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## **News Update October 22, 2020**

### **School Arrival & Departure**

Thank you for following our staggered arrival and dismissal procedures. This helps so much with ensuring that students can maintain social distancing when entering and exiting the school. We appreciate your support!

### **Student Illness - COVID symptoms**

All staff and students are required to complete the [COVID Daily Checklist](#). Any student or staff who has COVID like symptoms may not attend school as per Alberta Health Services. You are legally required to isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer. See: [COVID-19 Information : Student Illness \(August 2020\)](#)

When a parent contacts the school to report their child's absence with COVID like symptoms, the student will be marked absent for 10 days. This will prevent you from having to contact the school daily. The attendance can be updated if your child has a negative COVID test **and** the symptoms resolve before the 10 days.

### **Mask Use at School**

Most of our students are now into the routine of wearing their masks at school. Thank you for sending **2 or more clean** masks daily for your child.

### **Winter Weather**

With the cooler weather now here, please make sure that your child is dressed to be outside for recess. The students have 2 recess daily (~23 minutes) and may also go outside for gym class as well. It can be quite cold if students are not dressed properly including good insulated mittens or gloves. Indoor recesses are very rare, therefore, students will be expected to go outside every day unless the weather is extreme.

### **Dieleman Fundraising Campaign**

The DFS online fundraiser has been extended! You can shop from the comfort of your home at [www.shopdfscanada.com](http://www.shopdfscanada.com) until October 27 using the Organization ID: 6720. Funds raised through this project will help provide classroom and school materials and resources. Thanks to PAWS and Carolyn Doryk for organizing this fundraiser.

### **Halloween Day Activities - October 30**

Halloween is just around the corner. Teachers will have Halloween activities in their individual classrooms this year as we are unable to run our Halloween Carnival this year.

This year students should come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes. Classroom activities will take place according to the teacher's classroom schedule. Although Halloween is a time to dress-up and have fun, our school dress code remains in effect; costumes should be appropriate for the school setting.

Please do not send extra costume pieces/props this year as space in classrooms is limited with COVID restrictions. We are also unable to have shared classroom snacks this year. Students should only be eating their own snacks sent in from home.