



April 1, 2021

Dear students, staff, parents and caregivers:

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful two weeks with your family enjoying our beautiful communities. Spring Break is always such a great time to rest and recharge as the school year starts to wind down. While we still have plenty of learning to do, this is the time where we start to reflect on the year and the schools and the district start to look at next year.

Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year is open and most students have registered already. If you know of any kindergarten parents who have not registered their children, or are new to the neighbourhood, please remind them to call the school in their catchment area for our new "COVID" safe registration procedures.

As you may have heard, due to recent changes in cases of COVID-19 in BC, the Provincial Health Officer has recommended changes to the mask requirements for K-12 schools. **All staff, adult volunteers and visitors, and all Grade 4 to 12 students are required to wear a non-medical masks or face coverings at all times while indoors at school and on school buses, subject to some exceptions (detailed on Page 30 of the updated [SD5 Protocols](#)).** Students in Grades K to 3 are encouraged to wear masks, but are not required to do so.

We are in the process of sourcing reusable masks for students although we request that parents/caregivers send their children with masks when returning to school on April 6.

Additional information will be coming directly from your school with respect to the availability of masks and updated school protocols. Please watch for information from your school principal. We will continue to send updates as we get new information.

Take care, and enjoy the excitement of the first week back to school!

Silke Yardley

[BCCDC Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)

[Provincial COVID 19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)

