

ANNIEVILLE NEWS

Meeting the needs of all our students

Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 21

Individual Photo Day

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Terry Fox Run

Friday, Sept. 25

Professional Learning Day-
No School for Students

Monday, Oct. 12

Thanksgiving Monday- No
School

Wednesday Oct. 21 & Thursday Oct. 22

EARLY DISMISSAL for Parent-
Teacher Conferences (Weds.
@1:15 and Thurs.@2:00).

Format to be decided

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September Startup

Welcome to Anniesville, New Families and welcome back Existing Families! The past six months have been so challenging, with many changes and much uncertainty. All of the staff at Anniesville have been working hard not only to design the learning for your children this year, but **importantly** to create routines and set up classroom spaces, common areas and hallways that will keep everyone safe.

We are using the Delta School District Safety Plan (found here: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/District-37-COVID-19-SAFETY-PLAN-August-20-2020.pdf>) to create our **Anniesville School Safety Plan**. I will share some of the important highlights in this newsletter along with other typical back to school pieces of information.





Ms. M Comrie, K/1 Teacher
Ms. Pettitt, Grade 4/5 Teacher
Ms. H Averill, Learning Support Teacher

And welcome back to...

Ms. A Hunchak, Grade 2/3 Teacher
Mrs. A Reimer, Education Assistant

Student Absences & Lates

To ensure that your children get to school safely, Ms. Pashak and a parent volunteer will call home each morning to check on the whereabouts of absent children. You can help us with this process by leaving a message on the answering machine or speaking with someone during office hours, 9:00-3:30 to let us know that your child will be absent. The school number is 604-588-1204.

Because we will be doing **important hand hygiene routines**, will have **only one Learning Group in the hallway at a time**, and need to **avoid using the front door**, it's very important that students arrive on time this year.

Morning Drop Off & Afternoon Pick Up

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, this year we will not be able to open the library for children, which we understand may affect the routines some families have had in previous year. We have an adult supervising our playgrounds every morning beginning at 8:30. If you are dropping your child off before that time please stay and to supervise them.

In the afternoon, students are supervised until 3:15. If you pick up your child or children, please be sure to pick them up **before 3:15**. We need to avoid, as best as possible having children use the office phone and having children wait at the office for parents who are late picking up. (Social distancing is hard for kids and we want to avoid having children gathered together with others who are **not** in your child's Learning Group.)

Daily Bell Schedule

8:45	First Bell
8:50	Class Begin
10:30-10:45	Recess
12:07-12:53	Lunch
12:58	Class Begins
3:00	Dismissal

2:15 Dismissal on Wednesdays
*Please note that our start time and lunch time have changed this year.

School Supplies



All of our school supply lists are on our website.

If you haven't yet purchased supplies, you can choose to purchase items yourself or order them through School Start and they will be delivered to your home.

Please make sure you remove plastic wrap and label all of your child or children's items **before** sending them to school.

School Photo Day

Even in a pandemic we can do this! We have received the

Safety Plan from the company who will be taking individual photos this year and feel confident about continuing this tradition.



We will also be following all the District's health and safety guidelines, as well as our school safety plan to ensure everyone is safe and stays healthy.

Our photo day is September 21.

Planners & Emergency Preparedness

Children in grades 1-7 will be bringing home planners next week. These are great ways for us to communicate between home and school and for your child or children to develop important organisational skills.

Teachers will be collecting \$10.00 this year. \$7.00 covers the cost of the planner and \$3.00 to help us replenish expired items in our Earthquake Preparedness bin.

This year we will not be collecting comfort kits.



Terry Fox Run

As with everything this year, our Terry Fox run will look a little different! We will be collecting Loonies and Twoonies leading up to the run, which we'll have on Wednesday, September 23rd. Each individual class will take a turn on the grass field to run. Unfortunately, we can't have families join us, but we'll make sure to take lots of pictures!



