



November 2, 2020

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## Dates to Remember:

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – PAC Bottle Drive – 10:00-1:00 in Godson Parking Lot

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Holiday

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate ‘Diwali’

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting @ 6:30 in Big Gym

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Theme – Crazy Hair Day

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – Term #1 - Report Cards Home

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Non Instructional Day #3 – No school for students

Wednesday & Thursday, December 2&3 – 1 Hour Early Dismissal (Dismiss @ 1:23)

Wednesday, December 16 – Theme – Red & Green Day

Thursday, December 17 – Theme – Christmas Hat Day

Friday, December 18 – Theme – P.J. Day

Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1 – Christmas Break

Monday, January 4 – Students back to school

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Theme – Crazy Hat Day

Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4 - FSA's – Begin

## Remembrance Day Reflections –Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM

As we are not able to have school assemblies at this time, our Remembrance Day activities will need to happen in classrooms. Next Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM, our activities will be started with Mr. Laird on the PA, sharing the indigenous acknowledgement, leading in O Canada, and in the moment of silence, then letting students know that the remainder of the service will happen in their classroom, as they review short videos songs, poems, and reflections of from Godson classes and groups of students. It is the first time it has been done in this way. Although it is very different from the norm, we felt strongly that due to the regard we as Canadians have for the men and women who have fought to keep peace in our world, Remembrance Day reflections need to happen again this year. The time and efforts of many Godson students has allowed us to all enjoy Remembrance Day reflections again this year.

## 2020 Christmas Compilation – ‘12 Days of Canadian Christmas’

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our annual Christmas Concert at Abby Arts Center this year. While we are saddened by this, Godson teachers have come up with an idea that will showcase all Godson students – both their singing and their artwork. The project is called ‘12 Days of Canadian Christmas’. In the weeks ahead, I will provide more information about this compilation. Stay tuned!

## **October Was Emergency Drill Month**

Throughout the month of October, students and staff participated in all four emergency drills ... and, overall, did a great job! The purpose of practicing these drills is so we will be better prepared, should a real emergency occur.

## **AM/PM Parking Issues – Warning - Police and Parking Bi-Laws will be Ticketing**

Student and public safety are top priority. As such, police and bylaw offices will be ticketing vehicles illegally parked or blocking residents' driveways, emergency service vehicle routes, or in the middle of the cul de sac. If you are having a difficult time finding a legal place to park, I would like to offer a few suggestions:

1. Connect with another family and carpool (I would suggest alternating weeks, so it is equitable)
2. If you live close to the school, walk your child to/from school each day
3. Arrive early (20-30 minutes before the bell) to get a limited parking spot, and have your child/ren remain in the vehicle with you until staff supervisors are in place
4. Park in the Mill Lake parking lot on the North side of Bevan, across from the school, and walk your child/ren across the pedestrian cross walk and to the school. There is often lots of space in this parking lot, and it is not a restricted use lot. And, the walk is not too far.

## **Animals on School Grounds**

A reminder that animals are not allowed on school district property. Please do not bring your dogs to school when picking up or dropping off your child.

## **Weather**

It looks like the rains might be here for a while, and it is important that students are ready for the cooler, wetter weather. At school, this means raincoats, boots, hats and gloves, as needed, even umbrellas. All too often children show up at school unprepared to be outside. As parents, please make sure your child(ren) are prepared for the weather. Thanks in advance!



## **Lunches**

We ask that students to bring their nutritious lunch each day. We also ask that the students' lunches and snacks are nutritious – what we call “Brain” food (no pop, no chips). Please note that hot lunches cannot be dropped off at the school at this time.

## **Leaving Early**

Does your child need to leave early for an appointment? If yes, please make sure you message the teacher and/or office beforehand. This way, the teacher will have him/her ready for the time required.

# *Parent Advisory Council*

**Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:30 pm - Big Gym - Join us!**

## **Important Safety Guidelines and Protocols**

Although this year will be different, it is so good students are back in classrooms! Know that we will continue to do our best to ensure guidelines and protocols are followed to keep everyone safe. Listed below are the district protocols we will be following. Please review these guidelines to become more familiar. We would also ask that you regularly review this with your child, as we work to all be consistent in keeping everyone safe.

### **General Safety Measures**

- The district follows the provincial government recommendations for K-12 settings found <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school#health-safety>
- Parents are expected to keep child home if symptomatic
- Adults needing to meet with staff must make an appointment before coming into the school. When possible, meetings are encouraged to take place outdoors.

- Parent volunteers are not currently permitted to be in classrooms
- Students will be part of a learning group not exceeding 60, including staff
- Bells will be turned off because of staggered arrival/outside/dismissal times
- Staff will watch for children who are showing signs of COVID, besides regular symptoms due to allergies
- Children who are symptomatic will be brought to office and be immediately given a mask: while supervised, and family will be contacted for immediate pick up.
- Students who go home with symptoms are welcome back once a medical professional has been consulted.

### **Physical Spaces**

- Students should avoid travel through hallways, except going to the learning group's assigned bathroom
- Stay to the right of traffic flow in hallways
- Bathrooms have been designated to learning groups and have a bathroom pass
- One student in bathroom at a time

### **Student Expectations at School**

- Students should not play on the playground(s) before school and after school
- Students line up with physical distancing outside designated entrance doors
- Students will put personal effects in designated places in the classroom
- Students will wash hands when entering school in morning
- Students will wash/sanitize hands before and after gym, LLC, recess and lunch
- Students are expected to minimize physical touching at all times
- Not interact with students outside of assigned learning group

- Will NOT share snacks and will clean up own eating/learning area
- Will eat at own desk
- Wash/sanitize hands before and after eating
- When student sneezes, coughs, sticks fingers in mouth, eyes or other orifices (but does not appear to otherwise be sick) they must immediately wash hands.

## **Classrooms**

- Minimize physical contact between students in learning groups
- Ensure good ventilation, eg. Working with doors and windows open
- Supplies may be shared between students within learning group, including centers, if students sanitize before and after use

## **Transitions and Play**

- Learning groups travel together with an adult from classroom to other locations, including outside for recess and lunch
- Supervision is available before/after school, recess and lunch. Each supervisor will have an assigned area.
- Schedules will be created with learning group play locations and rotated each week
- Outdoor education is recommended (weather permitting), including walking field trips.

## **Cleaning Regime at School**

- Daytime custodian will wipe down high touch surfaces such as door knobs, toilets, sinks, and taps.
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned 2x within 24 hour period
- Students may share supplies within own learning group and they sanitize before and after use.
- Lysol wipes may be used on technology

- If cleaning is not possible, the resources should be set aside for 2 days before using again

For further information please refer to Tol'itcha (district restart plan) and BCCDC