



OAKLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

May 22, 2020

Oaklands Families,

June School Return Survey

Following the announcement of optional K-12 in-class instruction set to begin on June 1st, we are inviting parents/guardians to participate in a brief survey to help us determine how many students we will be welcoming back into our school: <https://forms.gle/uzuLTDFCGfqiPxe8>

Please complete the survey on or before **8:00 am on Monday, May 25.**

It will be very important that the survey is filled out by the deadline so we can plan accordingly. We ask that parents who indicate if their child is returning to Oaklands do their best to commit to that decision. We have lots of work ahead of us and as the details of our plan fall into place for this next stage.

This return in June is voluntary/optional for students/families and each family is encouraged to make the decision that best suits them. Remote learning opportunities will continue, but may look differently moving forward, in supporting students until the end of June.

Health & Safety at Oaklands

School will be different for all of us when we reach June 1st:

- Classrooms will be set up to meet physical distancing guidelines (i.e., some furniture may be removed or taped off, students will be spaced apart in their desks, etc.),
- Students' movement will be limited to specific areas (i.e., classroom, washrooms, and outside areas),
- Many classroom items will be stored or removed to maintain health guidelines,
- Besides our own Oaklands staff, adults including parents, will have limited access to our building,
- Recesses will be staggered to limit the number of students outside at one time,
- Although students will be able to go outside, there will be limited access to toys and usual school equipment,
- Personal prefilled water bottles should be brought to school daily, and all food waste and garbage will be sent home, and
- A regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule will be in place and students will be required to practice handwashing throughout the day.

For more information about health guidelines in schools visit: https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2020/05/covid-19_k-12_school_guidance_2020_may_15final.pdf

The Plan Moving Forward

We anticipate students will return to in-class learning for two days per week (e.g., Monday/Tuesday, or Wednesday/Thursday). Once we receive the information from you, we will be sending out more details around scheduling next week.



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While we will make every effort to keep siblings on the same schedule, we will not be able to accommodate requests for specific times and days that children come to school. Also, depending on our numbers, students may be returning to a team-teaching model.

Please note if you have more than one student enrolled in our school district, you will need to complete a survey at the school that each student attends. Further, if your child is already in Essential Service Care, they will continue to be supported here at Oaklands during regular school hours.

Whether students attend in-school instruction or not, it will not affect their overall school marks. All students will be provided a final report card that takes into account Term 1 and 2 marks, and the learning that occurs in this third term, either at home and/or in school.

As always please feel free to connect with us here at the school if you have any questions.

David Hovis and Amei Mai
Principal and Vice-Principal

Eid Mubarak.

For those who celebrate, Wishing you a joyous and peaceful Eid from all of us at Oaklands.

