



Panorama Park Elementary

November 29 to December 3, 2021



Dear Panorama Park Families,

Listening to accounts of school closures, damage and personal loss in communities from the flooding the past couple of weekends, we were reminded of our own good fortune and privilege. Most of us have seen the images of the flood damage so close to home and, like you, our thoughts remain with those impacted by this disaster.

If you have the means, please make your way to the [Canadian Red Cross website](#) and provide any financial support you can. Where appropriate, discuss what's going on with your children, letting them

know what folks are going through and empowering them by allowing them to join you in the donation process.

Regards,

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

Our Furry Friends – No Dogs on School Property District Policy



This year we have been advised of students who have severe allergies to dogs. As a result we will be enforcing the District Policy of “No Dogs on the School Grounds”. Surrey School District policy/by-laws state "no dogs on premises". While we love our four-legged friends we are unable to invite or allow your dogs on school property. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

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:

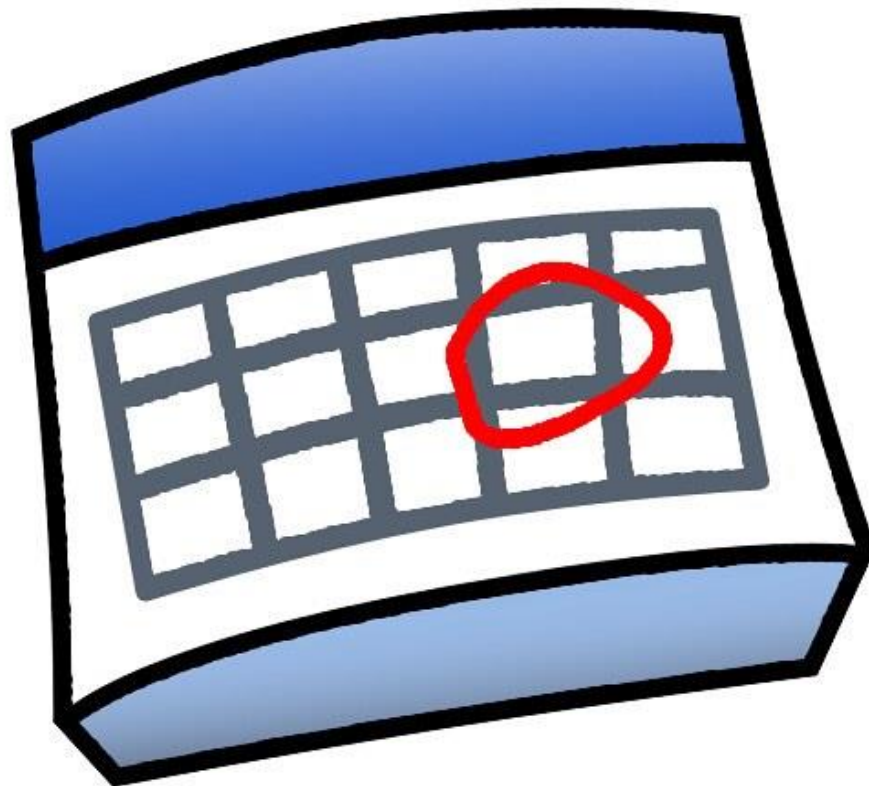
- Early dismissal is at 1:35 pm on December 9. During this time, teachers will be meeting with parents via phone, TEAMS and in person. (pre scheduled appointments). This is a time for parent - teacher conferences.
- Please take some time out of your busy schedule to view your child's FreshGrade digital 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, November 29

Tuesday, November 30

- JumpStart 2:35 pm to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, December 1

Thursday, December 2

- Term one ends - please check Freshgrade Portfolios

Friday, December 3

- Grade 6 & 7 Immunizations

Common Sense Media - Resource

Common Sense Media is a nonprofit organization that provides trustworthy information, education and independent voice to thrive in the 21st century. Their goal is to provide families with information around the following: age-appropriate movies, TV series, specials and games to spark family conversations, entertain families and have a positive, lasting effect on society.

If you are wondering about a movie, game or tv series, you can find information on the following link: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/seal>

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 2 Term #1 Formal Reports

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](#)