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WELCOME BACK!

It is so wonderful to be back at school and to see our students again! We have also welcomed back 40 students who had previously doing TL. Our teachers and classmates are so happy to have more and more students returning to school...It's where kids belong!



If you drop off at the front of the school, you may have noticed a nod to Star Wars Day (May the 4th be with you!) and Cinco de Mayo, an important Mexican holiday, on May 5th.

May 5th is also the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

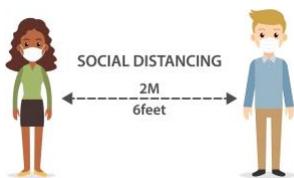


This Sunday is Mother's Day! Thank you to the mothers and caregivers who care for all of us. We are so lucky to have you!

MASK MANDATE

Thank you, parents, for supporting the mask mandate that requires all students in Grades 4-7 to wear a mask in the classroom! While not required, we also encourage primary students to wear masks as well. Masks are not required outdoors, however, we still encourage mask wearing outside as an additional layer of protection.

PARENT/CAREGIVER PICK UP, DROP OFF, AND GATHERING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL



We need your support and assistance in maintaining physical distancing when outside the school either dropping off or picking up your children. Children are allowed to play with other children across cohorts when outside, however, children are expected to avoid physical contact and aim to practice physical distancing. **Adults such as parents/caregivers who are not part of the school's cohort structure need to remain 2m away from other adults and children not in their**

family, as directed by the Provincial Health Officer for all British Columbians. This applies at classroom doors and everywhere else on the school grounds. We want to work together so our school communities continue to be healthy and safe.

FOLLOWING PROVINCIAL HEALTH GUIDELINES

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we know that Covid fatigue set in for many people a long time ago and the continuing restrictions on activities are frustrating for some. At the same time, our school is relying on parents to ensure that they are following the guidelines themselves, as what you do outside of school has an impact on what happens at school. The variants that have arrived are affecting entire families, not just the adults, so if parents are not careful to follow guidelines in their work places or are getting together with other people and not following mask-wearing and social distancing rules, our whole community is put at risk. Even if people are your friends, they can still give you Covid! We have provided a safe environment for our staff and students at school and need your help to keep it safe. Thank you so much for thinking about the well-being of our entire community!

LEAVE THE CAR AT HOME!



Since the weather is improving, we hope that more families will leave their cars at home before and after school as much as possible and walk or wheel themselves to school. It avoids congestion in the parking lot and the roads surrounding the school, is better for the environment, promotes better health and gives some extra family time.

If you must drive, please ensure that you follow parking signs and guidelines for using the drop-off lane. Also, please use the crosswalk if you are crossing the street with your children. We have met with the City of Richmond and have asked for another crosswalk to be put at the front of the school.

GR. 7 FAREWELL AND BABY PHOTOS

In the next few weeks, we will send out an invitation for Gr. 7 parents to join a Zoom meeting to discuss the Gr. 7 Farewell for this year. Please keep in mind that the event will be similar to last year...socially distanced and following all Health and Safety rules.

Also, please look for a baby photo of your Gr. 7 child that we can use as part of our Farewell events. We are going to ask you to give them to us after the May long weekend, so if you can get them ready now, we won't have any delays later. More information will be provided about how to send the photos to us.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May 21	Professional Day	No school for students (in-person or TL)
May 24	Victoria Day	School closed