



Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – November 16 – 20th

Principal's Message

Thank you to everyone who tuned into our Zoom Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see the class presentations and hold on to one of our most cherished traditions – to honour our armed forces and think about Peace. I also have new respect for our news broadcasters and air traffic controllers or anyone who can manage to communicate while focusing on simultaneous live feeds. Zoom is my new challenge!

The elves are already working on our Christmas Concert for 2020. It will be released on our YouTube channel on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. The good news is that we won't all be squished into the gym but we will definitely miss performing in front of our wonderful families.

We are all so thankful for our parent community. You have been doing an amazing job of using the daily health checks, staying home when sick, and making safe choices. I'm listening to Dr. Bonnie's live update as I write this. Fraser Health is facing a lot of challenges and we all really hope that these latest Provincial Health orders work as a 'circuit break' to lower the number of Covid-19 cases in our region. We need schools to stay open and continue to be safe.

****Breaking news** Santa is immune to Covid-19! And knows to wash his hands before he goes to each house to stay safe.**

News From the NG PAC

The PAC is pleased to once again be selling gift cards to support fundraising efforts. Attached is a letter (please scroll down the newsletter) about how to place orders online or using paper forms, with several options for contactless payment. As Neilson Grove is making every effort to become paperless, paper copies of the instruction letter and order forms will not be sent home with students. Orders placed between November 13th and December 7th will be available for pick up in time for Winter Break.

This year, one area of focus for PAC fundraising is the library.

Seasons Eatings 2020 Purdy's Fundraiser

All proceeds from this season's 2020 Purdy's Fundraiser will go towards supporting the Neilson Grove library!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1079847-78496>

Deadline to order online: 11/19/2020

Drive-thru Pick Up from Neilson Grove: 12/1/2020

We are in need of casual noon-hour supervisors. It is a paid CUPE position for 1 ½ hours over the lunch hour each school day. If you are available 11:45am – 1:15pm on any days during the week, please contact the office for more details. (604) 940-4468



You may have noticed a note sent home about the Growing Smiles Fundraiser that Neilson Grove does each year, in support of BC Children's Hospital. More info and the link to order is available at www.neilsongrove.growingsmilesfundraising.com

Many of our families have had the support of BC Children's when needed. Purchasing a holiday wreath, poinsettia, or other holiday arrangement is a great way to give back and spread holiday cheer all at the same time.



- Deadline to order is November 20, 2020
- Pickup is December 7



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ngpac.fundraising@gmail.com

November 12, 2020

Dear Neilson Grove Community Supporters,

We are excited to provide a Gift Card Fundraising initiative that **does not cost you anything** and **provides a great benefit to the Neilson Grove School Community**. All it takes is a slight change to how you pay for **frequent purchases, such as groceries, gas and coffee**.

You can use the gift cards for yourself or as gifts to others. Learn more about the program here: <https://www.shopfunds.ca/index.htm>. Another great benefit of gift cards is that most can be used for online purchases so you can avoid crowded malls!

The **following page includes instructions for easy online set up, ordering and payment delivery** to the school. This year, we will offer drive-by pick-up.

We are pleased to accept payments by:

- **eTransfer** to neilsongrovepac@deltasd.bc.ca
- **Cheque** payable to Neilson Grove Elementary PAC
- **Debit card (tap)** (add \$0.10 per payment for Square processing)
- **Credit card (tap)** (add 2.65% per payment for Square processing)

Payment cut-off	Expected delivery
Dec. 7/2020	Dec. 16/2020

For any questions, please contact ngpac.fundraising@gmail.com.

Thanks for your support!

Neilson Grove PAC

Senga Poettcker and Terry Kaplan, parent volunteers

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS (select A or B)

A. **Manual order form** print the attached form and: Submit with a Neilson Grove student; **or** Email a scanned copy/ photo to ngpac.fundraising@gmail.com

