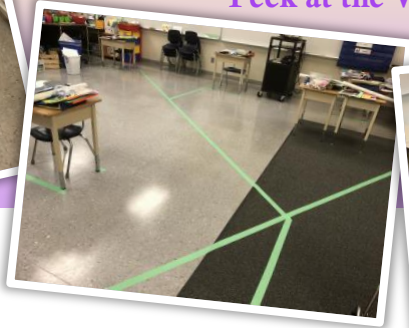


# Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – June 1-5<sup>th</sup>



## Principal's Message

Thank you for everyone's patience as we got everything figured out for the optional return to in-class instruction this week. If your children are returning, you will get more detailed information about the schedule/shape of the day/supply lists directly from the teacher(s). Our staggered arrival & dismissal times are:

Divisions 5/8/9 - Arrive @9AM and 2:30PM Dismissal

Divisions 1/6/7 - Arrive 9:15AM and 2:45PM Dismissal

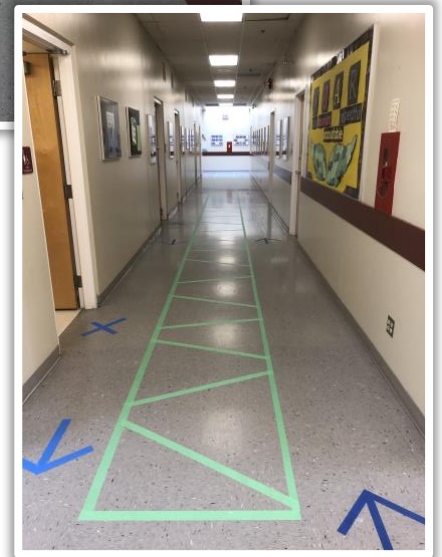
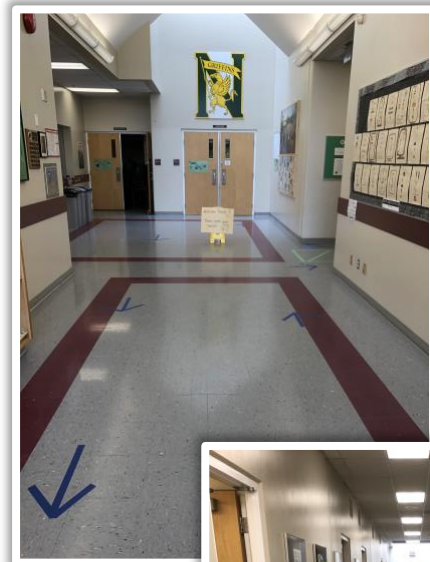
Divisions 2/3/4 - Arrive 9:30AM and 3PM Dismissal

Online learning will continue and students will need to BYO devices (laptops, Chromebooks) since the school devices will not be shared. The teacher will let the entire class know the lessons and meetings scheduled for each week. Children may bring their own hand sanitizer or choose to wear a personal mask. Teachers may also be wearing a mask or other PPE so please prepare your children that things may look quite different or be a bit surprising at first.

All outer doors will be locked. If you do need to pick up your child at a different time (half-day, dentist appointment, etc) please call the office to verbally sign them out. We will not be allowing lunches or other supplies to be dropped off during the day.

Parents are welcome to accompany their child to their classroom's outer door at drop-off and pickup. Please observe from a safe distance. Teachers will visually assess each child and admit them into class one at a time. We encourage parents to depart quickly once their child has entered the building.

Waiting spots/line up places are marked on the ground outside of the external classroom doors. If you want to visit on the weekend, you can see the spots and practice. On Monday, please be very careful to leave at least 2 meters between you and anyone else.



## Grade 7/Year-end planning

Grade 7 parents: Time to have fun playing dress-up with your semi-reluctant teen! Please send in your grade 7/baby photo reenactments to [neilsongrove.elem@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:neilsongrove.elem@deltasd.bc.ca) by Wednesday, June 10th. Katie Kynaston will also be taking photos of each grade 7 student and the headshots will be included in the slideshow. If you would like to buy a photo package for \$20 you receive an 8"x10" and 5 edited digital photos. These photos have been very popular in previous years. It is amazing to see their transformations from cute wee babies to young adults!

Stay tuned for more details about scheduling the photo sessions. All of the photos will be used to create a slideshow to celebrate how far the grade 7 students have come on their learning journey as we send them off to high school.

We had our first Zoom meeting and plans are in the works which stay within the PHO guidelines. Our event is tentatively planned for Wednesday, June 17, 2020. More details to come!

