I ask you to hold your questions until plans and information are given to me that I can pass on to you.

I hope that this weekend you take time to celebrate in the sun and find numerous ways to enjoy your families and take advantage of this awesome weather.

This info is for all the dads out there - Moms turn away!!! Psssstttt Dads ...here's something that may help you and your kids prepare for Sunday: <https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g4233/mothers-day-crafts-kids/> Okay Mom's you can come back to reading....

Happy Mother's Day to all our amazing Cougar moms!!!!

Take care and stay well,

♡ Mrs. Fenrick

### Learning at home:

So much learning is being done - from snail terrariums, Cougar pride, sharing of books and read alouds, and amazing problem solving - it continues to amaze me all you and your kids have been able to accomplish and the learning that has persisted. As always, reach out to your teachers if you are struggling, take a day to only do outside or artistic learning, and know that we are always here for you. You can also always email me at [Fenrick\\_l@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Fenrick_l@surreyschools.ca) at any time.

### Student Belongings:

Teachers and other staff are working this week and next to pack up all student belongings for be ready for pick up. They are going to be laid out the gym in alphabetical order and staff will be on site during the week of May 19-22 for you come pick them. A schedule will be sent home next week to minimize the amount of people here at once and a procedure will be put into place to ensure that we are maintaining

safe social distance. Please stay tuned for that. When you come, we will ask that you bring with you any school property like library books or novels/home reading books to be returned.

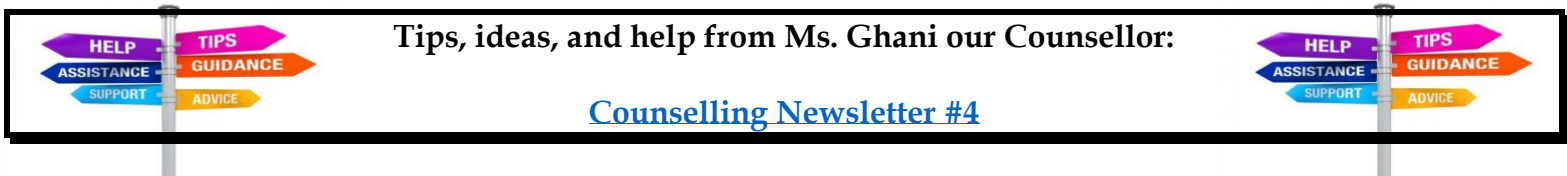
If and when we do have some sort of return to school this year, students will be asked to bring things like some paper, their pencil box (K students will be given an individual baggie of the communal supplies when there are here), and a device if they have one (no need to worry if you don't). Any face to face instruction that we do, will look very different than our typical instruction and we will be wanting to students to have bring supplies and take them home each day for health and safety reasons.

### **Band:**

For those students in Band this year – Mr. Melnyk has sent you a link to a TEAMS page for those who would like to continue practicing. Please email Mr. Melnyk [Melnyk\\_r@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Melnyk_r@surreyschools.ca) if you did not receive it. Please contact Mrs. Fenrick if you need your instrument from the school.

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BAND NEXT YEAR:**

Please email Ms. Copan [Copan\\_d@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Copan_d@surreyschools.ca) if you are in grades 5 or 6 THIS year (grades 6 & 7 NEXT year) and would either like to continue band next year or join band next year. We need to gather numbers of interested students. As always, we offer Band to our grade 7's first, then grade 6's and often we have room to offer the program to some of our Grade 5 students. There was a form that was sent out but we would also just take an email to Ms. Copan to confirm your interest in band for next year.



### **Our Community:**

**Up this week for our slide show!!!!**

We would like to see some specific pictures and videos for following few weeks' slideshow!  
Send us pics based on the theme of the week by Friday at 9am and they will be included in the show:

**May 11 - 15 Thank-you to our essential service workers** – make a thank-you sign or poster and send me a pic of you holding it, take a thank-you video, or take a pic of you with your parent who is an essential worker

### **Upcoming spirit weeks:**

**May 18 - 22 Crazy hair week** - You know what this is all about – let's see that crazy hair!

**May 25 - 29 Jersey week** – pics and videos of you in your sports jerseys and/or playing your favourite sport or activity

Here's this week's video:

<https://vimeo.com/416446161>

The password is Cougar.

**Remember! Stay Kind, Stay a Cougar! Reach out to me at any time.**



**Mrs. Fenrick**

