

Griffin Gazette

Back to School Sept. 8-11, 2020



Principal's Message

What a busy week! Thank you to all of the parents of our community that reached out to discuss the plans for Back to School. The staff was in yesterday for our Pro-d day. We had a wonderful session lead by Tom Hierck <https://www.tomhierck.com/> which renewed our focus on rebuilding and reconnecting after what feels like "the longest Spring Break ever!" We are very excited to see all of you again (even though it will look different this year).

We are all in this together so we are setting up schedules and the physical spaces around the district guidelines. A very important piece is for everyone to understand to "Stay Home When Sick". The daily symptom checklist information is attached. We are all counting on parents to use the checklist to assess their child each day and follow the protocols. **Please logon to Parent Connect by September 8th** <https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx> to read the "Daily Health Check" form and check the box that you agree to conduct the daily health check before sending your child to school each day. *You only need to check the box once for the year* but we need to know you have read it. This is a mandatory part of our requirement from PHO for the students to be able to return to school.

Staff are welcomed back on September 8 & 9 for a review of all of the Health & Safety guidelines and to set up our spaces.

Kindergarten students - Welcome to Neilson Grove! You are brand new Griffins! The Kindergarten schedule (see pages below) is a bit different and will also be emailed to parents separately. If you do not receive the email, please contact Vicki at the office vfraser@deltasd.bc.ca or 604-940-4468 on Tuesday.

Gr. 1-7 Students are welcomed back on September 10 & 11 for a partial day to form our new learning groups for the year. This will occur at **three different times, divided alphabetically by last name**, so that we can practice our new routines and have fun getting to know each other in our new classrooms.



Entry Schedule Gr. 1-7

Sept 10 & 11

Alphabetical (by last name)

9 - 10:30am A-G

10:45 - 12:15pm H-O

1 - 2:30pm P-Z

School Supplies: lists are available on the school website <https://ng.deltasd.bc.ca/>

Walking/biking/scooting to school:

We are so lucky to have access to so many beautiful trails and access to nature right in our neighbourhood. If you are crossing River Road on your way to and from school, you will meet **Dal Rana**, our amazing crossing guard. When crossing the road, please ensure that drivers see you and have slowed right down to a stop before you proceed. Remember that we ‘walk our wheels’ on school grounds and to lock up your bike (or scooter if possible) in one of the the racks (north or west side) once you are here. You may have noticed our new fence! Installed on Admiral Boulevard to deter jaywalking in front of the school. Please use the pedestrian controlled traffic lights in order to cross the street.



Deborah Moggach – The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

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

Gradual Entry schedule for Kindergarten 2020

K Gradual Entry Week 1 – Sept. 10th & 11th, 2020

	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Morning	Staff only	Staff only	Small Group #A 9:00-9:45 Small Group #B 10:00-10:45	Small Group #A 9:00-9:45 Small Group #B 10:00-10:45
Afternoon	Staff only	Staff only	Family Interviews (Zoom or phone) 11:00-3:00	Family Interviews (Zoom or phone) 11:00-3:00
			Students Attend: 45min	Students Attend: 45 min

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: 1:00-3:00 Family Interviews (Zoom or phone)	1:00 - 2:30 Group B			12:30-1:30 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