

November 6, 2020

With little to no preamble, here are some things I need to share this week:

### COVID-19 Follow up

As you know from my communication yesterday, we did experience a second COVID-19 exposure event at the school this week. Thank you for your understanding and for continuing support your children's learning at the school.

I want to highlight some important information:

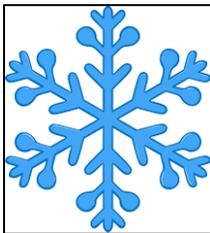
- we experienced an *exposure event* – meaning that a person who later tested positive for COVID-19 was in the school during their infectious period. This *does not* mean that the virus was *contracted* at the school
- a *transmission event* – is when the health authority believes the virus was *spread* or *contracted* at the school. This *is not* what occurred in either of our *exposure* events
- a *cluster* is when the health authority determines the virus was spread among multiple contacts at a school or other location

We will continue to adhere to our protocols so we can do everything possible to keep everyone safe. To that end, please remember the following:

- when dropping off or picking up your students, please wear a mask as you are likely to encounter students and families from outside learning groups. As much as possible, please also maintain 2 metres (or approximately 6 feet) between students and families from different learning groups. Wearing a mask *and* maintaining distance between adults is good role modelling for our students, and, along with regular, consistent hand washing and sanitizing, the *very best* defence we can provide against further exposure events or infections
- please **DO NOT** enter the school unless you have been specifically invited to do so. If you are arriving for an appointment with school staff, please call the school when you arrive and we will meet you.

I know we are all concerned during these challenging times – please adhere to these practices to help us keep our school and community as safe as possible.

### Brrr.....



The weather is starting to remind us that it means business! As sunny as it was today, it definitely is getting cooler.

We are working to find a happy balance between keeping air circulating to bring fresh air into the building, as not having students and staff be uncomfortably cold. Please try to have children dress in layers as much as possible, so they can stay warm but also remove sweaters, or sweatshirts, etc., if they are too warm. We will still be encouraging being outdoors – even in the rain – as much as we can, so please make sure students have rain gear and even a change of clothes in case they get wet.

## Traffic Loops

Sigh. It seems like this is an ongoing issue, so I need to be really clear:

**Do not** leave your vehicle in the traffic loops – both at the front and back of the school. The traffic loops are **only** for ‘kiss and go.’ If your children are not yet able to be ready to exit the vehicle and head to their classroom doors on their own, you need to park on Shaughnessy Street and walk them over to the school. Changes to the rear parking loop are soon coming that will limit the rear loop to ‘drive-through’ drop off and pick up only – with no parking along the fence. As the school population is the biggest it has ever been, we need to keep both traffic loops for immediate drop-off only.



This goes for before school drop off and after school pickup. In the afternoons, please do not come and park in the traffic loops ahead of time. We need to keep these loops free, not only so we are not backing up onto the road, and causing unsafe conditions, but also so students aren't running in and out of cars as they are trying to navigate. The fire department also requires these loops to be roadways – not for parking.

## Remembrance Day Recognition



Students, under the guidance of Ms. Acorn and Ms. Messam, have been working to prepare our *virtual* Remembrance Day Assembly for this coming Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we are not able to have students or parents attend in-person assemblies this year due to COVID-19 protocol restrictions. Students have been working on age-appropriate activities around the significance of this day.

We ask, if possible, that students bring a *twoonie* to class on Monday or Tuesday that we will collect to make a donation in support of veterans' care through the Canadian Legion's poppy trust fund.

There will be no school on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in recognition of Remembrance Day.

## Photo Retakes

Our photographer will return on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for retakes. If you are interested in photo retakes, please send an email to [CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:CoquitlamRiver@sd43.bc.ca) so that we can schedule your child(ren) for photos.

If you have not yet completed your photo permission form, please ensure that you go to [School Cash online](#) to complete the form – and any other school forms you have not yet completed. While you're there, you can also pay your school supplies fees for the year if you have not yet done so.



## From the PAC

Hello CRE Parents,

As you are all well aware, the pandemic has caused havoc. Because of this pandemic we cannot raise much needed funds for the school by throwing Halloween Bashes and Snowflake Balls. Hot Lunches and Treat Days are cancelled. Our school still needs to raise money for items our kids need to support their learning. In previous years we have raised money for art supplies, iPads, TV screens for the classrooms, events and presentations from outside organizations and some much-needed tools for the classrooms that help our amazing teachers bring awesome lesson plans to our children.

We are hosting two fundraisers just in time for the holidays.

The first is DFS Canada - The Wrapping Paper Fundraiser. In the next day or two, your child(ren) will be sent home a catalogue with some fantastic goodies. You can find really cool and durable wrapping paper, gift tags and bows, home decor, kitchen supplies and gadgets, Christmas baking storage and so much more. Order Deadline is Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. All forms and payment must be to the office by 3pm. Payment can be made via cash or cheque (made payable to CRE PAC). Orders can also be placed online at [www.shopdfscanada.com](http://www.shopdfscanada.com) using Organization ID#: 7513. Orders will be delivered to the school on Monday, December 7th. Pick up info TBD.

The second fundraiser we have going is our annual Growing Smiles fundraiser. A newsletter should have been sent home with your child(ren) this week - if not, ask your teacher to check their mailbox in the office. Orders can be placed on the order form or online at [CoquitlamRiver.growingsmilesfundraising.com](http://CoquitlamRiver.growingsmilesfundraising.com). Deadline for payment and forms to the office by 3pm on Nov 20th. Payment can be made directly online, or by cash or cheque (made payable to CRE PAC). Delivery is Friday, December 4th. Pick up info TBD.

Our Global Coffee Fundraiser is wrapping up. Be sure to get your orders into the office by 3pm on Monday, November 9th. Orders can be placed online at [globalcoffeefundraising.com/cre](http://globalcoffeefundraising.com/cre) or on the order form that was sent home at the beginning of November. Orders placed online can be paid by credit card, and orders placed on the order form can be paid by cash or cheque (made payable to CRE PAC). Coffee will be delivered to the school on Friday, November 13th. Pick up info TBD.

### **Grade 5 Parent Committee**

CRE Grade 5 is fundraising for the end of year celebration with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas!

If you'd like to support us (and this Vancouver-based business!) through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

[<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1213156-79144>]([https://fundraising.purdys.com/1213156-79144?fbclid=IwAR2gaO-jy0Q3fBTMqitQXP\\_UepQ5FVxXJjTQ6U24\\_09ga6x5BH3ACesfAzo](https://fundraising.purdys.com/1213156-79144?fbclid=IwAR2gaO-jy0Q3fBTMqitQXP_UepQ5FVxXJjTQ6U24_09ga6x5BH3ACesfAzo))

After you've signed in you can select from the amazing list of chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Thank you to all for supporting this amazing fundraiser!