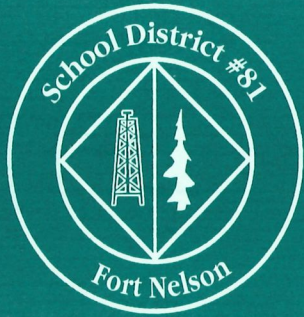


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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we look forward to Spring Break we recognize that many people will be travelling to places both inside and outside Canada.

We have been told by the Provincial Health Officer that at this time it is not necessary to cancel planned events, outings or trips to public locations in B.C. and Canada and to most places in the world. However, travellers should understand that as global efforts to contain COVID-19 continue, the availability of health care services in some areas may be limited and travel restrictions may be put in place suddenly.

People who are planning travel should check the latest travel notices and advisories on the Government of Canada's website (<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>).

At present the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Provincial Health Officer of British Columbia do not recommend school closure strategies for the prevention on COVID-19.

During Spring Break, our schools will have enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and high-touch surfaces such as door handles etc.

After Spring Break, please continue to promote good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Students should clean their hands:

- Before leaving home and on arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before food preparation
- Before eating any food, including snacks
- Before leaving school

Respiratory etiquette includes covering the mouth and nose during coughing or sneezing with a tissue or a flexed elbow. Hand washing should follow the disposal of used tissues.

Students who are ill with respiratory illness symptoms (fever, cough, fatigue, and/or muscle aches) should stay home from school.

Up-to-date information on the evolving situation of COVID-19 in British Columbia is available on the website of the BC Centre for Disease Control at bccdc.ca

As this situation continues to evolve, we will communicate any new recommendations.

Yours truly,

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