

Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – June 8-12th



Principal's Message

Golf anyone? The end of June is in sight but we have LOTS of great things going on until the end of the year:

Wednesday, June 17th will be our **Farewell/Recognition for our Grade 7s** for an amazing and unforgettable year. From 10AM-12PM each Grade 7 student will have a set time to be dropped off on Admiral Blvd (dress code can be anything from dressed up to hoodies - whatever they prefer), walk in along the front of the school, pick up their certificate and be congratulated by the staff lined up along the way. While this happens, the parents in (*decorated?*) cars will drive in slowly through the parking lot and can pop out for a quick picture in front of the school, hop back into the car and carry on their way. Everyone will be physically distanced 2 meters. One of our staff members will take the pictures and they will be emailed to families by June 26th.

At 12:30PM the Gr. 7 parade vehicles will gather at the boat ramp parking lot. At 1PM, the Gr. 7 Neighbourhood Car Parade will begin along Admiral Way, up Admiral Blvd, past the school, right at the traffic circle onto Westminster Ave, right onto Ferry and right onto Commodore Dr for a final wave at the school as they drive home. It is a special way to celebrate their learning journey and to cap off their elementary school experience. **We encourage all of our families and kids of all ages to stand outside along the route and cheer on our Grade 7s and wish them well in high school. Posters and bubbles are encouraged to make it extra special.**

Friday, June 19th will be the final day of online and in-class instruction. Thank you to everyone for rising to the challenge of online learning from home, then part-time-in-class/online as we figured out how to continue learning during the pandemic. It's been a roller coaster! We even managed to have some fun along the way and we hope you enjoyed our Fun Fridays.



June 17th Parade Route

The last week (June 22-24) we are still open and staff will be onsite. If your child has not been back to the school already, we do encourage you to schedule a time to see their teacher and to re-enter the building at least once to reduce any anxiety they may have with regards to schools being safe spaces.

If your family does require ESW childcare on June 22, 23, or 24th, please contact dpalmer@deltasd.bc.ca or call the office 604 940-4468 by Thursday, June 18th.

We can also schedule final drop-offs (instruments, library books, Chromebooks, team shirts, or other classroom materials), arrange pick-ups (school supplies, shoes, clothing left at school), or individual heartfelt farewells to our staff (from a distance). Our year-end slideshow will be released online on June 24th as our [Final Farewell](#) (thank you Mrs. Reid for organizing the slideshow!)



Report cards will be online on Thursday, June 25th (possibly earlier)

Some Summer Ideas:



Get a reading record, enter prize draws, participate in online activities, see amazing virtual performers and earn a medal! Visit www.fvrl.ca to register.



Summer Pottery

Hi, I'm Venetia Inglis, I run the pottery at lunch program in your school. I am excited to offer an expanded 8 session, home version of it for your whole family to enjoy this summer. Here is the description!

Summer pottery at home might even be more fun now, then at school! The bright side is your child can sculpt outdoors if they would like, have a quality non-screen activity to enjoy and can take a whole week to perfect each creation during this flexible 8 week summer program!

Pottery instruction for each project will arrive by email each Monday, ready for you to engage in according to your own schedule! You will have the whole summer to complete your pottery projects; returning them for kiln firing in September.

It's such nice weather so working outside might be a great way to be inspired by nature. Especially when creating sculpted sea stars, or maybe a bunny shaped veggie marker for your carrots! Other projects will include lemonade pitchers, pinch pot salsa bowls, a kitchen tile and sculpted sandcastle tea candle holder. Or, perhaps you would like to use your clay to create a whimsical wind chime instead! Instruction for this project provided on request. Perfect for parents who would like to participate!

Siblings and parents are invited to join in the fun at a special family rate. \$65 for one participant, \$130 for two and \$150 for three family members.

Your child's/family's package will include enough portions of clay divided up for the 6 weekly pottery projects and an offering of 6 colours of glaze per participant. This program is 8 sessions; two of which cover glazing techniques.

Supplies will be ready to take home [on Wednesday June 24th](#). First video instruction link will be sent home [Monday July 6th](#); all projects to be completed by [September 8th](#).

To register contact Venetia Inglis

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You will need to have on hand a recycled yogurt or sour cream container with lid, toothpicks or chopsticks, rolling pin, paper towels/newspaper or even a tea towel for working on. It's also a good idea to have an old cloth for wiping hands just to keep tidy while working with clay.

At the end of the 8 weeks you'll be dropping off your creations for firing, getting them in time for a back to school party with your new pottery mugs!

Enjoy!



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.

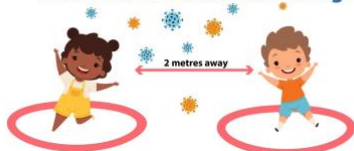


PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR A DAY AT SCHOOL

- 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.



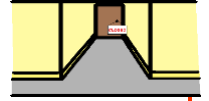
- Classes will be very quiet and have little movement. Please include activities or something to do during quiet time in your personal daily supplies.

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.

