



December 10, 2021

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 as we continue to work through COVID protocols and our 10-classroom addition. We have appreciated the support, kind words and patience of our community as we worked together 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 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. We feel very fortunate to be part of this community of learners.

One of our school's greatest strengths is that we encourage regular home and school communication. We encourage both staff and parents to reach out and stay connected. Telephone conversations, written notes, planner messages, virtual meetings, scheduled face-to face 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. They have organized monthly hot lunches, spirit wear orders, and Purdy's orders. These events help fund supplemental classroom purchases with \$200 per division, library resources, and more. We are very grateful for your support.

As we have stated before, we are very proud of our school, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with this community of learners. A reminder to parents, our 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 all the best in 2022.

Please continue to read below for important information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Paredes & Ms. Scott

Principals

## **Reporting Term One**

Next week our students will be coming home with formal term one reports, either CSL or a digital portfolio. Please look for the cover letter coming home on Tuesday, December 14 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 do not have an early dismissal date attached to this term one report but please feel free to call or email your child's teacher to discuss any questions you have regarding your child's learning and progress.

When our teachers communicate student learning to families, they have a choice of two formats. They can either use the CSL Student Progress Report, which is a paper document, or a digital portfolio (FreshGrade or Spaces), which is a digital platform. On Tuesday, December 14, your child's teacher will share your students' progress via one of these formats. If the teacher uses a digital portfolio, you will receive a form that reminds you how to access the portfolio, with a section for parent feedback and signature. Digital portfolios provide 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](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca).

Our school continues to report progress using a Proficiency Scale (with no letter grades), as per previous years. Please read the comments listed on the digital portfolio and/or on the Student Progress Report and discuss the learning with your child. Whether your child has a portfolio or received the CSL Student Progress Report, please sign and return the form to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you.

## **Sunnyside Spirit Days**

To celebrate the holiday season we have a number of upcoming spirit wear days:

December 15 – Ugly Sweater or Red and Green Festive Wear Day

December 16 – Santa Hat Day

December 17 – Pajama Day & Bring a Stuffy Day, Sunnyside Spirit Wear Day (every Friday)

## **Student Leadership**

We have an amazing group of students working to make our school the best place it can be through service work. Our goal with this team is to have Student Voice be a part of decision making for engaging and building a strong and connected community of learners. These students come from grade 4 (junior leaders) and grade 5-7 (intermediate leaders). Student leaders give their time to work in primary classrooms as lunch monitors, recess monitors, daily PA announcers, hot lunch helpers, and for special events such as our recent food and toy drive, while still maintaining their academic work. We thank these students for the contributions they make each and everyday.

We also want to thank our parent community for making our Food and Toy Drive such a success. Your generosity for helping Abbotsford families impacted by the flooding was heart-warming and allowed students a chance to see how we can successfully work together to help our greater community.



### Renovation Updates

Our school community is very excited to witness the progression of the construction for our 10-classroom addition. There are many days when students can be seen standing along the construction fence during recess or lunch watching the construction crews while they work. We have recently seen the delivery of our steel beams for the second floor, allowing for the framing for the second floor to go up. Soon the second floor will have cement poured. It is very exciting, and so far, we are still on schedule.







### Vaccine Information for children ages 5 to 11

Public health has created a number of resources to support parents in making an informed decision on vaccination. We have been asked by the district to share these resources:

- BCCDC: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccines-children>
  - There is a helpful FAQ document listed on this website - [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19\\_vaccine/Vaccine\\_children\\_5\\_11.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_vaccine/Vaccine_children_5_11.pdf)
- FraserHealth: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine#.YalCQPnMKUk>
  - This contains information specific to booking appointments in Fraser Region.
  - You will also find resources on talking to kids about getting the vaccine towards the bottom of the webpage. There are Youtube clips to share, as well as a one-pager available in English, Arabic, Punjabi, Simplified + Traditional Chinese and Tigrigna.

### Parking and Drop Off/Pick Up Etiquette

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

- Please do not park and leave your vehicle in the Kiss and Go area or staff parking areas at any time.
- The kiss and go area is for quick drop off and pick up only. **If your child is unable to get in or out of the vehicle without assistance, then 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 neighbourhood and walk to drop off or collect your child.
- The middle parking lot is closed for construction vehicle use only (and is a foot path between 8:15am-2:45pm)
- Arrive earlier for drop offs to miss the traffic (outside supervision starts at 8.20am).
- Please pull into the kiss and 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 and 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 neighbours' homes or block driveways.
- Always drive 10km 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 neighbourhood 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 this signage.
- If you are walking your children to and from school, please cross the street at pedestrian crosswalks only. Student safety is our priority.

### **Weather Related Closures**

As we enter the season of snow we wanted to share how parents can stay informed about school closure. Given the varying weather conditions across Surrey, a variety of factors are considered before a decision by the Superintendent's office to close schools is made, including road, sidewalk and parking lot conditions, and issues such as power outages and other emergent matters.

A decision to close schools or delay openings will be made by 7 a.m. Except under extreme circumstances, all schools and offices in the district will remain open if at all possible. Typically, no announcement will be made that schools are open. Only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced.

Weather-related closures and delayed openings will be communicated by the Superintendent's office via:

- Website: [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca)
- Twitter: [@Surrey\\_Schools](https://twitter.com/Surrey_Schools)
- Facebook: [SurreySchools](https://www.facebook.com/SurreySchools)
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