



RC Garnett Elementary School Newsletter MARCH 29th, 2021

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Welcome back from Spring Break!

As we roll along through this year we are always reminded of the current pandemic and all its challenges. Certainly the vaccine roll outs along with Spring Break has brought a bit of a surge in the numbers affected in our communities. Here in Langley we follow the direction of the Medical Health Authorities. At the moment we are no different than the entire province, with the exception of Surrey School District, and are maintaining our current protocols. This has helped to keep our students and staff in Langley as safe as possible.

Not too long ago the Province updated its requirements of schools in designing and implementing safety protocols meant to reduce the risk of the transmission of infection within our buildings. Of course in order to do this we rely on parent and community partners to assist us. I have listed below some of the recent changes for us at school, but we also require parents to complete the daily health check as well as ensure they are following all safety guidelines, especially while on school property.

Daily Health Check –

The infection prevention and exposure control measures in place have been shown to be effective at stopping or limiting transmission of COVID-19 within schools. However, there are areas where renewed attention and focus are needed. These include:

1. Prevent crowding at all times; pay particular attention at the start and end of day.
2. Avoid close face-to-face contact whenever possible.
3. Assign staff to a specific cohort whenever possible.
4. Stagger recess, lunch and class transition times whenever possible.
5. Ensure that the use of masks does not reduce or replace practicing physical distancing and other prevention measures, for both students and staff.
6. Ensure prevention measures are in place in staff-only areas, including break and meeting rooms.
7. Implement music classes according to the British Columbia Music Educators' Association and the Coalition for Music Education in British Columbia Guidance for Music Classes.
8. Ensure physical activity is delivered in line with the guidance in this document.

The Ministry of Education worked with Indigenous rights holders and K-12 education and health partners to build on public health guidance to establish the Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 School Settings. These guidelines must be followed by schools and school districts, including if there are any differences between them and this public health guidance.

New Elementary School (Donna Gabriel Elementary)

For those students who no longer live in the RC Garnett Catchment, or have come recently on cross boundary to RCG, will be transitioned back to their catchment school. Exceptions have been notified earlier and we have a waitlist started for those wanting to remain, however we are not sure if we can accommodate these requests at this time.

Kindergarten Registration

A final reminder to all families that Kindergarten registration closes on March 31. As a fast-growing District, we need to have these processes completed on time to ensure we have the appropriate resources and supports in place for our students in the new school year. To register, please contact your catchment school or visit our District webpage [here](#).

Upcoming Dates

April

2nd – Good Friday – No School

5th – Easter Monday – No School

May

14th – Pro-d at RCG only – No students

21st – RC Garnett is in session (*district pro-d)

24th – Victoria Day

June

29th – Last Day for students (11:31am dismissal)

29th – Final Report Card

30th – Admin Day