



Panorama Park Elementary

April 12, 2021 to April 16, 2021

Message from our Vice Principal

Dear Panorama Park Community and Parents,

It is with a heavy heart that I share that I will be on a leave between now and the end of the school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to all of you during the next few months.

Sincerely,
Paulina Pekova
Vice Principal

What's Happening This Week



Monday, April 12

- Virtual Reading Challenge 9:15 am to 11:45 am

Tuesday, April 13

- **Wear Festive Clothing for Spring or (Vaisakhi, Passover, Easter, Ramadan) - Spirit Day**

Wednesday, April 14

- Ministry Assessment (PIRLS - International Reading Literacy Study) - Grade 4 students

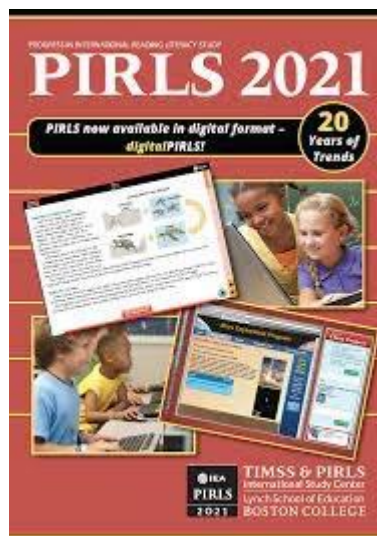
Thursday, April 15

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Friday, April 16

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PIRLS - International Reading Literacy Study Ministry Assessment - Grade 4 Students



Our grade four classes (face to face) have been randomly chosen to participate in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS), which will take place between April 14 to April 16, 2021. PIRLS is an important educational assessment investigating student achievement in reading. More than 60 countries, including Canada, are participating in this project.

Your child's school is one of many selected in Canada and the superintendent and principal of the school are fully aware of the project. Participation in this project will not affect your child's grades or progress in school and the results will not be reported for individual students or schools. Students will respond to questions after reading two passages and will fill out a short questionnaire. The assessment will take place at school during regular school hours. PIRLS is an important activity to keep us, as parents/guardians and citizens, informed about how our students in Canada are performing in comparison with their peers in other countries. This study will allow us to compare curricula and teaching practices as well. We will then be able to obtain the latest provincial, pan-Canadian, and international information, which will help improve the teaching and learning of language arts in our province.

Our grade four parents will be asked to complete an online questionnaire; the login information to access the questionnaire will be provided to our parents. The questionnaire covers home and school factors related to your child's learning environment and experiences. It should only take about 30 minutes to complete, and all responses will remain confidential. This questionnaire, along with your child's responses, will be used to gain a better understanding of factors related to how children learn at home and at school.

More information on this project is available at: <https://cmec.ca/399/Overview.html>. You may also refer to the IEA website at <https://timssandpirls.bc.edu/> (available in English only).

The information from this study will help to enhance the learning experience of our young students across Canada.

On behalf of CMEC/PIRLS and the British Columbia Ministry of Education, we would like to thank you for your support and for contributing to the success of this project.

March 27 Public Health Order: Masks Mandatory for all Grade 4 - 12 Students



Effective Saturday, March 27, our district will begin implementation of an Order of the Medical Health Officer, specific to Face Coverings in Surrey Schools. This Order is specific to our district and **requires all K-12 staff and all students in grades 4 to 12 to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are with their learning groups.**

Exceptions include:

- If an individual is unable to wear a face covering because of a psychological, behavioural or health condition; or a physical, cognitive, or intellectual impairment.
- If an individual is unable to put on or remove a face covering without the assistance of another person.
- While communicating with a person who has a hearing impairment.
- When an individual is actively eating or drinking.
- For teachers – if the face covering is removed while providing direct instruction at a distance of more than two metres from others.

For K-3 students, the Medical Health Officer **strongly recommends and encourages the wearing of a non-medical mask, consistent with the above exceptions.**

We recognize this will be a significant change for our elementary students in grades 4 – 7. The district will work closely with schools and our school will work closely with the community to communicate these new measures. We will continue to work with staff and families to ensure all of our students continue to have access to non-medical face masks.

Gathering on School Grounds



Recent updates to the Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings require that *“Parents/caregivers and other visitors should maintain physical distance and avoid crowding while on school grounds, including outside.”*

With so many people present during school drop-off and pick up, the risk of people coming into close contact with others is very high. As the weather starts to improve over the coming weeks and months, we know there will be greater temptation for people to stop and socialize during these times. However, we are asking you to leave the school grounds promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

COVID Protocols and Daily Health Checks



Provincial, School District and School Information

Provincial COVID 19 Information and Daily Health Checks

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has an extensive website about Covid 19 and BC Public Schools. Please click [here](#) to be taken to that page.

As indicated in the [Provincial COVID-19 Health Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#), which were updated February 4, parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school. Developed in partnership with Public Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control, and a group of students, the [K-12 daily health check website](#) and [mobile app](#) 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.

Surrey School District COVID 19 Information

The Surrey School District website maintains a COVID-19 Information page which contains regular video messages and updates from Surrey's Health and Safety Department and the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jordan Tinney. Please click [here](#) to find this important information.

If your child becomes ill while at school:

As per guidance from health authorities, any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff until they are picked up by a parent/guardian. The student and staff will both wear masks while waiting for the parent/guardian.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school has current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. Also, please ensure that you are always accessible by phone during the school day if your child is attending school, and, be prepared to pick-up your child(ren).

To help maintain a healthy learning environment: staff, families, and students are asked to practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (i.e. coughing and sneezing into your sleeve). Please review this with your child on a regular basis.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, their symptoms have resolved or they have been cleared by their physician.

Sending Home Work for Extended Absences



With the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in our school, some parents are choosing to keep their children home and are inquiring about missed work. We know this is a challenging time and appreciate that parents and caregivers are making difficult choices and doing what is best for their families. Please be assured that our school is following all the expected procedures to help keep our staff and students safe.

If you choose for your child to be absent for an extended period of time, please note the following:

- Please call the office to let us know your child will be absent and for what dates.
- Your child's teacher will not be able to put together a special package of lessons or homework for their absence. These cannot replace in-person learning that takes place in the classroom.
- Some teachers keep "While You are Away" folders with missed assignments they share with students when they return to school to help them catch up. You may be able to pick up this work while your child is away, for activities **already done** in class. Please contact your teacher to inquire if this is an option.
- There are many good home learning tools on our district resource site to support your child at home: <https://surreyschoolsone.ca>. Your child's teacher may also be able to suggest other websites and online resources specific to their classroom. Reading, keeping a journal or practicing letter formation, practicing math facts and discussing real life math problems are learning activities that parents can do with their children at home.
- Student login information to access digital tools can be found [here](#).