



The Lion's Roar



Walter Lee Elementary

Friday, January 14, 2022

STAFF UPDATE

We would like to welcome Mr. Tim Sars, our school's new Band teacher.



IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL

A reminder to parents that we are closely following the daily health declaration for all staff and students entering the school each day. Please refer to the daily health declaration (last page of this newsletter). Paper copies are also available at the office.

Dear Lee Lion families,

Happy New Year, we hope that all Lee families had a healthy, restful and enjoyable winter break. Staff were excited to welcome students back for term 2 this week.



If your child is not feeling well, please keep them at home until they are better. If your child has a fever or has vomited, please wait at least 48 hours and symptom-free before

sending your child back to school. Please make sure to call our Safe Arrival Line at 604-668-6269 Press 1 to report your child's absence.

My name is Alfred Chan and I am happy to join Lee school as Principal. I have been in the district for 16 years and this is my 6th year as a school administrator. My previous post was as Acting Principal at William Cook Elementary.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a safe and healthy environment for our community!

It has been a great 1st week, meeting all the students at the Walter Lee. The one thing that I have missed since the beginning of the pandemic is being able to meet parents face to face, I hope that we can do that soon. [Please click here for an introduction video.](#) Feel free to contact me by email (alchan@sd38.bc.ca) or by phone (604 668 6269).

Sincerely,
Alfred Chan

COVID INFORMATION AND VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Richmond School District continues to follow guidelines set out by VCH (Vancouver Coastal Health) and the BC Ministry of Education. For more information, please visit the websites for VCH and BCCDC (BC Center for Disease Control).

PARKING AND DROP OFF ZONE



There is no parking at Sharon Gardens, the townhome complex located at the back of the school field. We have received complaints from the owners, please be aware that your car could be towed.

Please use this link to find out more information about vaccinations for children: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccines-children>

Once again, this year we are asking parents to respect the restrictions we have with our parking lot. All parents and students are encouraged to walk to and from school. Our parking lot is open in the morning for parents to drop off their children. **The DROP-OFF zone is strictly intended to be drop-off only, parents MUST NOT leave their cars.** If parents want to walk their child to class they **must park outside on the street.** Please park in the neighbourhood and walk to the school to meet your child.

ADDRESS UPDATES



If you have moved, or your address on file does not match your physical address, please fill out a **Change of Address Form** that is available at the office. Please make sure to provide supporting documentation, such as Rental Agreement, Property Tax notice, utility bill, or driver license. The Change of Address Form is available at the office.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Please note the deadline for Priority 1 Registrations and District Program Option for 2022/23 is **Friday, January 21, 2022, 4:00pm.**

Families should receive an e-mail by February 4, 2022 for Priority 1 Placement for Kindergarten – Grade 12. For more information on registration, please visit: <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration>.

For District Program Options Placement, families should receive an e-mail by February 7, 2022. For more information on District Program Options, please visit: <https://sd38.bc.ca/programs>.

For any students planning to attend a non-catchment school in September 2022, please fill out a Transfer Application Form. The form will be available online starting January 15, 2022. The **First Round Online Transfer Applications are open January February 7, 2022 – Friday, February 25, 2022.** Please e-mail the requested school(s) directly with the complete application. The online application can be found here: <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/transfer-applications>

CSL ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Many students at Lee will be receiving their first report of the school year this month. This is called a 'Mid-Year Report'. It will be posted for the very first time to each student's ePortfolio on February 11th. **Paper copies of these reports will *not* be sent home to parents.

Teachers and students have been working hard together to learn how to use ePortfolios effectively and to provide regular communications of each student's evidence of learning. In essence, 'reporting' is done throughout the school year as we invite our parents to regularly log on, view and participate often in each child's learning portfolio.

Please take some time with your child(ren) in the days following the posting of their Mid-Year report to share in their successes and have a discussion about where they are at in their learning journey

so far this school year. *Having these conversations regularly is essential to your child's understanding and progress.*

As ever, please continue to ask questions as we all continue to learn together!

FOOD DRIVE & FLOOD RELIEF DONATIONS

Before Winter Break, we had our annual Food Drive. We collected over 200 non-perishable items and \$1162.65 in cash donation. The donations were made out to Richmond Food Bank and Red Cross for the flood relief.

PAC UPDATES

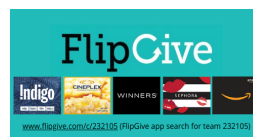
Our next **remote** PAC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** Please email us at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to receive Zoom details. Everyone is welcome! Please take this opportunity to participate in your PAC.



Back by popular demand! Walter Lee PAC will be fundraising with **West Coast Seeds** from January 31 - Feb 21. West Coast Seeds provides Canada No. 1 seeds that are untreated and non-GMO, which promotes sustainability. Choose from a wide range of their best-selling seeds for growing vegetables, herbs and flowers. Stay tuned for details coming soon...



West Coast Seeds



What gives? **FlipGive** gives! In fact, every time you shop online through the Lee **FlipGive** link, our PAC earns cash back on your purchase. Before you shop online or buy a gift card, click on our **FlipGive** link www.flipgive.com/c/232105 (FlipGive app search for team 232105) and help us fundraise by simply shopping online (no extra cost to you).

All the money PAC raises goes right back to our students in the form of fantastic programming, events and opportunities, field trips, and additional educational resources.

Check the PAC website regularly for details of upcoming PAC-related activities and news. If you would like to receive PAC updates on WhatsApp by joining our group, please email us at LeeElementaryPAC@gmail.com to receive the secure invite link.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- Tue, Feb 1 Happy Chinese New Year!
(Year of the Tiger)
- Wed, Feb 9 PAC Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm
- Fri, Feb 11 CSL Mid-Year Report Cards posted
for parents
- Fri, Feb 18 Pro-D Day – No school**
- Mon, Feb 21 Family Day – No school**
- Wed, Feb 23 Pink Shirt Day
(anti-bullying)
- Fri, Mar 11 Last Day of School before Spring
Break
- Mar 14 – 25 Spring Break
- Mon, Mar 28 School Reopens after Spring Break

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Mandatory Daily Health Declaration Process for Staff and Students

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (above 38°C) • Chills • Cough • Difficulty Breathing • Loss of sense of smell or taste 	<p>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and get a health assessment.</p> <p>Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sore throat • Loss of appetite • Headache • Body aches • Extreme fatigue or tiredness • Nausea and vomiting • Diarrhea 	<p>If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours.</p> <p>If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	WHAT TO DO
<p>Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?</p>	<p>If yes: The federal mandatory 14-day quarantine period remains in effect for unvaccinated individuals aged 12 years and older. <u>Anyone aged 12 years and older, who is not vaccinated, is required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival.</u></p> <p>The following individuals are EXEMPT from the 14-day quarantine period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully vaccinated individuals (staff and students) qualify for exemption from the mandatory 14-day quarantine period and Day 8 testing requirement (though must still complete the pre-entry testing requirement and randomized arrival testing if required) 2. Unvaccinated students under 12 who were accompanied by travellers who qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption need to comply with instructions from Canadian Border Services. <p>Individuals who have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days should refer to the following Government of Canada website for the most current information: https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid</p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
<p>Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?</p>	<p>If yes: Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health. You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.</p>

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