Health & Safety

Daily Health Checks

- Staff and Students, with Parents help, will read through the Daily Health Check list.
- If the answer is **yes** to any of the questions and the symptoms **are not** related to a pre-existing condition, like allergies, then they **must stay home**.
- We **strongly encourage** families to call 811 for medical advice if your child develops any of the symptoms listed below.

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

Symptoms at School

- If your child is at school and develops **flu-like symptoms** they will be given a mask, removed from the classroom to the medical room and you will be called to come and get your child as soon as possible.
- If we have more than one child needing to be isolated, we have additional spaces organized for them to await pickup.
- These spaces will be go through a deep cleaning and sanitizing of all surfaces as will any classroom space where a child has been who has developed symptoms. The district has hired addition custodians who will work during the school day to perform these important cleaning routines.
- **Children may not return to school until all symptoms have disappeared.**

COVID Testing

- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the Fraser Health Authority will manage all necessary communication and will direct the school as to any steps that need to be taken.
- **Information regarding staff or students who may have been assess for or have a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not be provided unless we are directed to do so by the Health Authority.**

Staying Safe at School

- Children have been organized into their Learning Groups for the school year.
- One Learning Group at a time will enter and exit the building at each entrance. (We will be using 6 entrances and 7 exits.)
- There will be a set seating plan for every class. Teachers may need to change these plans in order to support students with optimum learning environments, but will only do so **if absolutely necessary.**



•Masks are **optional for any** student. If your child is young (K-grade 5) **and** you choose to have them wear a mask, they may need your help. We want children **as infrequently** as possible to touch their faces, which can be an issue for some because they play with or are constantly adjusting the mask. Please help your child learn to avoid touching their mask and face as much as possible.

- Each entrance will soon have hand sanitizing stations. Every classroom and teaching space has a hand pump of sanitizer. Each teacher has a spray bottle of hand sanitizer for sanitizing hands as children enter the building. **And proper hand washing is done frequently throughout the day.**
- If you are sending hand sanitizer with your child please make sure it is **unscented**, meets health and safety guidelines (60% alcohol) and is not on the FDA Recall list, found here: **<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-consumers-should-not-use>**



- Bathrooms will be used by a single student at a time and high touch surfaces will be cleaned by our daytime custodian during the day.
- We're going to be getting outside LOTS and LOTS to learn! Please help us by giving permission for **Walking Field Trips** and having your children **dress for the weather!**
- Adults who are not in students' Learning Group will maintain 2 meter distance or use a clear barrier **and** wear a mask when working with students.





•When students go to Band, Gym and Library, surfaces (tables/desks) and chairs will be sanitized between Learning Groups. These teachers will all maintain a 2m distance and wear masks.

•**Library**-Laminated books that have been taken out will be quarantined in bins and children will not be allowed to share books

• **Gym**-There will be no shared equipment between Learning Groups. Equipment will be disinfected on a regular basis.



•**Band**- There will be no shared instruments.

•**ALL** garbage/wrappers and disposable containers from lunches and snacks will need to be disposed of **at home**. We need to prevent children from different Learning Groups being in the hallways and using the same receptacles. **Please be sure to send an empty ziploc bag for this purpose.**

• We will be getting a *Touch-less* Sensor Water Bottle Filling station. (I will send an email letting you know when it's set up.) Until then, please make sure to send water with your child or children.



 • **Traditional assemblies** are out for this year but we're definitely going to find some fun ways to celebrate and share!

Parents, Other Adults & Visitors

- We need to reduce the number of adults in the building while the children are at school.
- There is **no lunch drop offs** this year.
- Parents will **not be able to** walk their children to class.
- If you need to speak with a teacher, please call to chat, consider emailing, or you might set up a social distancing meeting outside or use Zoom.
- If you need to speak with me, you can call, email (jkwasnicky@deltasd.bc.ca) or set up an appointment.
- Anyone who comes into the building will be **required** to enter their name and contact information, including phone number, into our Visitors Log.

Finally, our School Safety Plan will be posted on our website for you to see shortly. I know this is a lot of information to read through and I'm sorry! Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions!

Kind Regards,

J. Kwasnicki
Principal