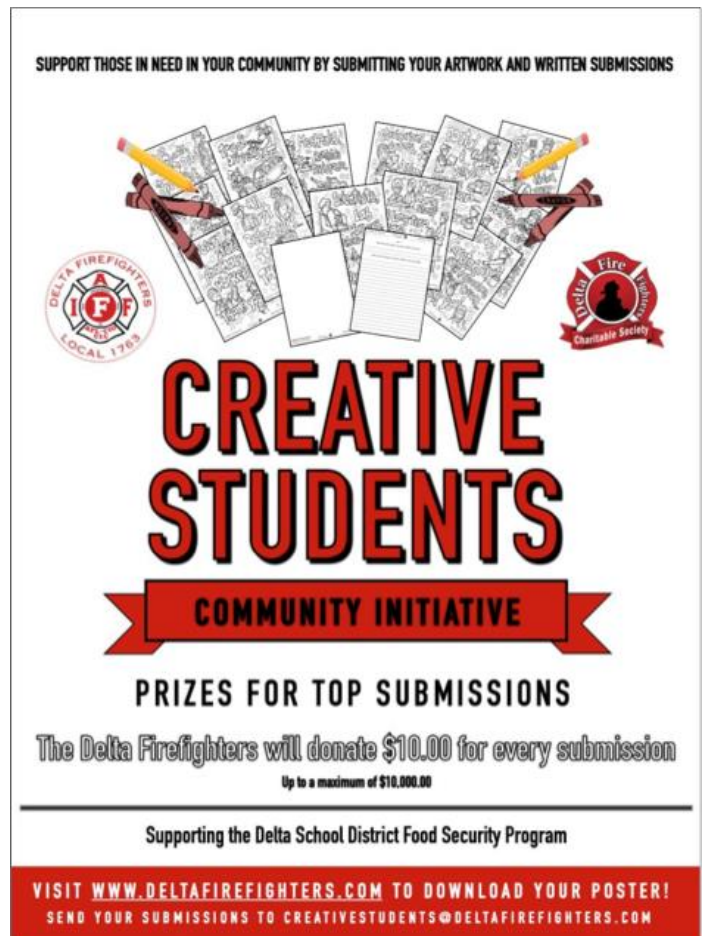
## Message from Munchalunch

Hello Families,

We hope you are all doing well. We wanted to send you a Munchalunch update. We have been able to cancel all Munchalunch orders from Spring Break to the end of the current school year. This has resulted in a credit in your Munchalunch account for any orders during this time period. This credit will roll over in your Munchalunch account to next school year. In the circumstance your child is not returning to Neilson Grove, or you would prefer to have your credit amount returned to you by cheque, please email our PAC Treasurer, Marilyn Belsham, at [mkbelsham@gmail.com](mailto:mkbelsham@gmail.com). Also, if you would like to donate these funds to the NG PAC in lieu of a refund cheque, please let Marilyn know.

Thank you for your understanding,  
Your Hot Lunch Team, Janet O'Brien & Katie Taylor

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY SUBMITTING YOUR ARTWORK AND WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS



The poster features a central illustration of several sheets of paper with drawings and writing, some with colored pencils and markers. To the left is the Delta Firefighters Local 1765 logo, and to the right is the Delta Fire Charitable Society logo. The main text reads 'CREATIVE STUDENTS' in large, bold, red letters, with 'COMMUNITY INITIATIVE' in a red banner below it. Underneath, it says 'PRIZES FOR TOP SUBMISSIONS' and 'The Delta Firefighters will donate \$10.00 for every submission Up to a maximum of \$10,000.00'. At the bottom, it states 'Supporting the Delta School District Food Security Program' and provides a red banner with the website [www.deltafirefighters.com](http://www.deltafirefighters.com) and the email [creativestudents@deltafirefighters.com](mailto:creativestudents@deltafirefighters.com).

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VISIT [WWW.DELTAFIREFIGHTERS.COM](http://WWW.DELTAFIREFIGHTERS.COM) TO DOWNLOAD YOUR POSTER!  
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Last chance to enter the Delta Firefighters colouring and writing contest. Please check out the link and print off some pictures to enter this weekend. Multiple entries may be submitted. Each submission means another \$10 will be donated to our Delta School District Food Security Program.

Contest closes on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## School items to be returned

You may be wondering about what to do with any library books, textbooks, sports uniforms, Chromebooks, or other items that belong to the school but are still at your house. Let us know when you would like to drop them off outside on the bench or on the table by the front door. We will pick them up and return them to the correct places. We would like to get everything back by June 19<sup>th</sup> if possible.

