



*"Home of the Thunderbirds"*

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

### **Student-Family-Teacher Conferences**

Student-Family-Teacher Conferences are coming up this week, Monday, November 16 to Thursday, November 19. There will be early dismissal on each of these days at 2pm. Please arrange to have your child(ren) picked up promptly as there is no after school supervision. Additionally, the school is not able to host waiting students inside as this will result in cross-cohort contamination.

The purpose of these conferences is to set a learning goal for students. These goals typically reference the development of an aspect of the Core Competencies. You can learn more about the Core Competencies here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>. Students express their understanding of key concepts identified in the Curricular Competencies through the Core Competencies. For example, critical thinking regarding how 'We are all related' can be communicated in words or pictures.

Information regarding grade specific Curricular Competencies can be found here:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>.

Get ready for the Student-Family-Teacher conference by completing any preparatory materials the teacher sends home. If you have specific questions or concerns get them ready to ask. If you have not yet booked your MS Teams conference time, please do so as soon as possible. Links are available on our school website under 'News & Announcements'.

### **Snow Patrol –**

At this time of year, schools develop their annual Snow Plan. Given our unique location up the mountain, we know that the neighbourhood tends to get quite a bit of snow. School custodial staff ensure that the main walkway to the front door of the school, as well as the path from the staff parking lot to the front door, are cleared and salted. An important component of the snow plan is enlisting the help of parent or community volunteer snow teams, aka "The Snow Patrol", to take on the work of additional clearing. All snow team volunteers must complete the Snow Clearance Volunteer Form (attached).

If you are a family that uses the forest path behind the school please be advised that this path is not cleared by school district staff. You may want to gather a group of 'behind the school' neighbours to take turns clearing as part of the Snow Patrol. Alternately, you may want to adjust your route to school.

## Student absences

If your child will be absent please let the school know, 604 903 3380. If your child is ill please be sure to communicate his/her/their symptoms so that we can keep track of illness trends in the school.

## FAQ Highlights from the NVSD website

*Q: What happens if a student or staff member develops symptoms of illness at school?*

A: If a student or staff member develops symptoms at school, schools will:

- Provide the student/staff with a non-medical mask if they don't have one (exceptions should be made for students/staff who cannot wear masks for medical and/or disability-related reasons).
- Provide the student/staff with a space where they can wait comfortably that is separated from others.
- Younger children should be supervised when separated.
- Make arrangements for the student/staff to go home as soon as possible.
- Contact the student's parent/caregiver with a request to have their child picked up as soon as possible.
- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect the areas the student/staff used.
- Request that the student/staff be assessed by a healthcare provider and stay home until COVID-19 has been excluded and symptoms have improved.

*Q: What is the testing protocol for students with symptoms? Are there dedicated centers for testing children? Are there any mobile groups who would go to schools?*

A: Students who have symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested, and most or all facilities can test children 3 and over. Currently there is no mobile testing for schools. For more information on testing and where to go for testing, visit the [BCCDC TESTING PAGE](#).

I hope that you enjoy a restful weekend. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Lisa Upton

Principal, Carisbrooke