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We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Hello Talmey Families!

We hope you are staying healthy and happy in the first month of 2022!

It has been a good start to the new year! The school continues to grow with new students joining the Talmey Learning Community. We also welcomed new members of the staff: Ms. Hur who is teaching Division 8 until Ms. Hau's return; Ms. Bach and Ms. Rauda who are combining to cover Ms. Kotsovolos' ELL/LA/LRT position until spring break.

Each day we get a little bit more sunshine, but please remember that the children need to come to school prepared to go outside every recess and lunch regardless of the weather.

Attached to this newsletter is the newest updated Daily Health Check information that has been provided by Vancouver Coastal Health. It has explicit advice as to when to isolate and current procedures to follow. We will continue to share updates as they are provided by Vancouver Coastal Health.

It is greatly appreciated by everyone that when an adult or child is not feeling well that they stay home as per the guidelines. Children can be feeling fine in the morning as they enter the class, but only a short time later can start feeling unwell. At that point they will need to go home until they no longer present any symptoms.

School Calendar reminders:

- *Monday, January 31* is a Professional Development Day and students will not attend as staff are engaged in activities to enhance their instructional practices for their students benefit.
- *Thursday, February 17th* is an early dismissal day for all students to facilitate conferences with parents. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon and teachers will be setting schedules for virtual parent meetings for that day.
- *Friday, February 18th* is Professional Development Day and students will not attend as staff are engaged in activities to enhance their instructional practices for their students benefit.
- *Monday, February 21st* is Family Day and school is not in session on this holiday.
- *Wednesday, February 23rd – Pink Shirt Day* - Wear pink and help everyone work towards anti-bullying. Bullying has evolved over time and now encompasses numerous social media posts as well as actual face to face events. The District's Code of Conduct is the foundation for our work in dealing with this important topic. Pink Shirt Day started years ago in Nova Scotia, as the response of high school students to their dismay at a fellow student being bullied just because of the colour of the shirt they were wearing. This day of recognition has grown across Canada and the world as we all work to reduce and eliminate such behaviours. Join us all in wearing PINK!

Communicating Student Learning Mid-Year portfolio documents will be sent out to parents from **January 28th – February 4th** for the 11 classes utilizing this method of assessment. The other two classes utilizing the traditional MyEducationBC paper reporting, those reports will be sent home with the students in March before Spring Break.

Upcoming Zoom Session for Parents:

Thursday, February 17th - 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Saleema Noon Virtual Parent Information session: SPONSORED BY THE TALMEY PAC

Body Science Boot Camp for Parents. In-school student sessions will take place on February 23 & 24. Further information about these important curricular sessions will be sent next week. We are fortunate to be able to provide this presentation with the support of the Talmey PAC. Saleema Noon has presented at the school many times in the past in support of the curriculum.

Parenthood never arrives with a rulebook, and when it comes to explaining the world of sexual health to your child, it can be hard not to end up a bright shade of red. Using humor and straight talk in an open, interactive environment, Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will show you how easy it is to convey healthy, positive messages about sexual health to kids.

In this workshop **parents** will learn:

- Why we need to talk to children about sexual health at a young age
- How to reduce risk of child sexual abuse
- What children should know at each stage of development, with specific examples of how to explain concepts and processes
- How to become their kids' preferred source of sexual health information
- How to normalize open, honest sexual health conversations in their family
- How to effectively answer even the toughest questions kids ask
- What will be covered in Body Science workshops for students

Join us via live Zoom!

When: Parent Information session Thursday Feb 17th at 6:30pm-8pm with Brandy via zoom.
This session will not be recorded for privacy reasons

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88105577187?pwd=bHBYQnF6WDVtZW9xNi9vMHhUaVJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 0557 7187
Passcode: 382036



About Lunar New Year: February 1, 2022.

We wish all our Talmey Learning Community members a Happy Lunar New Year! The Lunar New Year is a holiday that marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendar traditionally used in many East Asian countries including China, Vietnam, Singapore, and South Korea. In these countries and many others, this is one of the most important holidays of the year. Red is the most popular colour for Lunar New Year celebrations because of its association with happiness, good fortune, and wealth.

School Reminders:

If your child(ren) will be away from school, please email or call the office to advise us of their absence.