# BACK TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

## WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Everyone entering the school needs to make sure that they are healthy. Anyone who is showing symptoms or feeling sick needs to self-isolate at home so they don't get others sick.
- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school.
- If you are unsure about sending your child to school, please refer to the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#), or contact 8-1-1, or the local public health unit to seek further input.
- If your child does show symptoms while at school, they will be isolated and you will be notified and asked to pick up your child as soon as possible.

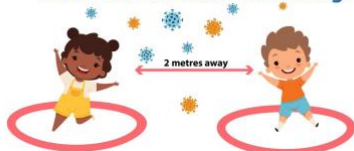


## PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR A DAY AT SCHOOL

- Please ensure that your child washes his/her hands before school and when they return home. This will be a frequent, routine procedure throughout your child's day at school.
- Your child will be asked to use only their personal items and not to share them. All lunch items, including wrappers/garbage/compost will be packed out in lunch kits as well.
- Please pack water bottles, as all water fountains will be turned off.
- Please apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school, or send sunscreen they are able to apply themselves (teachers will not be permitted to apply sunscreen to your child), and a hat for sunny days, and proper clothing for all kinds of weather, as we will be spending lots of time outdoors.



Let's Practice Social Distancing!



## INCREASED HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

- We need to be careful so that we don't spread germs at school. To keep everyone safe, things will be different at school.
- Students who come to school will attend in smaller groups and will attend part-time.

## MORNING DROP OFF / PICK UP

- We will implement staggered drop-off and pick up times, in addition to modified/staggered lunch and recess times in order to ensure physical distancing measures are kept.
- Students will go to their class line up area to wait. There will be 2 meter distancing markers to stand on/in (chalk circles, tape boxes, tape lines).
- Parents will not be able to come into the school, unless absolutely necessary. This would be through the office only. The front door will remain locked throughout the day.



## ENTERING THE BUILDING

- Students will be invited in from the line up one by one.
- A teacher or other staff member will assess each student for symptoms of respiratory infection and admit students one by one
- Each student will go to their desk/table in the classroom, drop off their supplies, and proceed to the sink to wash their hands



## CLASSROOM SET UP The classroom will look different.

- Desks/tables/spaces will be set up to leave at least 2 meters of space in between them.
- Many things in the classroom will be put away.
- Students will sit at their own table or desk.
- There will be tape/markers on floor for one way travel to avoid accidental close contact.

## LOTS AND LOTS OF HAND WASHING

- There will be many hand washing times throughout the day.
- You may want to send hand sanitizer to keep in your child's area for their personal use.



## WASHROOM USE

- We will limit washroom use to one at a time and specific bathrooms will be used by each class.
  - We need to limit the things that we touch and keep it clean.



- Online devices will be needed and many of our school computers have been signed out. BYO device is strongly encouraged.



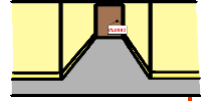
- Classes will be very quiet and have little movement. Please include activities or something to do during quiet time in your personal daily supplies.

## HALLWAY TRAFFIC

- There will be directional flow markers for students to follow in hallways so that physical distancing can be observed.

## SOME SPACES WILL BE OFF LIMITS

- Gym, Library, Story Studio, Nest, Multi-purpose rooms will be No-Go Zones



## SNACKS AND LUNCHES

- Children should bring all food in a lunch bag and containers that can be packed in and all remaining food and wrappers will be packed out (you may want to send an extra baggie to pack the garbage in).
  - There will be NO lunch drop off after school starts.
- Students will eat snacks and lunch in their assigned seat.
- Students will eat only their own food, and will not share with others.



## THE CUSTODIANS WILL WORK HARD TO HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL CLEAN (THANK YOU LLOYD!!)

- We need to remember to respect how we use all areas of our school.
- We can make their job easier by making sure that we clean up after ourselves and leave our desk/table spaces clear.
- Our school will be cleaned and disinfected more frequently, including classrooms and high touch areas.



## RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS

- There will be NO physical contact sports, but there will be more time outside with classmates.
  - Playground structures will be open starting June 1. Play areas will not be disinfected.
  - We will not be able to share equipment at school. Physical distance will be enforced.
- Students will need to find other things to do outside, and keep their distance from others.



## ATTENDANCE

- If your child is unable to attend school on a day they have been scheduled to attend, please call the school office to notify them.



## INSTRUCTION

- Students will need to stay at their desk or table and do their activities on their own, keeping distance at all times.
- Much of the time will be spent outside, with physical distance boundaries observed.

