



Panorama Park Elementary

December 13 to December 17, 2021



Dear Panorama Park Families,

Our Panorama Park community is incredibly generous. Our families have helped to support those who may be facing hardship over the holidays by giving to the Surrey Food Bank. This is an annual initiative we run every December, organized by our intermediate leadership students, under the direction of some of our teachers. We would like to say thank you to our families for bringing in non-perishable food items and donating money.

We would like to congratulate Ms. Hundal. She has accepted a teaching position with the Vancouver School District effectively January 3, 2021. We would like to welcome Michael Perry. Michael will be teaching division 2.

To celebrate the holiday season Ms Lee our music teacher has created a school wide virtual Winter Concert. While this was not a live event with parent spectators, our students had the opportunity to perform. Thank you to Ms. Lee and our students in kindergarten to grade four for this wonderful presentation. The link will be available until January 25th, 2022. The video is only for the school community. So, please don't share the video with others or the public.

Here is the Vimeo link for the winter concert.

<https://vimeo.com/653812246/53a16bd9fd>

Regards,

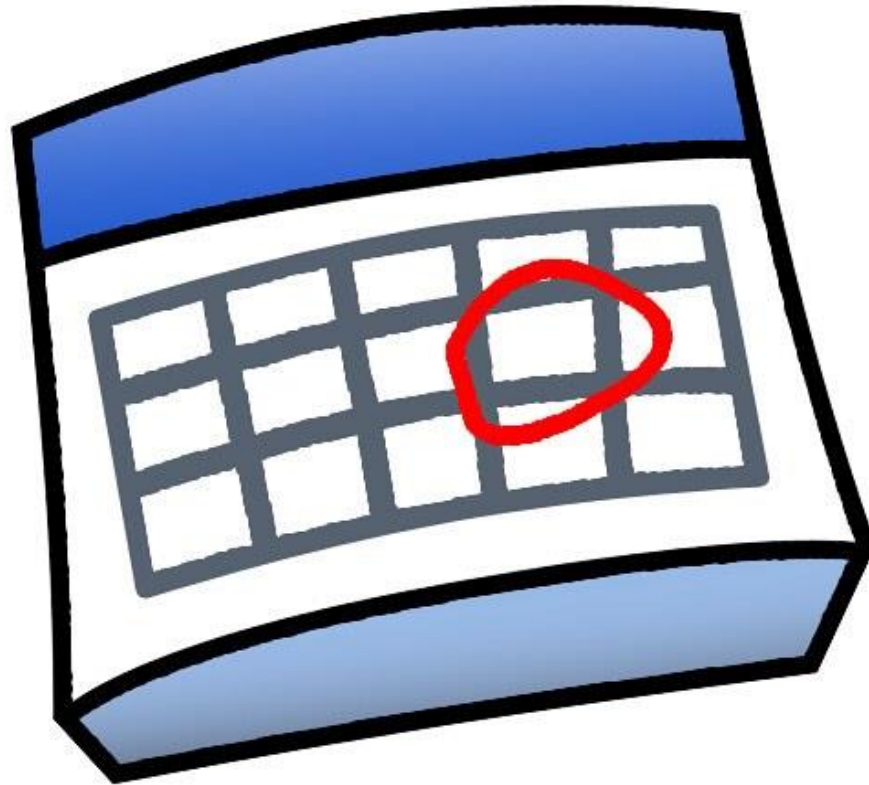
J. Dhaliwal (Principal) and H. Gill (Vice Principal)

