

Panorama Park Elementary Week at a Glance

October 4, 2021 to October 8, 2021

Dear Panorama Park Parents and Families,

Our students now seem to be fully settled into their new classes and seem happy and adjusting well to new teachers and routines. This past week we focused on Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation. Our wonderful teachers have supported one another with sharing resources to help them teach, lead discussions and share the history of our Canadian Indigenous people and the subject of truth and reconciliation with our community in a thoughtful and sensitive manner.

A reminder that this week we have an early dismissal day on Thursday, October 7/2021 at 1:35 pm.

Update on Masks, School Based Vaccine Clinics, COVID - 19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Test Kits

- Masks: **Beginning Monday, October 4th the district's current COVID-19 mask mandate will be expanded to include all students in the district from kindergarten to Grade 12**. Masks are an effective layer of protection, in concert with other measures, and we are pleased to be able to take these steps. Please send your child with a mask to school.
- School-based vaccine clinics: The Surrey Board of Education will partner with Fraser Health to examine hosting vaccine clinics in our schools for the purpose of increasing vaccination rates in our communities where rates are low.
- COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle test kits: The Board will promote the use of <u>take-home COVID-19</u> Mouth Rinse/Gargle Sample Collection kits to families with children who become symptomatic

while at school. This initiative will help increase access to testing and work towards preventing COVID-19 transmission in the school environment.

• Notifications: We will continue to work with Fraser Health to do all we can to ensure that notification processes are timely, transparent, and include information about clusters.

All the best,

Jag and Harman

~ Ms. J Dhaliwal (Principal) & Mr H Gill (Vice Principal)

What's Happening This Week



Monday, October 4

• Terry Fox Week Begins

Tuesday, October 5

Wednesday, October 6

Thursday, October 7

• Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm (Assessment & Planning)

Friday, October 8

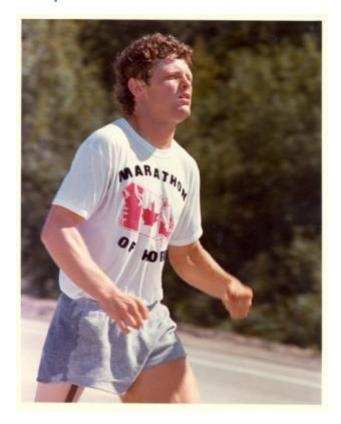
- Individual Student Pictures
- Terry Fox Week Ends

Picture Day is this Friday (October 8)



Students will have individual photos taken on Friday by Mountain West. Mountain West will be sending home an individual card to each student with a code to go online and order.

Terry Fox Week Re-Cap



Terry Fox Week:

Students will be participating in a variety of Terry - themed activities within their classrooms. Each teacher will be taking their class for a run during the week on our school grounds.

Donating to the Terry Fox Foundation:

If you would like to donate to the Terry Fox foundation, you can do so through by clicking $\underline{\text{here}}$. This is the link to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you for your support.

School Counsellor



Ms. Jessica Bahra Mangat (Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday) is our school counsellor. Ms. Bahra has introduced herself to classes last week, and also has started meeting with students who visited with the school counsellor before. This is her fourth year working with our school community.

Panorama Park Meet the Teacher Night



Unfortunately we couldn't hold a school wide, in - person, Meet the Teacher night at Panorama Park this year. Most teachers sent home a video, presentation, letter or package of documents. A few teachers also sent emails out during the week and will be following up next week or in coming weeks with more information. If you missed an email or didn't receive any information about your child's teacher or class, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher at school or by email.

Please Return School Forms



Students were sent home with some important school forms for parents to fill out a few weeks ago. If you haven't already, please complete / update the new **FreshGrade Information and Permission form** for each of your children at Panorama Park and return them to school as soon as possilbe. Thank you for your support.

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



It is important children get outside for some fresh air at morning and lunch recess times. Students will be sent outside for recess times (unless it is raining hard) 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 their learning time in the classroom afterward.

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.

Medications and Medical Alerts



If your child needs medication for an allergy or medical condition, please inform our office, your classroom teacher and ensure these medications are sent to our office as soon as possible. If your child has a medical alert that is new or we are not aware of, please contact our office to fill out a Medical Alert form so we have this information on hand.

School Online Payments



We are cash-less at Panorama Park and any school payments for things like planners and field trips can be done online. For more information please go to the Parent tab of our school website and select "School Fees Online" or click here.

Parent Email Contacts

Almost all communication at Panorama Park (both school wide and in individual classes) is done electronically. It is very important that we have your current email address.

- For school wide communication please make sure you have signed up for our school email list on our school website home page.
- For individual classes, most teachers have (or will be asking) for parent's emails in a document they send home. If you have not received this or would like to contact your child's teacher for any reason, please send them an email.

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 <u>K-12 daily health check website</u> and <u>mobile app</u> 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

- October 8 (Friday): Individual School Photos
- October 11 (Monday): Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
- October 21 (Thursday): Interim Reports sent home
- October 22 (Friday): Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)

Useful Links

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

- Surrey School District Website
- BC Curriculum Overview