ÉCOLE CEDARDALE ELEMENTARY E-BULLETIN

January 6th, 2022

Hawks Highlights		
Jan	**10th**	**Return to school**
	11th	Rockridge Secondary Information Night 6:00-7:00 pm via Teams
	12th	West Vancouver Secondary Information Night (virtual) @7:00 pm
	13th	Ecole Sentinel Secondaire Information Night @6:30 pm via Teams
	18th	First Grade 7 Basketball Game
	19th	IB Parent/Guardian Information Session
	24th	Professional Development Day - School not in session
	25th	Second Grade 7 Basketball Game

NEW HEALTH UPDATES AND INFORMATION - Please read carefully!

Health Checks & Illness

Please see the attached Daily Health Check for updated COVID-19 Information. If your child is demonstrating any signs of illness, please keep them home so that they may rest and return to school in good health. With cold and flu season upon us, we are making every effort to reduce student and staff absence due to illness. Thank you for doing your part!

For the health and safety of our staff and families and to minimize disruptions in our classrooms we encourage you to try and make personal appointments before or after school as much as possible.

Student Absences

If your child will be absent, be sure to inform the school before classes begin by emailing
Mme Frezell mfrezell@wvschools.ca or by leaving a message on the school voicemail (604-981-1390)

Hand Hygiene

- Rigorous hand washing with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness
- If sinks are not available, use alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 60% alcohol
- Incorporate hand hygiene into daily schedule in all environments

Pick-Up and Drop-Off

We have been mandated to ensure that we, "implement strategies that prevent crowding during class transition times. This could include staggered start/stop times and staggered recess/snack, lunch, and class transition times." At Cedardale we will continue with our staggered start and end and recess/lunch times. Additionally, please be reminded that we ask you to be respectful of the fact that everyone has different comfort levels. While masks are appreciated but not expected outdoors, **we ask that you keep your distance and avoid crowding when dropping off and waiting at pick-up times.**

Masks

As mentioned by Superintendent Kennedy, one of the health and safety matters that will be receiving renewed attention upon our reopening is mask wearing. Wearing masks at school is required under a public health order. Proper fit is a key factor in mask effectiveness; masks worn at school should fit well. Masks are most effective when everyone who is able to is wearing one**.** The PHO Order for Face Coverings can be found here: Ministry of Health and (gov.bc.ca)

We will be reinforcing this expectation and ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child has a **clean mask (and several extras packed in their bag) every day** that they are in attendance. **You may wish to invest in a mask chain or lanyard so that your child is able to safely store their mask when they are eating/drinking etc.** Please contact mlabounty@wvschools.ca directly if you believe your child qualifies for a mask exemption so that we can offer support and/or other strategies identified to reinforce and enhance other safety measures (as outlined in the Planning Resource: Mask Exemptions).

Click here to read "Tips for Young Mask Wearers"
Click here to read our expanded mask mandate FAQ.

Please click here for the updated Communicable Disease Plan from December 2021.

Carpooling

- Spread out as much as possible
- Travel with the same people whenever possible
- Set ventilation to bring in fresh outside air, do not recirculate air
- Open windows when weather allows
- Hand hygiene before and after carpooling
- Masks encouraged for everyone in the vehicle

Food Services - Fun Lunch

Food services may continue. As such, Fun Lunch will continue as of January 10th next week. **Ordering is open now!**

VCH is reopening Child & Youth Immunization Clinics

As of January 2022 VCH is reopening the child and youth immunization clinics so if your child missed their immunization at Cedardale on Nov 22nd or they have missed any over the last couple of years, you can make an appointment with VCH immunization clinics on the Jane app:
Child and Youth Appointments:
https://northshorepublichealth.janeapp.com/

For Covid vaccination, parents can make an appointment:
BC Covid line: 1-833-838-2323
Register online and make appointment at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register

International Travel

Families are reminded that students who are not fully vaccinated cannot attend school for 14 days following their return to Canada. (This is regardless if the unvaccinated student has received a negative test and traveling with fully vaccinated parents). The child is not required to quarantine **but is not allowed to attend school.**

We encourage all of our families to carefully review the Canada Border Services information before you make your travel plans. If you do decide to travel internationally during the school year please coordinate with your child's teacher before you go to ensure that they stay on top of their schoolwork while they are away and for the 14 days at home upon your return.

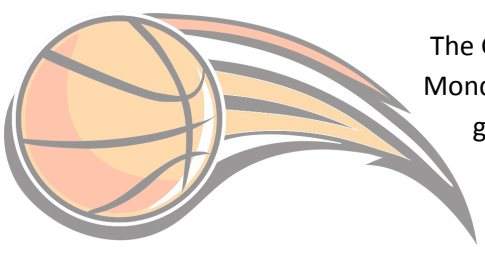
At this time, fully vaccinated students can return to school as long as they have a negative test and their second vaccine at least 2 weeks prior to their return. All travelers must follow the Canada Border Services requirements and Provincial Health Authority requirements.

If you have any questions please contact Mme LaBounty @ MLaBounty@wvschools.ca

IB Parent/Guardian Info Session January 19th

Join IB Coordinators from West Bay, Cypress Park, and Cedardale for a virtual information session to go deeper into the IB philosophy. We will focus on finding learning in the small moments and ways you can support your child in taking action. The session will take place on January 19th at 6:30pm via MS Teams. Please click here to join. Please RSVP to khayes@wvschools.ca by January 17th.

Grade 7 Basketball Season



The Grade 7 Basketball season will be starting next week. Permission forms will go home on Monday, January 10th and will include all important information with regard to practices and games. There will be no tournament this year. A huge thanks to coaches Mme Mortlock, Mme Gleason, and Mme Yasmin and to M. Hugo for coordinating. Go Hawks Go!

Sentinel Grade 7 Into 8 Family Information Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 at 6:30pm

Parents, Guardians and Students please join us for a Live Broadcast on Thursday January 13th at 6:30 pm for our Virtual Open House. You will hear from school counsellors and administration about all things Sentinel! *Once a Spartan, Always a Spartan!*

- Sentinel Secondary School and Wide Variety of Courses Available
- Specialty Programmes like Advanced Placement, French Immersion and Academy Information
- Grade 8 Curriculum, Timetabling, and Registration Process
- Making a Successful Transition to High School
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Virtual Tour and "A Day in the Life of Sentinel" Videos

Event Link: Click Here (Select "Watch on web instead" if you do not have MS Teams)
The broadcast will be recorded and posted on the Sentinel School website if you are unable to attend