



Thank You

Congratulations on being a big part of a fantastic first “full week” back at school! The Park staff would like to say thank you for your understanding of the new routines and guidelines that have been implemented this year to keep your child and our students safe. Thank you for social distancing, for wearing masks when you pick up and drop off your children, and for honouring our request of students only on the school grounds. It really makes a difference. Your cooperation has made the

transition back to school successful.

New health and safety protocols and new routines have required all of us to adapt. We sincerely appreciate your kindness and patience as we’ve worked through this process. We have had a very smooth and seamless start to school. Our goal will be to continue to make our students feel comfortable coming back to school after being away for over 5 months.

As we progress through the Fall, we will reflect on how things are going. We will adjust and adapt our practices to make being back at school better for all staff, students, and families.

Paperwork



Just a reminder that this week, three items were posted on [School Cash Online](#): [Acceptable Use Agreement](#) (for using our computers), [Phys Ed Permission to Participate](#), and the [Daily Parental](#)

Screening Agreement. If you need another copy of the Daily Parental Screening Agreement because of a shared custody arrangement of your child, please let us know and we will be happy to send that out. Also, Verification forms were sent home this week so please take a moment to review the information we have on file and return it back to school. It is critical that the information that we have on file about your child is accurate. We appreciate your continued support with this.

Weather

This year we will be spending additional time outdoors in order to give students a break from

wearing their masks. Please dress your child for the weather... Yes, even for light rain showers.



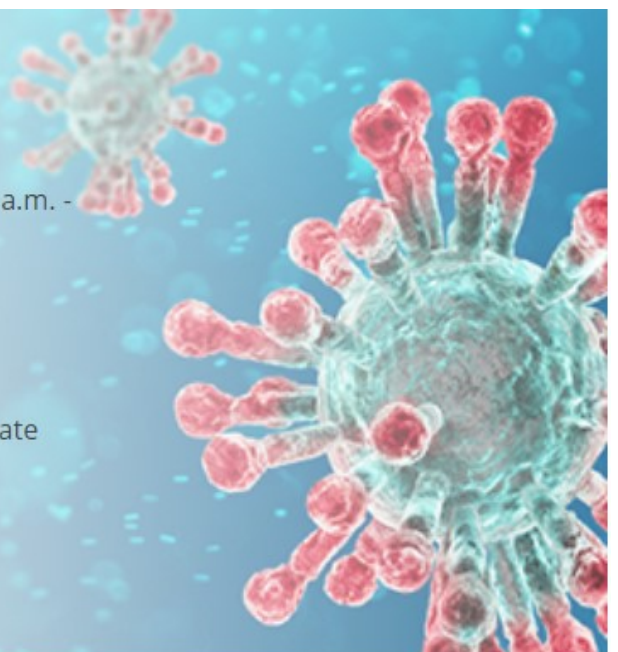
Student Illness

It is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to assess their children daily before sending them to school. You know your child best! Additionally, parents must have a person available to pick up their child right away, should they become sick during school. Know that we will work together with

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Info-Line

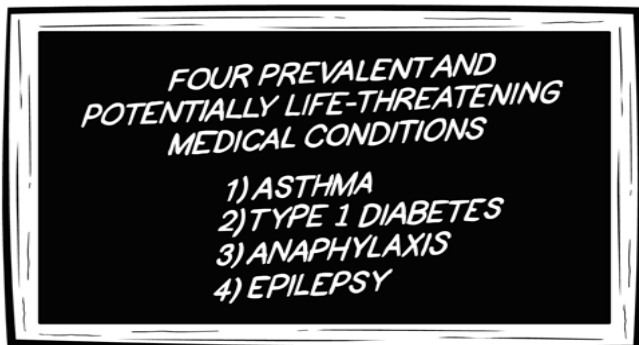
Talk to a public health professional Monday to Friday, 9:15 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7
- [COVID-19 Info-Line wait times](#)
- [Chat online](#) in 90 different languages with auto-translate
- [Physicians and primary care providers](#)



you if you receive a call from the school to pick them up.

PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS



If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit it to the school.

You can download the forms at:

[Prevalent Medical Conditions](#)

For more information please contact the school.

SCHOOL MESSENGER & SAFE ARRIVAL

Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. Absences can be reported in advance, and can be completed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, **but they must be entered PRIOR to 10 AM on the day of the early pick-up.**

Note: If you used the School Messenger app last year, it is important that before you use it for the first time, you should log out and log back into the app.

Please do not contact the school



directly to report your child's absence. You can report absences in one of three ways found below. **Please report all absences or late arrivals prior to bell time (8:55 AM) for the current day.** You



Call toll-free before bell time:

1-866-606-5567



Logging on to the web portal by **clicking here**. Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.

LOGIN



Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.

IPHONE

ANDROID

If your child has an upcoming appointment, you can also schedule future absences by using one of the above three School Messenger methods. **Note: Our “[Safe Arrival](#)” program uses School Messenger for reporting.**

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School Cash Online



<https://www.dsbm.org/schoolcash/>

All families will be required to access School Cash Online to complete permission forms this year. The usual “Welcome Back to

School” package with permission forms was sent through School Cash Online. If you did not receive them, please contact the office. For families who are new to DSBM, please click on the image to the left for information regarding School Cash Online access, registration, and sign in.

Visitors

**SORRY,
NO
VISITORS**

At this time, the Public Health Department has mandated that parents and visitors do not enter the school building. If you need to

meet with a staff member, please call the office to make an appointment. Virtual meetings are also an option! If you are dropping off an item for your child, please place the item on the table outside the front door and “Buzz” the office. When picking up your children early, you also come to the front door and ring the buzzer to speak with the office. We will sign them out and you can meet your child at the front entrance.

NUT SAFE SCHOOL



A reminder that we have staff and students who have a severe allergy to nuts as well as nut products. We encourage nut-free lunches and

snacks to be brought by all students.

LOST AND FOUND



For Health and Safety reasons we are not permitted to have a “Lost and Found” for the time being. Please ensure that you label clothing and materials with your child’s name to ensure we can return found items to students.

HOMEROOM TEACHER



Our teachers are available by calling the office to leave a message. If you look on [The ParkPS website](#) and this link: [Park Staff List](#) you will see the list of our school’s faculty.

Most of your questions can be directed to our homeroom teachers!

D2L sites or Google classrooms will be set up in the next little while. Due to COVID-19 and our desire not to share items, student agendas will not be used this year. Each classroom teacher will inform you of their plan to communicate with parents.

Orange Shirt Day

On September 30, 2020 the DSNB will join with others, across Canada, in honouring the memory of every child that had to attend residential school. **Orange Shirt**



Day - Every Child Matters, reflects on the effects of Indian Residential Schools and is an affirmation of our commitment to ensuring that every child matters.

Orange Shirt Day has been marked in schools across Canada in a variety of ways, including wearing orange shirts, commemorative walks, and Orange Ribbon campaigns. DSNB recognizes Orange Shirt Day each year and our students and staff are encouraged to wear something orange on this day.

In Closing

As always and most importantly, we hope you and your families remain safe and healthy. We realize that this year is quite different, however we ask for your continued patience and flexibility as we move through this year together. The safety and wellbeing of our school community is our top priority.

A special shout out to our Park staff for doing an amazing job of keeping everyone safe and feeling supported.

Stay Safe!