



News

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2024

MONDAY April 1

- East Monday – Schools Closed

TUESDAY April 2

- Welcome back!

WEDNESDAY April 3

THURSDAY April 4

FRIDAY April 5

- Hot Lunch – Popeyes



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Upcoming Dates:

Mar. 18 – April 1 Spring Break & Easter Weekend
April 9 Ready, Set, Learn



March 11th, 2024

Did your child receive the MMR vaccine?

Measles cases are being reported in many places internationally, in Canada and in B.C. We would like to remind you to check your child's vaccination records before travelling during Spring Break to ensure they are protected.

Measles is a serious illness caused by the measles virus. It is very contagious. It can spread easily through air.

Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose, and inflamed eyes that are often sensitive to light. These symptoms are followed by a rash, which starts on the face and neck and spreads to the chest, arms and legs.

Measles can cause complications like inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), which can lead to seizures, deafness or brain damage. Other complications can include ear infection, diarrhea, pneumonia and death. This is why protection by vaccination is so important.

Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect them from this preventable infection. **The MMR vaccine is recommended for all children and is provided free in B.C.**

In B.C., measles vaccine is given as a series of 2 doses.

- First dose is given as the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine on a child's first birthday.
- Second dose is given around the time of starting school (at 4 to 6 years) as the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine.

All school-age children and teens who have not been vaccinated should get 2 doses.

If you plan on travelling internationally:

- Babies between 6 months and 1 year should get vaccinated against measles before travelling internationally. This dose is not included in the routine two doses but will add to protection against measles while travelling.
- Children between 1 and 4 years can also get their second dose early if they are travelling internationally before they are due at age 4.

Make sure your child's immunization records are up-to-date

Check your child's immunization records by

- Scanning the QR code to Health Gateway
- Going online to healthgateway.gov.bc.ca
- Using the Health Gateway app



* Records for children under 12 years old are included on their parent's account.

If your child's online record shows their vaccines are not up-to-date but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health, please:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report these immunizations to Public Health online by either scanning this QR code or going online to fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform. This will prevent children from missing school in the event of a measles case.



If your child has not yet had their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor or nurse practitioner. Children 4 years or older, as well as adults, can also be vaccinated in pharmacies. Not all family doctors, nurse practitioners, or pharmacies offer vaccines, so make sure to call ahead and check.

To make an immunization appointment at a public health unit, call:

- 604-702-4906 (residents of Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz and Hope)
- 604-476-7087 (residents in all other areas of Fraser Health)

For more information, please contact your local public health unit or visit our website at: fraserhealth.ca/immunizations.

EGG DROP



Friday, April 5, 2023

Join The Challenge
Read on to see how you can get involved
Celebrate Spring "Dropping" in.

1. This project is to be completed at home and brought to school on Friday, April 5.
2. The projects must contain an uncooked egg. Design a system to keep the egg safe when it gets tossed, thrown and hurled off the roof of the school.
3. If a parachute is being used, no form of padding is to be used to protect the egg in the container (the egg nest). Creative suspension systems, special egg supports, or a rest may be used.
4. If no parachute is being used, design a protection device that uses as little packaging as possible. (Eggs surrounded by balloons, egg padded by some sponges...) **Be creative.** Package must be smaller than a small shoe box.
5. Name of student, grade and classroom teacher must be filled out and securely attached to the project.



ENTRY FORM - THE GREAT EGG DROP

(Please attach this form to your project or write info with sharpie on project.)

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

(No early projects please)



Absence Reporting Instructions:

We have a new system on how to report a student absence. Please [visit this link](#) for instructions on how to register and use the new system.

There are three ways to report an absence:

1. School messenger app (directions on how to download at the link above)
2. School messenger website
3. A new phone number (not the school's phone number)

Thank you for your attention to this change in procedure.

Parking Lot:

The parking lot is incredibly busy with buses, students and cars. If you drop off or pick up your child, please familiarize yourself with how the parking lot works. **There is no exiting or leaving your vehicle unattended in any of the lanes.** This stops the flow in the parking lot and paralyzes it. We need your cooperation to keep this a safe place.

All traffic is one way moving from the west to the east.

There are 3 lanes in the parking lot, the lane closest to the school is for Busses Only (Lane #1). (Unless directed to use it by staff)

Lane 2 is the Drop Off Lane - Drivers may not get out of your vehicle or leave it in any lane unattended.

Lane 3 is a Drive-Thru Lane - there is no stopping in this lane either. There are times before school when staff will start to direct vehicles into this lane if traffic is backing up on the road. Please remind your child to look both ways before crossing the parking lot.

After school you may wait in your vehicle in lane #2 and #3 prior to the bell so we don't back onto the road but please **do not leave your vehicle unattended in the lanes.**

Several parking spots by the north-east corner of the school are controlled by staff at the end of the day and are marked by signs. That corner is very busy with students, parents and staff. You must wait for the buses to leave before you will be allowed to exit the parking lot.

Please respect our neighbours. Please do not block driveways or park on their lawns.

And finally, please be patient and allow others to merge in and out of the parking lot. ECE has very few spots for parking, and as our school grows your patience and cooperation will make a difference in the