

Dickens Annex Newsletter – March 2021

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Important Dates to Remember:

- March 4th 7 pm PAC online meeting
- **March 10th 2 pm Early Dismissal**
- March 11th Parent Conferences from 2-4 pm
- **March 11th 2 pm Early Dismissal**
- March 12th Parent Conferences from 2-7 pm
- **March 15th - March 26th Spring Break (no school)**
- **March 29th** First day back to school



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, March 10th** from **2:00-4:00 pm** and **Thursday, March 11th**, from **2:00-7:00 pm**. Conferences will be held virtually on MS TEAMS. Information was sent home on Friday. If you are not able to make one of the times listed, please contact your child's classroom teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Filming in the Neighbourhood

As many of you may already be aware, GJLN Productions Inc. will be doing their second round of filming in the neighbourhood from **March 8-16th**. Although there will be no filming on our school site, the production company will be using the blacktop area to set up trailers and tents. This area will be blocked off and our students will be instructed to stay a good distance away. Our staff and supervision aides will provide extra supervision around this area during the week.



PAC News

Just a reminder to check out the PAC Blog at dickens.blogspot.com to stay up-to-date on all that the PAC is doing at Dickens and Dickens Annex. The next PAC meeting this scheduled for this **Thursday, March 4th at 7 pm**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Are You Moving?

Over the next few months, we will start to make plans for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are planning to move and change schools this summer, please let the office staff know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Clean Up

Please remind your child to clean out their “cubbies” and check the school Lost and Found before Spring Break.

Daylight Saving

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time is **Sunday, March 14th**. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night!

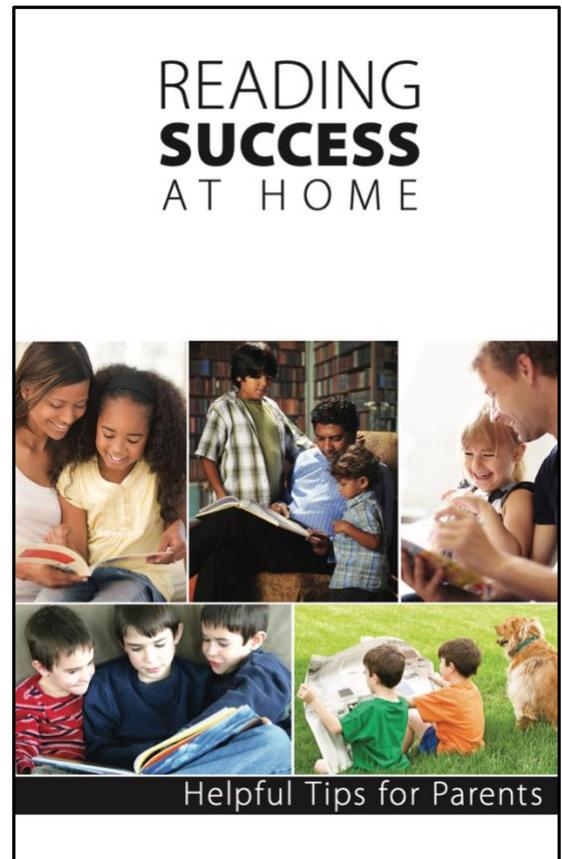
Reading at Home with Your Child

A few years ago, we hosted a reading workshop at the Annex for all parents of students in Grade 1. The presenter outlined various strategies to use when reading with your children at home. I have included the link to this easy-to-read brochure, **Reading Success at Home: helpful tips for parents**. It is a great resource to have at home.

<https://decoda.ca/resource/reading-success-at-home-helpful-tips-for-parents/>

Topics include:

1. Why is reading important?
2. How can I help my child become a life-long reader?
3. How do I help my child choose “Just Right” books?
4. How do we warm up the book together?
5. What do I do when my child isn’t a confident reader?
6. What do I do if my child makes a mistake?
7. What do I do if my child still can’t read a word?
8. What about phonics?
9. How do I check that my child understands what has been read?



Let’s continue to make home-reading a big part of your daily routine over Spring Break.

Student Learning Survey 2020/2021



The **Provincial Student Learning Survey** is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to the school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2021, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 3, their parents, guardians, caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous login code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until **April 30th**. If you have any questions, please contact the school at (604) 713-5392.