



Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – August 28, 2020



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

By now you should have received the back to school plan for Delta. If you have not already viewed the document, it can be found here: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/information-for-parents-guardians-novel-coronavirus/>

Please ensure that you have reviewed this information, in particular, the [learning options](#) available as you make the decision about schooling for your child. ***If you are planning NOT to send your child back to class, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know.*** You can notify us by filling out this short survey <https://forms.gle/vAVwjXaNC323TxHu5> or calling the school (604) 940-4468. Vicki and I will be back in the office on Aug. 31st. It would be greatly appreciated if we could know of your decision **no later than Wednesday, September 2nd**. There is a very tight timeline for us to meet in finalizing the placement of students in classes. As well, we need to complete the staffing process in schools, and if additional teachers are required, we will need to work with the district on this. As you can imagine, all of this takes time. If you have elected to participate in a home learning model such as Home Quest or Homeschooling, we would appreciate knowing as soon as possible. If you are choosing one of these options, please also advise us if you would like us to hold your child's spot in the school for the following school year (2021/22).

For parents who will be sending their children back to school, there will be a gradual return to school on Thursday, September 10 and Friday, September 11 for all age groups (more details will be available next week). During this time, they will be assigned to their class, find out who is in their learning group, practice their new health and safety routines, and familiarize themselves with how to safely move from the class to outdoor and common areas of the school. We would kindly ask for your support with this - please start preparing your child for what school will look like by reviewing health procedures with your child, such as physical distancing, not touching one another, washing hands, sneezing/coughing into your elbow and conducting [daily health checks](#) with them.

If you continue to have questions as to which option is best for your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact me at dpalmer@deltasd.bc.ca. For families with unique medical situations, we do have some flexibility and different options available, and I would encourage you to contact me as soon as possible to discuss your situation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Danica Palmer