

Griffin Gazette

Peek at the Week – Sept 14-18th, 2020



Principal's Message

Thank you for your patience if you have been having difficulties with Parent Connect - we have been working to get everyone's account sorted but there have been a few glitches along the way! We will keep trying and hopefully more of you have been able to sign onto the system for each of your children.

We have all been adapting to many changes in how we do things lately. We did enjoy having the 'soft start' to school for the last two days though - that is one change I would vote to keep!

We have also worked on a staggered schedule (see the chart below) to reduce the numbers of students outside and on the playground/field areas at once. Starting on Monday, Gr. 1-7 will be divided into 2 groups - Group A (div 2/4/7/8) and Group B (div 1, 3, 5, 6) so that we have more space. Division 9 (our kindies) will join Group B once their gradual schedule has finished. Thank you for your flexibility as we get used to the offset timetables.

We appreciate that Monday is a big day since everyone will be back at the same time. We have been practicing our physical distancing, wearing masks in common areas, and we are washing our hands when we come in, before we go out, and throughout the day. We will continue to do everything we can to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Please stay in touch with your teacher and the office to let us know how students are feeling - physically or emotionally. If students will be away for any reason, please let us know. If a student is away for any illness, please contact 8-1-1 and they will advise you if a Covid test is needed. We know this is a scary prospect but it is always better to know for sure. If we need to send a learning group home to self-isolate, even just for a day while the test results come back, we all depend on open communication between home, school, and Fraser Health.



* If you are still looking for school supplies - info and lists are on the NG website:

"We're all in this together."

<https://ng.deltasd.bc.ca/>

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

Gradual Entry schedule for Kindergarten 2020

K Gradual Entry Week 2 – Sept. 14th to 18th

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Morning: 9:00-10:00 Group A Attends 10:30-11:30 Group B Attends	9:00 – 10:30 Group A	9:00 – 11:30 All students attend	9:00-12:30 Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 All students attend	9:00 – 11:30 Lunch 11:30 – 12:30
Afternoon:	1:00 - 2:30 Group B			12:30-1:30

1:00-3:00 Family Interviews (Zoom or phone)				All students attend
				Teacher stays with students for lunch
Students Attend: 60 min	Students Attend: 90 min	Students Attend: 150 min	Students Attend: 240 min	Students Attend: 270 min

All students and staff will complete this health checklist DAILY prior to arriving at school.

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should NOT come to school. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

If a Student Develops Any Symptoms of Illness

If a Staff Member Develops Any Symptoms of Illness

Parents or caregivers must keep the student at home

Staff must stay home

IF STUDENT DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL:

IF STAFF DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS AT WORK:

Staff must take the following steps:

Staff should go home as soon as possible.

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).

If unable to leave immediately:

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).

Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.

The threshold for reporting student and/or staff illness to public health should be determined in consultation with the school medical health officer

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