



June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

#### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- June 24            Last Day of school - **dismissal at 1:30pm**  
                      - Report Cards go home
- June 25            Administrative Day (school is not in session)

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Sept 7            School Opens (Gr. 1 – 7 students in session 10:00-11:00am)
- Sept 23           Meet the Teacher evening
- Sept 27           Non-instructional Day (school not in session)
- Sept 30           Orange Shirt Day

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**Dear Sunnyside Families,**

**What a year it has been! A big THANK YOU to our students, staff, and parents for making it such a fabulous year at Sunnyside. Throughout one of the most challenging years, students have shown resilience, growth, kindness and continued to make leaps and bounds in their education. We are proud of each and every one of our students.**

#### **Grade 7 Celebration**

Our wonderful Grade 7 students enjoyed a socially distanced leaving ceremony on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. A big thank you to the PAC for organizing some beautiful photo backdrops, balloons and kind gifts for our Grade 7s. Given the current restraints, the event was a special and memorable day for our students and we hope parents were able to enjoy the presentations virtually. We acknowledge the achievements our Grade 7s have made in a very challenging year and wish them all the best in the next chapter of their education.

#### **School Song**

Our Sunnyside Song is the result of a collaborative effort to create a common message that aligns with our school goal of supporting students with their social emotional learning. During lessons with our SEL lead teacher, students shared their experiences and talked about their connections to self, others and to a sense of place. Their ideas were used to create the lyrics and together with our music teacher, students practiced actions to accompany the song. While recognizing that learning involves patience and time, our hope is that all students learn to understand the power of resiliency in support of their well-being.

In addition to the school song, the students were taught the Jerusalema Dance choreography. The dance encourages everyone to move and appreciate the music together which resonates with many of us during

COVID times. To make this possible despite restrictions, we have employed some creative technology to turn our "together" into an unforgettable dance that we wish to share with our Sunnyside families.

School Song:

<https://youtu.be/wtGFXfMHoeI>

Sunnyside performing the Jerusalema Dance:

<https://youtu.be/VxHwnYFvYrYA>

### **Report Cards**

Final report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. If you have a child in the blended program who does not attend face-to-face sessions, you will be able to collect your child's report from outside the office on Thursday between 1.45pm and 3pm.

### **Lost and Found**

Students have been given the opportunity to look through the lost and found. If your child is missing a particular item, please remind them to have a good look. Any remaining items will be donated.

### **School supplies**

School supply lists for next year have been added to the school website. This year, parents have the option to purchase school supplies through the School Start Program and have their supplies conveniently delivered to their homes. A reminder that students will not need these supplies at school until the classes are set.

### **Friendly Reminders:**

We appreciate your cooperation in notifying the school office if you are moving and your child(ren) will not be returning to Sunnyside in September 2021. This information is very important as it assists us greatly in our planning process for next year. Also, if you will be on an extended vacation at the beginning of September and/or will not be attending the first day of school, please let the office know as soon as possible. We are unable to guarantee a space for any students that are a no-show, or are absent for more than 25 consecutive school days. If your child(ren) will miss more than 10 consecutive school days, please complete an extended vacation form. We appreciate your understanding and support in this manner. Thank you.

### **What will the school year look like in September?**

The Surrey School District will be working with the Provincial Health Office and Ministry of Education to establish new health and safety protocols for school start up in September. This information will be shared with families in an email prior to the first day of school.

On behalf of our staff, we want to thank you for supporting your children and making this such a wonderful year, despite the many challenges faced. We are very proud of this outstanding school community and truly feel honoured to be part of such a special place for students. We hope you have a restful and relaxing summer break with your family.

Sincerely,

Lys Paredes & Brandi Scott  
Principals