

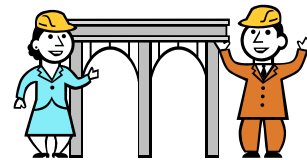


Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we start February, it is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. It is always a pleasure to visit classrooms and see the students involved in lessons and activities. Some of the most rewarding times for me are listening to a child read, watching a small group of students discuss a project that utilizes technology, admiring creative art projects and reading journal entries or other writing assignments. The students are always eager to share their work and many wonderful samples are displayed on the hall bulletin boards.

On Wednesday, Feb 24th we will be celebrating Anti-Bully Day. We are encouraging students and staff to wear something pink. During our virtual assembly, we will talk to students about celebrating differences. Throughout the year, we talk to students about **"Making positive connections"** and that this is not the same as making friends, although that might be a good thing that happens. Making positive connections is like **building a bridge** - small steps towards making the distance between us and others smaller and supportive. Connecting with other people is about **how we speak and act towards others**, even if they are NOT our friends. At Sunnyside, **we try very hard to work and play with EVERYONE in kind and respectful ways**. This means that we create **an environment of respect**:

- We **LOOK** at others when we speak to them.
- We **LISTEN ATTENTIVELY** when others speak to us.
- We use a pleasant **TONE OF VOICE**.
- We are **RESPECTFUL** in words and actions, even of others we are not friends with.
- We appreciate that we are all **DIFFERENT** in our own ways.



We ask students to think...Are YOU a builder of bridges?

We have a few renovation updates to share. We have had a few delays in getting our 10-room addition started (due to COVID such as access to construction supplies, labour supply, etc.). As we move ahead with this renovation, our front 3 portables are now scheduled for removal on Friday, February 19 (on the Pro-d). This will allow us to prep the front property, and get fencing up in March to begin our renovation during Spring break. We anticipate the lower gravel field portables will be removed at a later date. Our anticipated completion date for the 10-room addition is September 2022.

We want to thank our parent community for ensuring that they continue to complete a health-check for their child(ren) each morning. We appreciate this support as we work to maintain our COVID protocols every day. Please use the new [K-12 Health-Checker App](#) for daily health-checks.

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

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 15 - Family Day (no school for students and staff)
Feb 19 - Pro-D Day (no school for students)
Feb 24 - Anti-Bully Pink Shirt day
Mar 3 – Individual photo retake day
Mar 9 - Early Dismissal (1:30 pm)



Kindergarten Registration Open Online

A reminder to all our parents; September Kindergarten registrations for 2021/22 are still being accepted online. If you have a child or know of a neighbour who will be turning 5 this year, please see the [Kindergarten Registration Flyer](#) for information specific to this registration process.

Grade One Registration

If your child **did not attend Kindergarten** during the 2020/2021 school year and they intend to start grade one, please go to [Surrey Schools Registration Site](#) to re-register your child. Please pass this information on to anyone that you know who may have a child in a similar circumstance.

Report Cards

On **Tuesday, March 2nd**, your children will bring home their second formal report card. Please read the comments and discuss them with your son or daughter. The report card contains comments by the teacher on the student's work habits and behaviour, as well as a list of learning outcomes for each subject area such as language arts, math, fine arts, etc. The learning outcomes are taken directly from the prescribed provincial curriculum. Teachers will report on those aspects of the curriculum that have been a major emphasis for the term. Students' prescribed learning outcomes determine their mark in a subject area. For a complete listing of the provincial curriculum, visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/lo.htm.

Parent/Teacher Online Conferences

Tuesday, March 9

Early Dismissal – 1:30pm

On Tuesday, March 9th, all students will be **dismissed at 1:30pm**. This will allow time to conduct online parent/teacher conferences. If you would like an interview with your son or daughter's teacher, please email your child's classroom teacher directly. If a convenient time on March 9th cannot be arranged, please email your child's teacher to arrange an alternate date and time.

How to Get the Most from a Parent/Teacher Conference

When parents and teachers work together, they make an unbeatable team. Parent conferences can help build the teamwork that help students learn better. Some planning by parents can help make conferences a success.

- 1) Think about what you want to learn in the conference. Prepare some questions, for example;
 - How is my child doing in class?
 - Does my child use his/her time well? Does he/she have good work habits?
 - Does my child have friends? How well does he/she get along with others?
 - What can I do at home to support what the teacher is doing?
- 2) Talk with your child. Ask what he/she thinks the teacher will say. Ask if he/she has any concerns, and talk about likes, dislikes, problems, and successes.

- 3) Ask the teacher to explain anything you do not understand. Special programs and services for students are sometimes referred to by their initials. For example, "LST" means "Learner Support Team".
- 4) Be prepared to talk and listen. Tell the teacher what you see at home. Talk about your child's interests. Tactfully talk about any concerns and be sure to let the teacher know about anything that might affect your child's learning.
- 5) Is my child meeting your expectations?
- 6) What can I do to help?

Valentine's Day Celebrations

A friendly reminder that due to Covid safety concerns, students are not permitted to bring in food treats, candy, pencils, gifts, etc. for classmates this year. The only approved item for sharing at this time are Valentine's day cards (paper products). If an unapproved item is sent to school, please know, we have asked staff to return the item home with your child at the end of the day. We appreciate your understanding during this time.