## 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 13**

**Tuesday, December 14**

- Winter Concert Viewing as a school community

**Wednesday, December 15**

- Gallery Walk - Students view decorated classroom windows

**Thursday, December 16**

- Gallery Walk - Students view decorated classroom windows

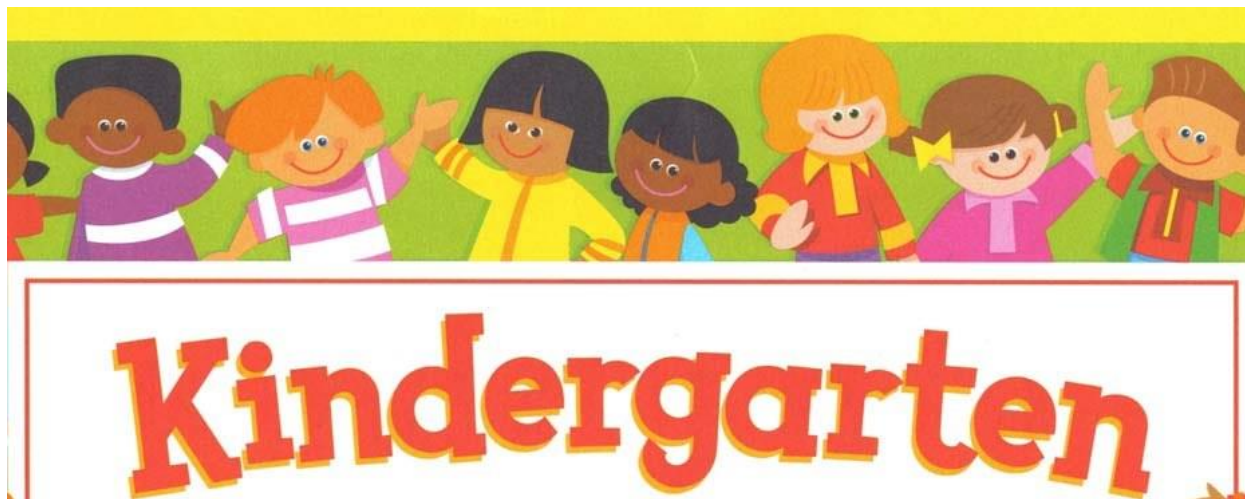
**Friday, December 17**

- Last day of school before winter break
- Red, Green & White Day

**Monday, January 3 - Back to School**



## Kindergarten Registration



Children who will turn five years old before January 1, 2023 are eligible to begin school in September 2022. Registration begins in Surrey Schools Monday, January 10, 2023.

Registration takes place online [HERE](#).

Check [HERE](#) for a list of documents required for registration.

If you are unsure which school is nearest to you, check [HERE](#).

## Vaccine Information for children ages 5 to 11

Public health has created a number of resources to support parents in making an informed decision on vaccination. Please share these resources with your school communities in newsletters, parent emails and other communications:

- BCCDC: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccines-children>
  - There is a helpful FAQ document listed on this website - [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19\\_vaccine/Vaccine\\_children\\_5\\_11.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_vaccine/Vaccine_children_5_11.pdf)
- Fraser Health: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine#.YalCQPnMKUk>
  - This contains information specific to booking appointments in Fraser Region.
  - You will also find resources on talking to kids about getting the vaccine towards the bottom of the webpage. There are Youtube clips to share, as well as a one-pager available in English, Arabic, Punjabi, Simplified + Traditional Chinese and Tigrigna.

## 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.

Our community at Panorama Park Elementary has a strong history of being philanthropic and giving back when we can. We have seen this through various charitable causes such as the Terry Fox Run, Remembrance Day Poppy Fund, Goat Campaign and much more. We again ask for your support as we bring in both non-perishable items and monetary donations to the Surrey Food Bank this December.

**Our goal this December is \$500.00**

Please donate here:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/december-food-drive-panorama-park-2021/>

Thank you for support.

## School parking and traffic safety

The Surrey School District makes student safety a priority in school buildings and on school grounds, including parking lots.

It is always a challenge for schools to balance the need for a convenient and intuitive traffic flow and parking pattern with the need to respect neighbours' driveways, neighbourhood traffic, city bylaws—and the most important consideration — student safety.

The challenge is considerable when you are trying to accommodate a sudden rush of often hundreds of cars onto a one-block, or even half-block, street frontage.

Considerable planning is put into each school's specific traffic and parking circumstances; however student safety is the most important consideration, even if it causes some inconvenience to drivers.

Therefore, it is important for the safety of your child and other students that parents and others who drop off or pick up students at school obey all posted signage and follow established traffic flow patterns.



Many schools in the district have one-way driveways, restricted turn lanes and designated pick-up and drop-off areas designed to keep everyone safe. Failing to observe the rules puts students as well as



motorists at risk. With pick-up and drop-off zones in particular, it's imperative that drivers obey posted signs. It's inappropriate and dangerous to misuse these areas for even a few seconds.

Some schools also have rules aimed at reducing harm to the environment, such as requiring motorists to turn off their vehicles while parked.

Motorists who don't respect the rules can expect a visit from a staff member, volunteer or student reminding them to comply.

## Tips for drivers

- Drive only part way—or don't drive at all! Most students are usually well within walking distance of their school, so arrange a "walking school bus" with other parents. It's healthier and green!
- Think 30! A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in school zones.
- Stop for school buses when their lights are flashing—it's the law.
- Children who are driven to school should exit the vehicle on the side closest to the curb or sidewalk.
- Use caution when a vehicle in front of you stops as the driver may be yielding to a pedestrian crossing the street.
- Always yield to pedestrians.

## Tips for students

- Walk, don't run across the street.
- Before crossing the street, wait at the curb and make sure all vehicles have stopped. Look left and right, then over your shoulder for vehicles that may be turning.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing at a crosswalk—it's the best way to ensure they see you.
- Don't jaywalk. Drivers don't expect to see pedestrians away from intersections and crosswalks, so pedestrians are even less likely to be seen.
- Don't wear headphones, talk on the phone, text or use handheld devices when crossing a street.

## 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

## 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

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](#)