



September 10, 2020

Message From the Admin:

Welcome or Welcome Back to Martha Currie! We all know that these last few months have been unique in education, but we want you to know that we are very confident that this will be the absolute best year we can make it. Our staff proved how adaptable and progressive they are when schools were forced to make major changes last year due to COVID, so we know that your children are in good hands. This year will be like no other, so let's all remember that we are in this together, and we will do the best we can 😊

Class Assignments:

We hope to get into assigned classes by early next week at the very latest, but we do have to wait for District approval. When your child is placed in a class, please remember that our staff has worked very hard to meet the social-emotional and academic needs of our full contingent of students. Please work with your child(ren) to help them see the positives of being in the class they are assigned.

Pickup and Drop Off:

Until the students hear otherwise from their teachers, all students will be picked up (at 2:20pm) and dropped off (at 8:30am) from the same locations on the back fields. The primary students (gr. K-3) will be on the grass, and the intermediate students (gr. 4-7) will be on the gravel.

Parking:

Thank you to the community for understanding our parking rules. As a quick reminder:

- The parking lot is for STAFF ONLY. We have some medical exemptions, but please *do not drive into* the parking lot during school hours.
- The area immediately in front of the school (north end of 184 Street) is a "Drop and Go" ONLY from 8:20am-8:30am. Please do not leave your car during this 10-minute period.
- Please do not block our neighbours' driveways.

Communication:

Please remember that we will NOT be sending a paper copy of newsletters home. Instead, we will be putting a weekly newsletter online. If you haven't already done so, **PLEASE go to the school website and sign up online:** <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/marthacurrie/Pages/default.aspx> . It is under the section called "Email List".

In the summer, we sent second notices via MyEd, but that will NOT continue. Please sign up asap. It is especially important this year, as we may face unexpected changes due to the pandemic.

Schedule:

8:30 a.m.	Welcome Bell		
8:35 a.m.	School day commences	11:20-11:50	Primary Lunch Break outside
			-Primary students eat lunch when returning inside
9:55-10:10	Primary Recess		-Intermediate students eat lunch before going outside
10:15-10:30	Intermediate Recess	11:50-12:20	Intermediate Lunch Break outside
2:20 p.m.	Dismissal		

Staffing:

We would like to welcome our new staff to Team Magic:

Classroom Teachers:

Jenais Ludwar
Jessica Mittlestead
Kelsey Green
Kirsten O'Connor
Matt Geisler
Nalini Appadoo

Support Staff:

Melanie Miki – Counselor
Kabita Aryal – Child & Youth Care Worker
Michelle Brennan – LST
Julie Ainscow – Int. Prep
Pami Dosanjh – IST
Jenny Buckle – ABA SW
Simone Chalifoux – Supervisory Aide

Parent Reminders:

-Parents/Visitors are not to enter the school without an appointment. Please call the school office if you need to come in. Please send food/snacks, water bottle, etc. with your child(ren) in the morning.

-We are a nut-aware school. This means that foods with nuts are discouraged. Some classes will have students with nut allergies, so those classes must be nut free! Teachers will let you know if this applies.

-We are a scent-free school. Some of our community has scent allergies, so please do not wear perfume, cologne, etc. in the building. On that note, please be aware that some hand-sanitizers are scented. If you are choosing to send sanitizer with your child, please choose a scent-free one.

-If your child has ANY symptoms of COVID, please do NOT send your child to school. You must call 8-1-1 or a health care provider and get a further assessment before sending them to school. Please note:

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

-If there is a case in a school, Fraser Health has the responsibility of informing the parents they deem need to know.

Mr. B. Samra and Ms. R. Ladd
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)