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March 2022 Newsletter

Hello everyone

It has been so amazing having the longer days over the past few weeks. The sunlight brings with it a renewed energy for our entire school community. With the warmer weather we would like to remind you that if your child is riding their bike or scooter to school they need to wear a helmet and remember to walk their bike/scooter when on school property.

We also received COVID test kits from the Ministry of Education. If you would like a package of these kits for your child, you will need to pick it up from the office as we are not sending them home with students.

If you know of someone moving to our area or you plan to move away, please let us know in the office as we are beginning the process of planning for the next school year.

We hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable spring break, and we look forward to seeing you all again on March 28.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Paddington and Mrs. Krell



Important Dates

March 7

Earthquake Drill

March 9

Student-Led Conferences—
school not in session

March 8—March 9

Book Fair

March 14—25

Spring Break

Please ensure that you perform a Daily Health Check on your child every morning, and follow the directions as to when to keep them home. (see website to download K-12 health check App)

Bell Schedule

8:45 School Starts

10:30-10:45 Recess

12:00-1:00 Lunch

2:30 Dismissal

Provincial COVID-19 Guidelines for K-12 Settings

In accordance with provincial guidelines provided over winter break, additional focused actions and prevention measures are in place in response to the recent rise of cases of Covid-19 to ensure schools have effective measures in place to prevent transmission of this disease.

Schools have been mandated to implement additional prevention measures, including:

- providing regular reminders to students, families and staff about the importance of completing a DAILY HEALTH CHECK, staying home when sick, and following public health recommendations.
- Having staff demonstrate and model how to practice personal prevention measures at school (e.g. wearing a mask, hand hygiene, etc.).
- Sharing trusted information from the BC Centre for Disease Control.
- Desk/table arrangements have been modified in classrooms to avoid/limit face-to-face seating arrangements.
- As all classrooms have exterior doors for entrance/exit, there is no need to stagger our start/dismissal times.
- Measures have been taken to limit/prevent traffic and congestion in the hallways and shared spaces.
- Lunch time play will be split into zones.
- Parents are not permitted in the school without purpose and volunteers are not allowed at this time.

Expectations for Parents/Guardians

- **Each morning before school** complete a Student Daily Health Check with your student. There is an App available on the district website that may be used for the purpose, and it may also be downloaded to mobile devices.
- **If your student is sick** keep them home.
- **If your student shows signs of illness during the day** they will be sent home. Please ensure that you have someone available to pick your child promptly. Upon arrival please phone the school office (250-923-4266) and your child will be sent out the main entrance doors to meet you.
- **Masks must be worn by all students** inside the school (unless exempted by administration). Masks must have a proper fit and should be 3-ply. For this reasons, bandanas are not acceptable. Although we do have a supply of disposable masks, we ask that you provide your child with a mask and a spare in their backpack.
- **Outside Play** will be split into zones. At this time, we also strongly suggest that students wear their masks during outside play.
- **Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up** - Do not get out of your car unless necessary. If you have a very young child and feel you need to walk them to their classroom door please wear a mask and respect social distancing. You can watch your late student go through the main entrance doors to meet Mrs. Worsley to sign in.
- **If Meeting a Staff Member** contact the office and follow the health protocols when entering the building.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4 
7	8 Book Fair	9 Student Led Conferences	10	11 
14	15	16	17	18
SPRING BREAK				
21	22	23	24	25
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28	29	30 Gr. 4/5 Drum Making	31	

March Birthdays

A huge springtime birthday wish to our March kids!

Mackenzie J.	Daemyn K.
Franco S.	Milo M.
Michael W.	Declan C.
Landyn H.	Alexander V.
Kaia P.	Everett P.
Macy S.	Lily P.
Alexis M.	Cohen B.
Anna M.	Neve B.
Tommy R.	Connor D.
Adeline O.	Athlon W.
Lukis D.	Aubrey L.
Demetrius T.	Caidence S.
Olivia C.	



Reporting Student Absences

We require parent/guardian notification of student absences EACH day (unless you have pre-notified of a block absence).

Two ways:

(1) Phone

250-923-4248,
Option 2 for
Attendance Line

(2) Email

sandowne@sd72.bc.ca

When leaving a message please state the REASON for the absence (ie sick, appointment, vacation, etc.)

We track for health reasons. Thank you!



Sandowne PAC is having a used garden tool drive to collect gently used items for the new garden. We are looking for items that are in reasonably good repair including...

Trowels, cultivators, spades, rakes, hoes, forks, pruners, a wheelbarrow, and a compost bin! A few tomato cages and bamboo or wood stakes.

If you have any of these items and are interested in donating, please post a quick note on the Facebook Sandowne PAC page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/645374105612331> and we will send you a message and arrange pick up 😊

Thank you!
Sandowne Garden Committee

Battle of the Books

Well done to all our Battle of Books teams, you all did **FANTASTIC**.

A HUGE congratulations to Diana, Walker and Kate for winning the Zone and competing at the District— Way to go!!