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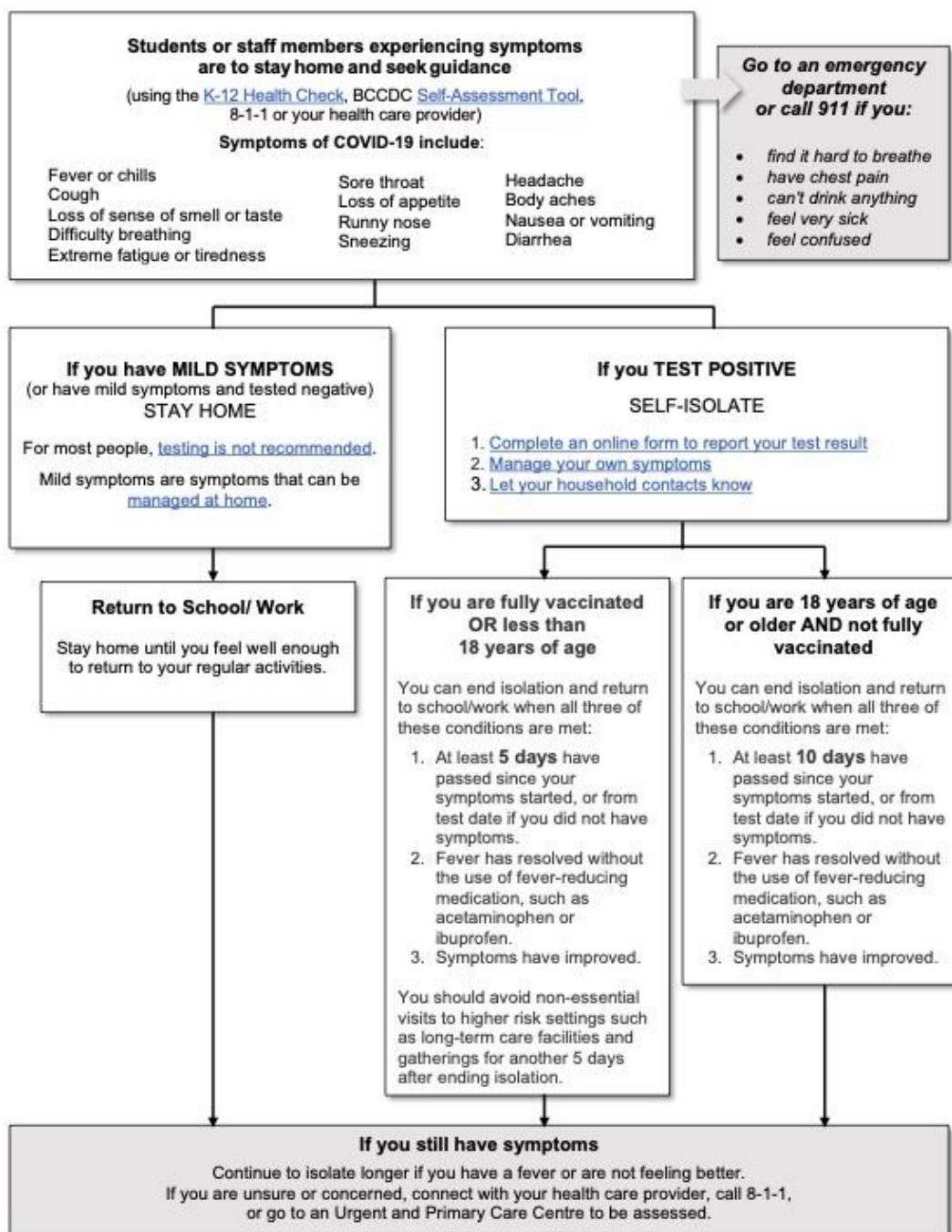
Spring Break:

March 14 – March 26, 2022

School will re-open on Monday, March 28th

Sincerely,
Al Zarchikoff
Principal

COVID-19 Symptoms, Testing & Return to School



Close Contacts

Household contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms and stay home if they get sick. All school students and staff members should regularly self-monitor for symptoms as usual as per the Daily Health Check. Those who develop symptoms should stay home. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: [Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)

Information for Travelers

If you are a traveler returning from outside Canada and test positive for COVID-19, you need to follow the quarantine requirements set by the Federal government. Visit the Government of Canada website for more information: travel.gc.ca/travel-covid

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