

**NEWSLETTER #24****March 4th, 2022****SPRING BREAK**

Spring break is coming up quickly. Our last day of class before the break is Friday, March 11th and our first day back is March 28th.

LATE ARRIVALS

We are happy to have our Wildcats come to school every day but have noticed that more students are arriving late. It is important that our students begin their day on time and with their class. The beginning of the day is an important time for students to check in with their teacher and classmates, as well as settle into their daily routines. We understand that unexpected issues pop up but please try your best to arrive on time and ready to learn by 8:45 a.m.

**COVID HEALTH & SAFETY:**

All families are encouraged to share and practice health and safety routines at home. At Woodward, we support all students to **wear masks and wash their hands frequently**. Please review our Mandatory Health and Safety Declaration every morning before coming to school. Please visit: <https://sd38.bc.ca/covid-19-updates> for more information. Call 8-1-1 or contact a health care practitioner with questions.

PAC MEETINGS

PAC are amazing resources for our entire school community. A strong PAC bonds our school community with our families. Please reach out with questions or ideas (woodwardpac@gmail.com). **Our next PAC meeting will be Monday February 28th at 6:30 p.m.**

**REPORT CARDS & PORTFOLIOS**

Divisions 2 and 5 will send report cards home on March 11th. Divisions 1, 3, 4, and 6 are continuing their work with their CSL portfolios. This is an excellent time to discuss all the amazing things your child learned this term and to set goals for the spring.

GR. 4&7 PARENT SURVEY

Each year the Ministry of Education asks grade 4&7 parents, grade 4&7 students, and school staff to complete a learning survey. If you have a child in grade 4 or 7, please take a little time to visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm to share your thoughts and ideas. Your opinions will help guide the future of education in BC.

**BASKETBALL SEASON**

Our basketball season is slowly wrapping up. Our co-ed teams improved tremendously through the season because of their hard work and the great coaching of Mr. Loewen. Our season continues with games against Kingswood, Kidd, and Bridge. We hope to have these games continue shortly after Spring Break too.

WEST COAST PLAY

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to be outside at all times this year. Students are strongly encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. There is a large undercover area, but students should dress to ensure they are able to enjoy their breaks regardless of the weather. To be prepared to be outside in the rain it is important for your child to have appropriate clothing such as:



- A rain jacket
- Rubber boots
- Rain pants
- An umbrella
- A rain hat or coat with a hood
- ***A change of clothes to be kept at school (sweatpants, underwear, socks, t-shirt, etc.)**
- When students use their change of clothes, please send another set to school for the next time

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 8	Basketball game at Kingswood
Mar. 9	Basketball game at Woodward
Mar. 11	Hot lunch
Mar. 11	Mr. Lim/Mr. Yodogawa reports sent home
Mar. 14	Spring Break
Mar. 28	Woodward re-opens
April 15	Good Friday – school closed
April 18	Easter Monday – school closed
April 29	Hot lunch
May 19	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 20	Pro-D – school closed
May 23	Victoria Day – school closed
May 27	Hot lunch
June 2	Band concert (students)
June 9	Band concert (parents)
June 29	Last day of school – reports sent home

**NEWSLETTER #24****March 4th, 2022****Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick****January 2022****Daily Health Check**

Everyone going into to school must complete a daily health check, including staff, visitors, and students. A daily health check means checking yourself or your child for new symptoms of illness, including symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms of illness (including COVID-19) include things like:

- Fever or chills
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Sneezing
- Body aches
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Loss of appetite
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting

If you are sick or feel unwell, stay at home. This is important to stop the spread of illness, including COVID-19, in schools.

You can attend school if:

- Your symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies), OR
- You have existing symptoms that have improved to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities,

AND you are not required to self-isolate, or your self-isolation period is over (based on a positive COVID-19 test result, if taken).

What to Do When Sick

If you have mild symptoms of COVID-19, you usually don't need a test. Mild symptoms are symptoms that can be managed at home. Most people don't need testing for COVID-19.

Stay home and away from others (as much as possible) until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities and you no longer have a fever. You should also avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long term care facilities and gatherings, for another 5 days after ending isolation.

If you have a Rapid Antigen Test at home, use it when you have symptoms. How long you should stay home depends on your test result. Find out more about [Rapid Antigen Test results](#).

If you do not have symptoms of COVID-19, you do not need a test.

If you are unsure about your symptoms, use the [Self-Assessment Tool](#), contact your health careprovider or call 8-1-1.

Testing may be recommended for some people who may be more likely to get severe disease. See BCCDC for information on [who testing is recommended for](#).

What to Do if Someone in Your Household is Sick

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Try to stay apart from the person in your household who is sick as much as possible.

Closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you develop symptoms of illness or feel unwell.