



01 October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a unique start to our school year, with the start of face to face and creation of blended programs. We want to thank each of you for the support and kind words many of you have shared with our school community. We have appreciated the support and understanding from our parents as we have worked through this years' complexities.

This year we have almost 800 students (36 divisions) attached to our school community, with approximately 20% of our students participating in the blended program. Last year, we shared that we would have lots of changes and movement this year. Our school has grown exponentially over the last few years resulting in many portables on site. Many of our parents participated with our SD36 district staff and South Surrey parent community as we went through a consultation process regarding boundary changes early last year. As a result, Sunnyside will be acting as a satellite site for our students who will be going to nearby and newly built schools during this school year. We anticipate that our Douglas Elementary students will be moving in November 2020 (approximately 100 students), and our Edgewood Elementary students will be moving in January 2021 (approximately 70 students). Since our first group of Douglas students will be leaving in the early part of the first term, we did not bring any more portables to the property. We wanted to preserve as much playground space as possible for our students. We have been using our library and gym as temporary classrooms until November. Once Douglas and Edgewood students have left for their new school sites, our 3 portables from the lower field and 3 portables from the front of the property will be removed to prepare our school for our 2 story, 10 classroom addition being built at the front of our school (beginning March 2021). The removal of portables from the lower field will create much needed play space for students. With the goal of making more space for students and to allow for physical distancing, we are having two recess and lunch playtimes this year. This has successfully worked to reduce the crowding on the playground and allow kids to safely spread out more with peers.

This year will look different for our school community, as we cannot hold our school wide PAC events such as the hot lunch program, Halloween dance, pancake breakfasts, etc. Our wonderful PAC will still be meeting and building plans to support our school community remotely. Our next PAC meeting is Thursday Oct 1 at 6:30 pm. PAC elections are on the agenda, please consider joining our PAC executive. The meeting will be held with the use of ZOOM.

Our office staff will be sending out Student verification forms for parents virtually next week. Please take the time to update your child's contact information, parent emails/phone numbers, etc. Moving forward, most of our school communication will be emailed to parents, in addition to our school App, and school website. We want to stay connected with families, to share timely updates, info about weather related school closures, to send newsletters, and to send information from the Provincial Health office regarding Daily Health checks, community exposures, etc. Please ensure the contact info we have for you is correct.

We would like to thank our parent community for parking in the neighborhood and walking to the school grounds. Our parking lot is functioning in a more orderly and safe manner this September. A friendly reminder, the kiss and go is not a parking area for parents. If your child is unable to independently exit/enter your vehicle, then this drop off area is not for you. Please find a parking spot in the lower lot or the neighborhood to allow for the extra time

you need to load/disembark. The kiss and go area is intended to be a quick drop off/pick up area. We remind parents of the importance for student safety, to drive slowly at all times in the drop off zone.

Reminders for parents

To help keep our staff and students safe Parents/Guardians are not permitted in the school building at this time. We understand this can be inconvenient for families (it is strange for us too) so below we have outlined some procedures that parents and guardians need to be aware of.

- Parents are reminded they need to respect social distancing rules while on school grounds. Please maintain a 2 meter distance from each other at all times.
- Please ensure children come to school with everything they need as we can't accept drop offs of any outside items. Items that students need daily are;
 - ❖ weather appropriate clothing
 - ❖ lunch
 - ❖ snack
 - ❖ water bottles
 - ❖ all utensils they will need to eat their food, the school does not provide these
- All students should have a change of clothes available at school in case of inclement weather or mishaps
- If your child arrives late to school, they enter through the lower doors and make their own way to the office to check in. Teachers have been working with students to ensure they know where to go. Parents/Guardians are not permitted in the school building at this time.
- If you need to take your child(ren) from school during the day for appointments, etc. please phone the school 5-10 minutes prior to the time you need to collect your child(ren) so we can arrange for your child(ren) to meet you. Students will exit out the front door of the school once we see you arrive. Parents/Guardians are not permitted in the school building.
- We are discouraging the student use of the office phone (to prevent contact with high touch surfaces). Please ensure arrangements for pick up at the end of the day are agreed upon before school. In cases of emergency, the office staff are more than happy to communicate changes with your child(ren).

Ms. L. Paredes & Ms. B. Scott
Principals

Daily COVID-19 Health Check

The school does not play a role in screening students for symptoms, checking temperatures, or COVID-19 testing. Please perform this daily health check with your children. If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, please do NOT send your child to school.

Parent and caregiver responsibilities - Daily screenings start at home. Ask these questions before coming to school:

- Does your child have symptoms of a common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease (such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing)?
- Has your child been outside Canada in the last 14 days?
- Has your child been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, you must keep your child at home, self-isolate, and seek care from a health-care provider (call 8-1-1 for guidance).

If a student develops symptoms of illness at school:

The student will be asked to wear a mask (their own or we provide them one). They will wait in a designated spot until they can be picked up. They will remain in a designated room and supervision will be provided. Arrangements will be made for the student to go home as soon as possible. The area where the child was will be disinfected. The student/family is encouraged to seek assessment by a health-care provider.

Fraser Health will be responsible for notifying any families if there is a confirmed case of Covid, or if it becomes necessary to self-isolate to monitor for symptoms. The school does not notify families.

Bell Schedule 2020 - 2021

8:30 am	First Bell
8:35 am	Classes Commence
10:15 am	Recess Begins (Primary)
10:30 am	Recess Ends (Primary)
10:30 am	Recess Begins (Intermediate)
10:45 am	Recess Ends (Intermediate)
11:50 am	Lunch Begin
	<i>Primary Students Eat (20 mins)</i>
	<i>Intermediate Students Outside (20 mins)</i>
12:10 pm	<i>Primary Students Outside (20 mins)</i>
	<i>Intermediate Students Eat (20 mins)</i>
12:30 pm	Bell
	<i>Classes commence</i>
2:30 pm	Classes Dismissed

School Calendar 2020 – 2021

October 12, 2020	Thanksgiving
October 23, 2020	Non-instructional Day
October 27, 2020	Interim reports sent home
November 6, 2020	Non-instructional Day
November 11, 2020	Remembrance Day
December 8, 2020	Formal reports sent home
December 15, 2020	Early dismissal - 1.30 pm Online parent/teacher conferences
December 18, 2020	Last day of school before winter break
December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2021	Winter Break
January 4, 2021	First day of school after Winter Break
January 13, 2021	Early dismissal – 1.30 pm
February 15, 2021	Family Day
February 19, 2021	Non-instructional Day
February 24, 2021	Pink Shirt Day
March 2, 2021	Term 2 Reports sent home
March 9, 2021	Early dismissal – 1.30 pm Online parent/teacher conferences
March 12, 2021	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 15, 2021 – March 26, 2021	Spring Break
March 29, 2021	First day of school after Spring Break
April 2, 2021	Good Friday
April 5, 2021	Easter Monday
May 4, 2021	Interim reports sent home or student lead conferences
May 7, 2021	Non-instructional Day
May 24, 2021	Victoria Day
May 31, 2021	Non-instructional Day
June 24, 2021	Last day of school – early dismissal – 1.30 pm Final Reports sent home