

Strathcona Elementary School Newsletter




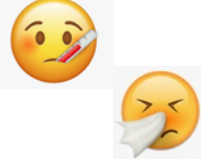



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'We inspire competence, character and compassion'

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Some of January reminders in this newsletter:

					
Pandemic Safety Measures	Illness	Masks	Online Learning	Student Information	Winter Weather

Principal Message:

Welcome back

Happy New Year! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and winter break with your family. A new year brings much hope and promise. Although the arrival of 2022 has brought forth some new challenges, I every confidence, we will all navigate them well and students will continue to engage in meaningful learning opportunities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email (kim_kass@sd33.bc.ca) or calling the office. We understand that these are difficult times for families as we continue learn, work through, and live with this pandemic. We want to be sure that we support our students and ease any anxieties families may have, as much as possible. If you are need of anything, please be sure to reach out to us at the school.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday January 10, 2022.

~Ms. Kass

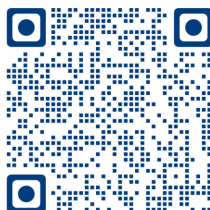


Covid 19 -Omicron School Protocols and Safety Measures



Daily Health Check

Staff and students are to complete the daily health check prior to coming into the school. We ask that families ensure they complete this check each day prior to coming to school. The daily health check can be found at: [



As well, for adults, we have a QR code posted at the front entrance doors that can be scanned.

Masks



A reminder to send a mask with your child each day. Mask wearing for K-12 students has been in place since October 4, 2021. Students will continue to wear masks while at school with mask breaks provided when students are taken outside by their classroom teacher or during the recess and lunch play periods. Students are commended for how well they have made this transition to this practice.

All Staff and Guests are required to wear masks at all times.

Hand Hygiene



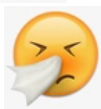
All staff and students engage in regular hand hygiene each school day including washing/sanitizing their hands upon arrival, before/after eating, using multi-touch items or surfaces such as computers, library, gym and before/after each play period.

All visitors will also be required to use the hand sanitizer at the front entrance or wash their hands



Sick

If your child develops cold symptoms and/or becomes sick, and does not pass the daily Health Check, you are asked to keep your child at home until the symptoms are no longer present, the child passes the daily health check or has had a negative Covid 19 test result.

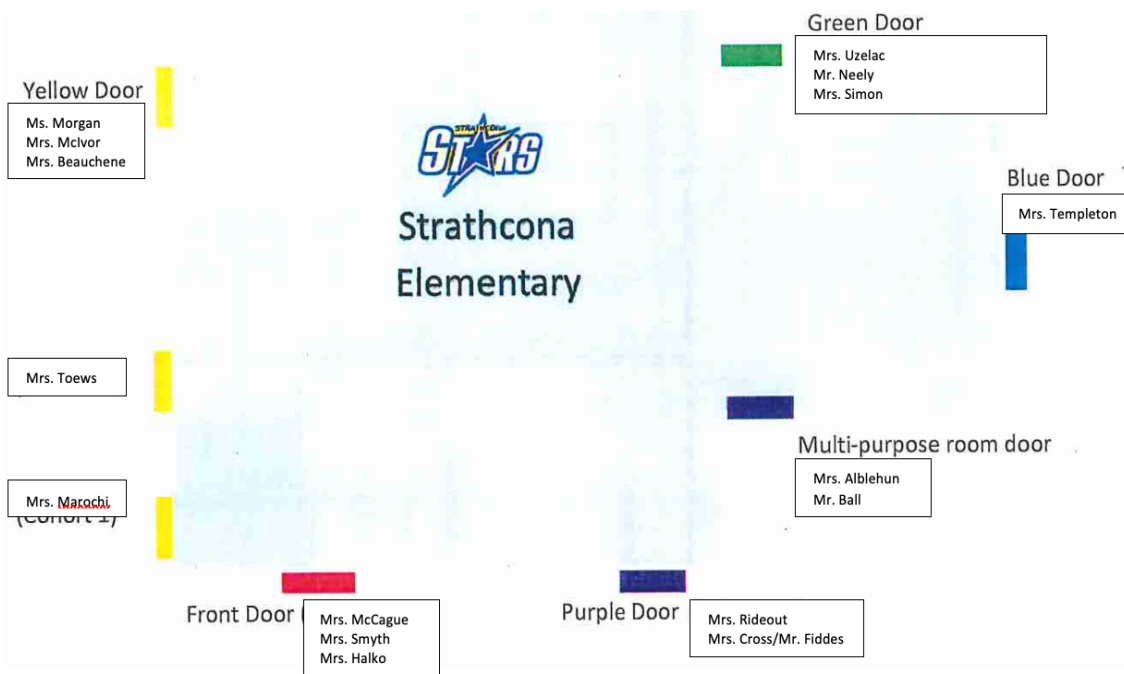


If students become ill while at school, parents or emergency contacts will be contacted. If required, students will wait in the designated sick room until pick up has been arranged.

Entrance/Exit Doors



To minimize congestion and gathering of students, we have reviewed our entrance/exit door protocols. Fortunately given the number of exterior doors we have, only a few small changes were required. Beginning Monday January 10th, classes will use the following doors:

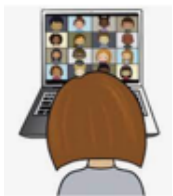


*** Students will continue to line up at their usual location ***



Student Information

Please ensure that the office has your most current and correct phone, email, and emergency contact information. If an update is required, please either call school or email Mrs. Jimmie or Mrs. Picco.



Online Learning

This past week, staff spent time collaborating and planning for the weeks ahead to make adjustment based on the guidelines from our Provincial Public Health Officer and Ministry of Education. They worked together planning and preparing learning opportunities for students in the unlikely event that a class or our school are required to transition to online learning. Families will be notified by email if their child's class learning moves to online learning.



Winter Weather

A reminder to dress for the outside weather. With cooler and wetter weather now upon us, students are encouraged to wear waterproof outdoor clothing such as boots and jackets with hats. Slips and falls do happen from time to time, families are encouraged to include a change of clothes in their child's backpack. Classes are making plans to go outside frequently to learning outdoors and to provide mask breaks.



Websites and Social Media

A reminder to bookmark the school and school district websites and to follow the PAC Facebook and School District twitter accounts for current and up-to-date information.



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