B. **Online**

1. Go to www.shopfunds.ca
 - a. Returning shoppers → Enter **Member Login** details; or
 - b. New shoppers → Click **register as a shopper** (left side menu)
 - i. Enter your information (leave Group Membership ID empty) and **register**
 - ii. Select **click here** to select group
 - iii. Search alphabetically under **N** for **Neilson Grove Elementary PAC** and **add**
 - iv. Enter **100** in **Split (%)** for **Neilson Grove Elementary PAC** and **Save**
2. Select **Order Cards** in the left menu, then **New Order**
3. From the **Ordered For** down arrow list, select **Neilson Grove Elementary PAC**
4. IMPORTANT: In the **Notes section** **enter the first and last name of the Neilson Grove student connected with the order, with their Division Number**
5. Choose the **number of Gift Cards** you want from each vendor in the **Shopping List**. **Vendors with higher rebates** (up to 10% of the card value) **means more money for Neilson Grove**
6. **Confirm Order**, the next screen will allow you to review your order and add/delete gift cards.
7. Select **Check Out**
8. **Confirm Billing Information** (your home address and contact info)
9. **Check Out**, your order is submitted electronically to Neilson Grove PAC and a confirmation is provided to you by email

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- **eTransfer** to neilsongrovepac@deltasd.bc.ca
- **Cheque** payable to Neilson Grove Elementary PAC – submit with a Neilson Grove student
- **Debit card** or **Credit card** , contact ngpac.fundraising@gmail.com for tap payments through Square

CHRISTMAS 2020

SUPPORTER ORDER FORM

NAME OF SUPPORTER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF PARENT: _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER: _____

POSTAL _____

CODE: _____

GRADE/CLAS _____

S: _____

DATE: _____

EMAIL _____

: _____

☐ This is a one time order

☐ This is my new standing order.

MERCHANT(FEE)

Department Stores:

			<u>CERTIFICATES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(DB)	Giant Tiger	3.0%	x \$25.00 \$100.0 x 0	\$ _____
(DB)	Hudson's Bay (Hbc, Home Outfitters)	3.0%	x \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.0 x 0	\$ _____
(DB)	London Drugs	2.0%	x \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.0 x 0	\$ _____
(DB)	Walmart	3.0%	x \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.0 x 0 \$250.0 x 0	\$ _____
	<u>Fuel:</u>			
(DB)	Chevron	2.0%	x \$25.00 x \$50.00	

MERCHANT(FEE)

Grocery Stores:

				<u>CERTIFICATES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(DB)	Fresh St. Market	5.0%	x \$50.00		\$ _____
(DB)	MarketPlace IGA **Fresh St M and IGA Reloadable**	5.0%	x \$50.00		\$ _____
(DB)	Loblaws(President's Choice, Extra Foods, Superstore, Lucky Dollar, No Frills, Canadian Wholesale, City Market, Shop Easy)	3.0%	x \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.0 x 0 \$250.0 x 0		\$ _____
(DB)	Safeway	4.0%	x \$25.00 x \$50.00 \$100.0 x 0 \$250.0 x 0		\$ _____
(DB)	Save-On-Foods, Urban Fare, Price Smart Foods, Overwaitea Foods	5.0%	x \$25.00 x \$50.00 \$100.0 x 0 \$250.0 x 0		\$ _____
(DB)	Stong's	5.0%	x \$50.00		

			x	\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Esso	2.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Petro-Canada	2.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Shell	3.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
	<u>Home Improvement:</u>					
(DB)	Home Depot	2.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00		
			x	0		
				\$250.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Home Hardware	3.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Lowe's	3.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Rona	3.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		

			x	\$100.00		
			x	0		
				\$500.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	T&T Supermarkets	2.0%	x	\$25.00		
	(Osaka)		x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
	<u>Specialty Stores:</u>					
(DB)	Amazon.ca	2.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
					\$	
(DB)	American Eagle	5.0%	x	\$25.00		
					\$	
(DB)	Bath and Body Works	5.0%	x	\$25.00		
(DB)	Best Buy	2.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Canadian Tire	3.0%	x	\$25.00		
			x	\$50.00		
				\$100.00	\$	
			x	0		
(DB)	Chapters/Indigo/Coles	5.0%	x	\$25.00		
					\$	
			x	\$50.00		
					\$	
(DB)	Claire's Stores	7.5%	x	\$25.00		
(DB)	Dollarama	3.0%	x	\$10.00		
			x	\$25.00		
					\$	
			x	\$50.00		
(DB)	iTunes	2.0%	x	\$10.00		
					\$	
			x	\$25.00		

						(DB)	La Senza	5.0%	x	\$25.00	\$
											\$
						(DB)	M&M Food Market	3.0%	x	\$25.00	
						(DB)	Mark's Work	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
							Wearhouse		x	\$50.00	
										\$100.0	\$
									x	0	

