

Be Yourself



Panorama Park Elementary School
February 14 -18, 2022

What's Happening This Week



This Week's Calendar

Monday, February 14

- Spirit Day - Red, White, and Pink Day
- Intramural Sports - Grade 4

Tuesday, February 15

Wednesday, February 16

- Fruit & Veggie Delivery - Snap peas

Thursday, February 17

- Earthquake Drill @ 11:00 am
- Intramural Sports - Grade 4

Friday, February 18

Valentine's Day Treats

With Valentine's Day approaching, teachers and parents have been thinking and asking about bringing treats to school (either for class parties or to go along with cards). Surrey's COVID guidelines state that bringing food is permissible at school if the treats are:

"...purchased, pre-packaged, and individually wrapped (i.e. no home-made treats permitted)."

With this in mind, we **will allow** for students to bring treats on February 14, coordinated by classroom teachers (who may or may not be planning class parties). These treats should be store bought and we are asking students to not bring baked goods of any kind. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. Thank you.

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY SAFELY IN CLASSROOMS

Valentine's Day is a day to show you care about your friends, but this February 14th, it's important we make sure kindness – and not COVID – is in the air. As we celebrate under the latest health and safety protocols, the district would like to share some recommendations for having a safe and sweet Valentine's Day!

VALENTINE DO'S & DON'TS

- ♥ **DO** wash hands regularly, especially before and after activities.
- ♥ **DO** ensure each student uses their own set of supplies like glue, scissors, and markers during craft time.
- ♥ **DO** maintain personal distance whenever possible.
- ♥ **DO** go outside whenever possible.
- ♥ **DO** dress up! Wear Valentine themed clothing or a pajama party!
- ♥ **DO** share paper Valentine's cards.
- ♥ **DO** share gift and treats. Ensure food items are purchased, pre-packaged, and individually wrapped (no home-made treats permitted). Ensure a distribution plan is in place to avoid crowding.
- ♥ **DON'T** host student dances.
- ♥ **DON'T** organize baking classes– even if prepared by the teacher and students are provided with individual kits.
- ♥ **DON'T** have activities where students face each other unless personal distance can be maintained.

STUDENTS AND STAFF MAY EXCHANGE VALENTINES CARDS.

Be mindful not to have students congregate in one area during card exchanges. Maintain personal space whenever possible.

VALENTINE'S DAY MAY BE SWEET, BUT LET'S NOT SHARE OUR TREATS!

- ♥ No communal sharing of food such as donuts, chocolates and cookies.
- ♥ No staff potlucks.
- ♥ Pancake breakfasts can occur if done in a teaching kitchen.
- ♥ Activities involving baking and creating of edible items can only take place in foods labs or teaching kitchens at secondary schools, not in classrooms.



For more information on district health and safety protocols please visit surreyschools.ca

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Here are some tips to make your Valentine's Day activities fun and safe for everyone!

Take part in 'heart healthy' outdoor activities by organizing outdoor games and activities that minimize physical contact and maximize space.



Make Valentine cards and find a special place to mail them to – like a senior's care facility or a homeless shelter. Please call the site in advance to ensure they are accepting cards and follow all safety protocols outlined by organizations.



Kindness Rocks!

Have students paint rocks with messages of support and friendship. These can be placed in areas where the whole school community can enjoy!



Have an outdoor scavenger hunt and have each student find items that they love/appreciate or hide clues that will help them solve a problem or riddle!



There are so many great books about friendship, kindness and sharing. Ask your librarian to recommend a few and organize a Valentine's Day reading party!



Be Kind Week and Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt / Be Kind day is Wednesday, February 23 and we will be doing activities throughout that week (February 22 - 24, school is not in session on the Monday for Family Day and Friday for a professional day).

Students who have "Be Kind" shirts are encouraged to wear them or other pink shirts throughout Kindness Week.



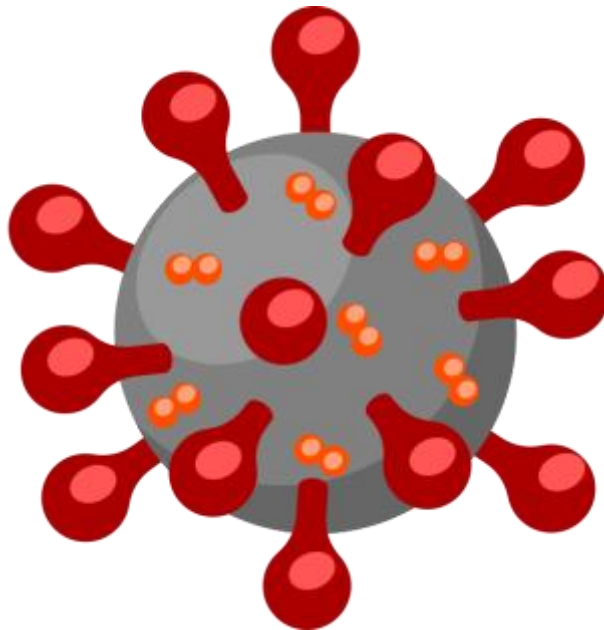
School Reminders



Please Use the Crosswalk

Students and parents crossing through our parking lot are reminded to **use our crosswalk, directly in front of the school**. We have noticed members of the our community unsafely jaywalking across the drop off area which is a busy drive thru area. A reminder that our parking lot is for staff only. Parents walking students to the school should use the sidewalk that runs around the drop off bay.

Updated COVID Guidelines from the BC Centre for Disease Control and Fraser Health



In mid January Dr. Bonnie Henry announced updated COVID guidelines for the province. The biggest change was the removal of mandatory self isolation for close contacts of those testing positive for COVID (both un-vaccinated and vaccinated contacts). Please click [here](#) for more details. The BC Public

Health Office (PHO) COVID guidelines change regularly and when we are asked about whether a child can or cannot attend school (depending on the circumstance) we will re-direct them to the [BCCDC website](#) and the [Fraser Health website](#).

The most important guideline (and one that hasn't changed) is that parents continue to complete [daily health checks](#) on their children and have them stay at home if they have symptoms, even if relatively minor. Thank you again for your support with these protocols. They are keeping our school safe!

January 2022 Enhanced COVID Protocols and Reminders



- Fraser Health is limiting contact tracing and schools will not be sending out exposure notices.
- Parents and students should not arrive early to school and should leave the grounds immediately after school to avoid crowding outside.
- Students lining up outside should spread out and maintain physical distance.
- Students should maintain physical distance inside and outside.
- It is important to do Daily Health Checks and to staying home when sick.
- Always wearing a mask at school and bringing a spare mask from home. Masks should be worn over the nose and strapped into place to fit over the face.
- Washing / sanitizing hands regularly.
- Getting vaccinated if you are able to.

Useful Links

Click on the links below to be taken to these websites:

- [Surrey School District Website](#)
- [BC Curriculum Overview](#)
- [CASEL](#) (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning)
- Social Emotional Learning Resources: [Second Step](#), [MindUP](#), [EASE](#)