

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO STAFF AND PARENTS

Dear parents and guardians,

Happy New Year everyone and before anything, I want to wish you all a very healthy and happy 2022. I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to you all for your ongoing support, understanding, and patience these last few weeks. We will continue to work together to ensure students, staff and families experience a safe, healthy and engaging school experience. We are so excited to have all our littles back with us next week. We appreciate how challenging this last week has been for so many of you and we look forward to seeing everyone moving forward.

District and Site based safety plans are a way for schools and districts to outline the health and safety parameters and protocols that will be implemented to support the health and wellbeing of everyone. Lindsay Park is committed to providing a safe and healthy work and learning space for all staff and students. We will continue with protocols we have been using over the last two years as well as return some additional measures. Please read the health and safety guidelines below to learn of the updates in our protocols.

Also, please read the $\underline{\text{K-12 communicable Disease Guidelines}}$ including the recent December 30, 2021 update.

We will send emails with updated information and plans as they unfold.

Thank you, again, for your patience and support. We look forward to getting back to regular classes on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Sincerely,

Michelle Iacobucci Principal Lindsay Park Elementary School 250-427-2255





ATTENDANCE REPORTING AND ANY PARENT/VISITOR TO THE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE REPORTING:

We will be tracking students absences as always. If you leave an email or phone message, can you please specify if your child is away due to illness. We'll be asking that in the morning as well when you call in. We are going to be watching our attendance rates and reporting them accordingly to public health as required.

PARENTS/VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL:

When school resumes, after winter break, any adult wishing to enter the school must make an appointment.

Please contact the office if you need to enter the school. This includes picking up or dropping off of students. Please remain in your vehicle limiting proximity to school and other students or staff.

Any visitor entering the school will need to still sign in and out.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Parents and guardians are asked to monitor their children daily for symptoms and to not send them to school if they are sick. People who are sick will not be allowed at school.

Use the <u>Daily Health Check App</u> and follow the recommendation.

As usual, if your child falls ill at school, we will contact you right away to pick them up.





STAGGERING, STOP, RECESS, AND LUNCH TIMES

We will return to practices from the past that include:

• Two Recesses

- 1. 10:00-10:15
 - Classes: Sharpe, Humble, Baker
- 2. 10:15-10:30
 - Classes: Magee/Strapko, Scott, Taggart, Pakenham, Silliphant

• Two Lunches

- 1. 12:00-12:20 Eat and 12:20-12:40 Play
 - Classes: Magee/Strapko, Scott, Taggart, Pakenham, Silliphant
- 2. 12:00 12:20 Play and 12:20-12:40 Eat
 - Classes: Sharpe, Humble and Baker's classes

• Entrance and Exits

1. All classes will continue to enter and exit from their own door. Classes who share an entrance will stagger themselves so there is no overlap.

SPORT TOURNAMENTS

At this time, all BC school sport tournaments are paused. Schools may play team versus team in the school but schools will not be allowed more than two teams at a time. This practice will not impact Lindsay Park Elementary.





IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES AT OUR SCHOOL

The prevention measures already in place in the school continues to be effective at reducing the risk of COVID-19.

These include:

1. Wearing a well fitted mask

Masks should:

- Cover the mouth and nose and go under the chin
- Fit tightly with no gaps (consider adjustable masks)
- Be made of three layers of fabric, including two layers of tightly-woven fabric, with a filter or filter fabric between layers.
- If there are two layers with a pocket for a filter, use a filter
- 2. Getting fully vaccinated
- 3. Staying home when sick
- 4. Completing the daily health check
- 5. Cleaning hands regularly

For more information, visit the SD6 webpage:

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