**More Specialty Next
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<u>MERCHANT(FEE)</u>		<u>CERTIFICATES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>Specialty Stores:</u>					
(DB)	Options (Gap, Old Navy,	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
	Banana Republic)		x	\$50.00	\$
(DB)	PetSmart	3.0%	x	\$25.00	\$
(DB)	Shoppers Drug Mart	3.0%	x	\$25.00	
			x	\$50.00	
				\$100.0	\$
			x	0	
(DB)	Sport Chek/Atmosphere	3.0%	x	\$25.00	
			x	\$50.00	
				\$100.0	\$
			x	0	
(DB)	Staples	3.0%	x	\$25.00	
			x	\$50.00	
				\$100.0	
			x	0	
				\$250.0	\$
			x	0	

<u>MERCHANT(FEE)</u>		<u>CERTIFICATES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>Restaurants:</u>					
					\$
(DB)	Pizza Pizza	10.0%	x	\$25.00	
					\$
(DB)	Red Robin	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
(DB)	Sammy J's Grill and Bar	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
	(Bonus \$5 added to every \$50 Card)		x	\$50.00	\$
(DB)	Subway	5.0%	x	\$10.00	
			x	\$25.00	
			x	\$50.00	\$
(DB)	Tim Hortons	3.0%	x	\$10.00	
			x	\$25.00	
			x	\$50.00	\$
(DB)	Vancouver Dine (The Teahouse, Seasons in the Park,	10.0%	x	\$50.00	\$
	Cardero's, The Sandbar)				

(DB) Starbucks	5.0%	x	\$10.00	
		x	\$25.00	
		x	\$50.00	
			\$100.00	\$
		x	0	
				\$
(DB) The Children's Place	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
(DB) Winners / Marshalls /	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
				\$
Home Sense		x	\$50.00	
<u>Restaurants:</u>				
(DB) Boathouse Restaurants	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
				\$
		x	\$50.00	
(DB) Boston Pizza	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
				\$
		x	\$50.00	
(DB) Browns Socialhouse	8.0%	x	\$25.00	
				\$
		x	\$50.00	
(DB) Cactus Club	10.0%	x	\$25.00	
				\$
		x	\$50.00	
(DB) Cara-The Ultimate Dining Card	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
				\$
(Milestone's, Kelsey's, Swiss Chalet, Montana's, New York Fries Harvey's, East Side Marios and more)		x	\$50.00	
(DB) Darden Restaurants				

(DB) White Spot Restaurant	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
				\$
		x	\$50.00	
				\$
(DB) Triple O's	5.0%	x	\$25.00	
<u>Entertainment:</u>				
(DB) Cineplex Odeon	5.0%	x	\$10.00	
(Famous Players, Galaxy,		x	\$25.00	
				\$
SilverCity, Colossus, Paramount)		x	\$50.00	
<u>Travel</u>				
			\$100.00	\$
(DB) Fairmont Hotels	5.0%	x	0	
<u>Spas</u>				
(DB) Spa Utopia	5.0%	x	\$50.00	
			\$100.00	\$
www.spautopia.ca		x	0	
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>				<u>\$</u>

				\$	
	Olive Garden	5.0%	x	\$25.00	_____
(DB)	Earls	5.0%	x	\$25.00	_____
				\$	
			x	\$50.00	_____
(DB)	Freshslice Pizza	5.0%	x	\$10.00	_____
				\$	
			x	\$25.00	_____
(DB)	Joey Restaurant	5.0%	x	\$25.00	_____
				\$	
			x	\$50.00	_____
(DB)	Keg	5.0%	x	\$25.00	_____
			x	\$50.00	_____
				\$100.00	_____
			x	0	_____
				\$	
(DB)	McDonald's	3.0%	x	\$10.00	_____
			x	\$25.00	_____
				\$	
			x	\$50.00	_____
(DB)	Moxie's	10.0%	x	\$25.00	_____
				\$	
(DB)	Old Spaghetti Factory	5.0%	x	\$25.00	_____

(Bonus \$10 card with every \$25)
*

***Old Spaghetti Factory
\$10 card can only be
used
from Jan 4 - March 15
2021**

DB: All Merchants Declining Balance Plastic Shopping Cards (Gift Card)

**CANNOT PAY OFF ACCOUNT WITH CARDS OR
CERTIFICATES**

PAYMENT INFORMATION: ☐ Cheque # _____

☐ Cash

Total Order: \$

☐ Other

**Thanks for your
support!**

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Please remember to SLOW DOWN as you drive to and from our school.

