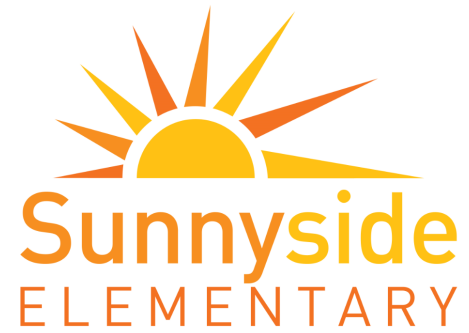


07 December 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians;

As we come to the end of the first term of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sunnyside student and parent community for making our first term such a great success. There have been many changes and challenges that our community has faced since September start up. We have appreciated the support, kind words and patience of our community as we worked together to create a new sense of normal during an evolving time.

We would like to thank the Sunnyside parent community for your continued effort and commitment in supporting a quality education for your children. We value the support our students receive from home in terms of helping with homework, daily reading and playing math games to develop fluency. Thank you to each of you for making Sunnyside such an amazing school, we feel very fortunate to be part of this community of learners. We appreciate your contributions as we work together as a team to enhance student learning and opportunities for social, emotional and academic development. The support of our parents makes Sunnyside a very special place for students.

One of our school's greatest strengths is that we encourage regular home and school communication. Although we currently have restrictions with face-to-face meetings, we encourage both staff and parents to reach out and stay connected. Telephone conversations, written notes, planner messages, virtual meetings, and email messages can all be effective for keeping in touch as we work together to support students.

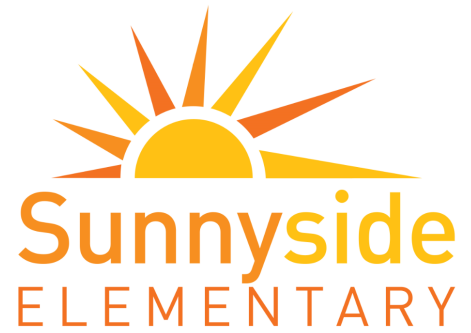
We would also like to thank our PAC for their continued support in providing additional resources for our students and school. Despite restrictions this year, our amazing PAC continues to support students through fundraising efforts, having raised funds to supplement classroom purchases with \$200 per division. We are very grateful for your support. Our next virtual PAC meeting is Thursday January 14 at 9:00 am.

As we have stated before, we are very proud of our school and look forward to continuing to work closely with this community of learners. A reminder to parents, our virtual door is always open, so please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or feedback ☺

On behalf of the Sunnyside staff, we wish you a safe and relaxing holiday with family and the best in 2021.

Please continue to read below for important information.

Ms. Paredes & Ms. Scott
Principals



Sunnyside Spirit Days

Tomorrow, Tuesday December 8 is our first Sunnyside Spirit Day for this school year. Students are encouraged to wear red and green festive wear.

The next spirit day will be December 18 – Pajama Day.

Going forward, any Friday without a specific spirit day theme, we welcome students to wear their Sunnyside spirit wear or the official school colours of royal blue and yellow.

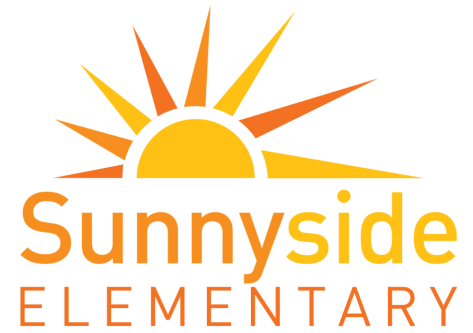
Reporting Term One

This week our students will be coming home with formal term one reports, either CSL or FreshGrade. Please look for the letter coming home on Tuesday, December 8 asking you to review and discuss your child's progress this term. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. We have an early dismissal scheduled for December 15 at 1:30 pm. The virtual parent teacher conferences on Tuesday, December 15, start at 1:45pm. Please email your child's teacher to book a virtual time to discuss your child's learning and progress. If this date and time do not work for you, please ask your child's teacher for an alternate time.

When our teachers communicate student learning to families, they have a choice of two formats. They can either use the *Student Progress Report*, which is a paper document, or *FreshGrade*, which is a digital platform. On Tuesday, December 8, your child's teacher will share your students' progress via one of these formats. If the teacher uses *FreshGrade*, your child would have simply received a form that reminded you how to access *FreshGrade*, with a section for parent feedback and signature. *FreshGrade* provides real-time communication of your child's learning, meaning that teachers are providing posts and assessments continuously rather than all at once. Teachers have reported on those aspects of the curriculum that have been a major emphasis for the term. For a complete listing of the provincial curriculum, visit: www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca. Our school continues to report progress using a Performance Scale (with no letter grades for grade 4-7), as per previous years. Please read the comments listed on FreshGrade and/or on the Student Progress Report, and discuss the learning with your child. Whether your child has a FreshGrade portfolio or received the Student Progress Report, please sign and return the form to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you.

Blended Families

On Monday December 14, we will be sending out classroom placements for those students who are leaving Blended learning and returning to face-to-face instruction beginning on January 4. This confirmation will come to families in the form of an email via MyEd. The email will contain the division and teacher assignment information for your child. If you did not receive an email, please call the office after Tuesday, December 15. As was outlined in a previous notice, we will not be reshuffling Blended classes. Students who indicated they would stay with Blended learning, will not see a change in teacher or their assigned division.



Early Dismissal

As outlined in an earlier letter dated December 1, from our Superintendent, Dr. Jordan Tinney, the district has announced that on December 11, there will be a district-wide early dismissal. For schools who need to re-organize, this will be time for them to create classes. At Sunnyside, we will take this time with staff to review our District Health and Safety protocols, and review ways that we are providing supports for vulnerable students. Our early dismissal time will be 11:50 am on December 11, 2020.

Parking and Drop Off/Pick up Etiquette

Please model safety & caring for all our children by following our safety rules:

- Please do not park and leave your vehicle in the Kiss & Go area or staff parking areas at any time.
- The Kiss & Go area is for a quick drop off and pick up only. **If your child is unable to get in or out of the vehicle without assistance, this area is not for you.** We want to keep traffic flowing safely and steadily. Please park in the lower gravel parking lot or in the neighborhood and walk to drop off or collect your child.
- The middle parking lot is for staff parking only, not for student pick up or drop off. Please be respectful of the signage provided.
- Arrive earlier for drop offs to miss the traffic (supervision outside starts at 8:20 am).
- Please pull into the Kiss & Go lane for pick up/drop off only.
- Please do not try to cut ahead of other cars as their passengers unload. This could result in a serious injury to a child.
- In the Kiss & Go lane, please pull as far ahead as possible so that more vehicles can drop off children.
- Do not park in the driveway of our neighbors' homes or block driveways.
- Always drive 10 km or less in the parking lot or loop.
- Cones are set up in NO PARKING zones. If there are no visitor parking spots, please park in the neighborhood and walk in.
- If you leave your vehicle, you must be in a legal parking spot.
- Please be aware that there is no left turn out of our parking lots at pick-up and drop-off times. Thank you for being mindful of the signage.
- If you are walking your children to and from school, please cross the street at pedestrian cross-walks only. Student safety is our priority.