

South Meadow Elementary School

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Hello Families:

Outside Before and After School: The situation on the streets in the morning and after school has slowly improved. We continue to ask if you can drop off your child on Memorial Avenue and walk down Kilbourn Street to the school. It is necessary to keep Kilbourn Street open for buses and to prevent traffic where the students enter the property. Thank you.

PA Day: A reminder that **Friday, March 5** is a PD Day and there is no school for students. As a staff, we will be working on professional development, including the board's equity initiative, *Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild.*, Closing the Achievement Gap (with a focus on reading), and some school-based initiatives.

Transition: There will be another opportunity for students to transition from school to remote and vice-versa in the spring. More details will be coming out shortly.

Covid Cases: When a child or staff member has tested positive for Covid-19, information is sent to the school community as a post to the school website. You will receive notification of the post if you have subscribed to the website. If you have not yet subscribed, please go to our school website and subscribe today.

Wearing Masks: It is board policy that all children and adults on school property wear a mask at all times.

Dismissal time: A reminder that students are not dismissed from school until 2:45.

Supervision of children: If you are coming to school to pick up your child, please escort them directly off school property after picking them up. It is important that

children and adults do not congregate after picking up a child, and that children are supervised at all times and are not permitted to slide on snow banks (often near cars) or wander around the property.

Graduation: We will soon be meeting about graduation and will relay information to families as soon as it's available. In terms of the graduation ceremony, we are waiting on the school board's graduation guidelines. We will use these to prepare for the graduation ceremony, including consulting with families through School Council.

Staffing: J. Plenderleith has taken over from W. Constable, who retired at the end of January. K. Ebert has taken over from J. VanWyn, who also retired at the end of January. Both J. Plenderleith and K. Ebert will be with us until the end of June. We also have a temporary Office Administrator, G. Hillman, who has been with us for a few weeks now.

School Announcements: All in-school announcements are available to families 24-hours a day on the school website. The announcements are updated in real time. You will find the announcements at the bottom of the web page. While we are not making many announcements these days because of the restrictions on school activities, as we move into the 2021-2022 school year the announcements' site will be the place to find daily information on school-related activities.