Many of our students walk, bike, or ride their scooters to school and we all need to make sure everyone gets to school or home safely. A big THANK YOU to Dal, our crossing guard at River Rd, for keeping us safe for all these years.

As mornings grow darker, and the wet weather comes, please use extra caution using the crosswalks at River Road or on Admiral Blvd. in front of the school. If you are driving - be very aware of pedestrians. If you are walking - make eye contact and wait until the car has stopped in order to cross safely.

Our Staff Parking Lot is for STAFF PARKING ONLY. Please park on Admiral Blvd. if you are visiting the school.

The PAC also invites parents to report vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers on the Police Non-emergency line:

604-946-4411

Outdoor Learning will be happening a lot this year so students are

expected to dress appropriately for all weather. Indoor shoes and an extra pair of dry socks could come in very handy throughout the year.

The CDC has announced approval of a new Mouth Rinse COVID test for Children - you can find a video here.

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/children-youth>

Appendix C: Daily Health Check Example

The following is an example of a daily health check to determine if you should attend school that day.

Daily Health Check			
1. Key Symptoms of Illness*	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.

<i>If a Student Develops Any Symptoms of Illness</i>	<i>If a Staff Member Develops Any Symptoms of Illness</i>
<p>Parents or caregivers must keep the student at home</p> <p>IF STUDENT DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL:</p> <p>Staff must take the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediately separate the symptomatic student from others in a supervised area. 2. Contact the student's parent or caregiver to pick them up as soon as possible. 3. Where possible, maintain a 2-metre distance from the ill student. If not possible, staff should wear a non-medical mask or face covering if available and tolerated, or use a tissue to cover their nose and mouth. 4. Provide the student with a non-medical mask or tissues to cover their coughs or sneezes. Throw away used tissues as soon as possible and perform hand hygiene. 5. Avoid touching the student's body fluids (e.g., mucous, saliva). If you do, practice diligent hand hygiene. 6. Once the student is picked up, practice diligent hand hygiene. 7. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the student was separated and any areas recently used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas). <p>Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.</p>	<p>Staff must stay home</p> <p>IF STAFF DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS AT WORK:</p> <p>Staff should go home as soon as possible.</p> <p>If unable to leave immediately:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symptomatic staff should separate themselves into an area away from others. 2. Maintain a distance of 2 metres from others. 3. Use a tissue or mask to cover their nose and mouth while they wait to be picked up. 4. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the staff member was separated and any areas used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).
<p>The threshold for reporting student and/or staff illness to public health should be determined in consultation with the school medical health officer</p>	
<p>Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases AND their symptoms have resolved</p>	

Stay Home When New Symptoms of Illness Develop

Students and staff should stay at home when new symptoms of illness develop. The key symptoms to watch for are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

- If the staff or student (or their parent) indicates that the symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition and are not unusual for that individual, they may return to school. No assessment or note is required from a health care provider.
- For mild symptoms without fever, students and staff can monitor at home for 24 hours. If symptoms improve, they can return to school without further assessment.
- If symptoms include fever, or if after 24 hours, symptoms remain unchanged or worsen, seek a health assessment. A health assessment can include calling 8-1-1, a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner, or going to a COVID-19 testing centre.

NG Staggered Schedule

	Group A - Div 2, 4, 7, 8	Group B - Div 1, 3, 5, 6, 9
8:50AM	Arrive/Enter classroom	
9:00AM		Arrive/Enter classroom
10:20-10:35AM	Recess	
10:35-10:50AM		Recess
11:45-12:25	Outside playtime	
12:15-12:30		Eating lunch inside
12:30-12:45	Eating lunch inside	
12:30-1:10		Outside playtime
2:50PM	Dismissed	
3PM		Dismissed

Playground Areas are divided into Primary and Intermediate Zones to keep learning groups separated as much as possible.

Primary students play on the older playground structure, the first half of the field, and the first sets of swings.

Intermediate students (Gr. 4-7) play on the newer/bigger playground structure, the back half of the field, the swings that are closer to the fence, and the basketball courts.

Playground equipment (ex. soccer or basketballs) has been allowed to be used by students in the same class and a schedule has been developed for the grass field and basketball courts to be used by each intermediate class (gr. 4-7) on alternating days.