



BAYRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Bayridge Community;

Spring is here! We have so much to be thankful for and have been enjoying the warmer days.

Here are some of the happenings around our school...

COVID Updates

The Surrey School District recently created a [fact sheet](#) and a [short video](#) to remind our communities of the health and safety protocols we are implementing in our schools. Thank you to staff, students and parents for continuing to *Check Up, Back Up, Wash Up and Mask Up* each and every day. And thank you to our community for wearing your masks during drop off and pick ups as well.

Attendance

If your son/daughter is going to be away for any reason, please let us know in the office. This will help to inform teachers and will speed up our process in the morning. You can reach the office at 604-531-8082 or at bayridge@surreyschools.ca.

Thank you to all of our parents for helping us out with getting our students in classrooms on time. Although we love seeing these smiling faces at the office each morning, it is important that students are in their classrooms for the start of the day. Our welcome bell is at 8:30am and we start our instructional day at 8:35am.

Early Pick-Ups

At times, students may have appointments or other needs that require an early pick-up. If this is necessary, please remember that students will need to be signed out with our office, for safety purposes. Please call into our office or knock on the third window on the right of the building. That way we can safely bring your child out to you and then have you sign them out. If at all possible, we would appreciate if appointments could be scheduled outside of school hours.

Lunch Hour

At the beginning of the school year, to help with getting use to the increased cleaning protocols, we had our bell ring twice to signal the end of our eating time at lunch. The first bell was to tell students that we were to start cleaning up our space, wash our hands, get shoes changed and jackets on. The second bell informed students that it was time to go outside to play. Well, good news! We are now experts at cleaning up and getting ready to go outside. With this expert behaviours, we have decided to stop our second bell! Now when the bell rings, we are able to clean up, get ready and head right outside.

We have noticed an increase in traffic at the office around lunchtime. Students seem to be forgetting cutlery and water bottles lately. Please help us to remember to bring all items necessary for enjoying our eating time and throughout the day. Water bottles allow more time in class and help us stay hydrated. Due to COVID-19, we have had to close our water fountains but are still able to keep our bottle refill stations open (with sanitized hands!). Your help with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Spirit Days Coming Up

One of the most fun ways to show our Bayridge spirit is to have a dress up or Spirit Day. Well, are we going to have some fun over the next couple of months! The following Spirit Days have been scheduled:

May 4th - Star Wars Day

May 27th - Twin Day

June 10th - Sports Teams or Jersey Day

June 21st - Dress Your Best Day

Please do not go out and purchase special outfits for these days. They are meant to have some fun.

Upcoming Dates:

May 4 – Ready, Set, Learn Virtual Event 1:00 pm

May 4 – Star Wars Day

May 7 – Non-Instructional Day – School is Closed to students

May 12 – PAC Meeting 1:00 pm

May 14 – Early Dismissal 1:35 pm

May 24 – Victoria Day – School is Closed

May 27 – Twin Day

May 31 – Non-Instructional Day – School is Closed to Students

June 1 – Welcome to Kindergarten

June 7 – Early Dismissal 1:35 pm

June 10 – Sports Teams or Jersey Day

June 21 – Dress Your Best

June 24 – Last Day before Summer Break – Dismissal at 1:35pm