



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are very excited to welcome you and your child(ren) back into our learning community after summer break. In this September Newsletter are a variety of important updates including details about:

- Grade 1-3 Welcome Week
- Kindergarten Gradual Entry
- Completing start-up forms online
- Paying for school supplies online
- Volunteer requirements
- September PAC meeting
- 2024-25 Events

Please review our September Newsletter and reach out to the office with any questions.

All the best,

Dan Clark

GRADE 1-3 WELCOME WEEK

We take student placement very seriously and go through a meticulous process. This is a collaborative process that involves parent input in May, student feedback in June, and teacher and specialist input in June and August. Our goal is to create balanced classes, positive social groups, and workable instructional groupings.

Change for 24-25:

Our first week back for students in grades 1-3 will look a little different this fall with mixed groupings and no assigned classes.

This flexible format in the first week will

allow us to adjust to new registrations and continue our work to create balanced classrooms.



GRADE 1-3 WELCOME WEEK SCHEDULE

- **September 3:** Mixed grade groupings in outdoor activities from 8:45am – 10:45am
- **September 4-5:** Students in grades 1-3 will work in mixed groupings from 8:45am – 2:48pm.
- **September 6:** Students in grades 1-3 will work in mixed groupings from 8:45am – 1:15pm. Class placements will be communicated to families on Friday afternoon.
- **September 9:** All Grade 1-3 students will attend their first day in their assigned classroom.

Pickup and dropoff locations for grades 1-3 students will be as follows during the first week (September 3-6):

- **Grade 1 Students:** start and finish each day in the gym meeting near the basketball nets
- **Grade 2 Students:** start and finish each day outside at the picnic tables
- **Grade 3 Students:** start and finish each day in the library



BLENDED CLASSES

All classrooms have a range of abilities within them; however there are many benefits to having multigrade classes. Blended classrooms create diverse yet balanced groupings of students of mixed ages with different abilities and they promote enhanced social and emotional skills. Research supports that the blended classrooms can also yield higher language development and reading skills as younger students are challenged and older students act as peer mentors. Further, having blended classrooms fosters a culture of caring and creates an environment where all students needs are being met, where they are at, through differentiating instruction for all learners.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY

In 2010 when full-day Kindergarten was implemented in the province of BC, the Ministry of Education and Child Care allowed for fewer minutes of instruction in Kindergarten. This allows schools to plan a gradual ease into full-day Kindergarten and the larger school environment for children.

The purpose of this transition time is for Kindergarten teachers to get to know all of our new students and to ensure your child is comfortable with the classroom setting and the school. The first week of school will be for individual interviews for you and your child with our Kindergarten team. Our Kindergarten teachers will provide you with information about school and classroom expectations and will answer all of your questions. In the second week, teachers and students will be in mixed groupings in the classroom setting to create balanced classes to ensure that we create the best learning environment for all students.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY SCHEDULE

The first two weeks of school will be as follows:

September 3-6: Interviews only.

- No kindergartens here unless with parent/guardian for their confirmed interview.
- Please allow for 40 minutes: 20 minutes for the interview and 20 minutes for our early years survey.

September 9-11: All kindergartens attend from 8:45am – 12:00pm.

- Please ensure you provide a recess snack.
- No buses for K students these days.

September 12: All kindergartens attend from 8:45am – 12:40pm.

- Please ensure you provide a recess snack and a lunch.
- No buses for K students this day.

September 13: 8:45am – 1:15pm. All kindergartens attend a full regular Friday.

- Please ensure you provide a recess snack and a lunch.
- No buses for K students this day.
- Classes confirmed and communicated to families.

September 16: 8:45am – 2:48pm. All kindergartens attend their first full regular day in assigned classroom.

- Please ensure you provide a recess snack and a lunch.
- Buses available for K students starting this day.

START-UP FORMS

Each year we need families to complete a variety of forms. These include forms for walking field trips, medical, media, and technology. This year these forms are all online. Visit the [Clevr Login Page](#) to fill in your Start Up forms. Accounts have been created for families already registered in the School District. When you arrive at the Clevr website, just select, "Forgot password" to begin the process. For support, please refer to the [Clevr Guide for Parents/Guardians](#), or contact the office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our school purchases the school supplies for the year in bulk so that all students in each class have what they need. Parents do not need to purchase supplies separately. Please pay your child's school supply fees (\$50 per child) by Sept. 30th. If you require financial assistance for supply costs, please contact the office.

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We now have SchoolCashOnLine available to all parents to make payments on line. Registering for a SchoolCash Online account is free and easy. Any future fees can be paid through this account.

1. Register to get started.
Visit <https://sd6.schoolcashionline.com/> and click "Register."
2. Confirm your email address.
3. Add your student in the system and pay online.
4. Should you encounter any difficulties, please contact the SchoolCash Online parent help desk by visiting: <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support>

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child requires any medication or needs to carry an epi-pen due to allergic reactions, **PLEASE** ensure we have what we need at the school. For most medication to be administered at school we need a form completed and signed by parents and a doctor.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL?

If you are interested in volunteering with your child's class there are two requirements:

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING PROTOCOL TRAINING

Each year, all staff and volunteers who work with children are required to complete Child Abuse Protection Protocol training. This year the training can be completed online at: <https://www.sd6.bc.ca/parents/child-abuse-reporting-protocol-and-volunteer-code-of-conduct-training>

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

A Criminal Record Check is also required on file, but these are valid for five years. If you need to check on the status of your CRC, kindly contact the office.

PAC NEWS

Our first PAC Meeting is Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00 pm in our library – all parents and caregivers are welcome! Please use the front entrance. You may also join us virtually here: [Click Here to Join Meeting](#)

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For those who are planning ahead, please review the [2024-25 Distict Calendar](#).



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2024-25

SEPTEMBER

- 3:** First day of classes (8:45am – 10:45am)
- 20:** Terry Fox run
- 23:** Non-instructional day (no classes)
- 27:** Reconciliation activities
- 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)

OCTOBER

- 1-4:** Book Fair
- 2:** Picture Day and Open House
- 14:** Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
- 15:** Early dismissal at 1:48pm
- 16:** Early dismissal at 1:48pm
- 17:** Early dismissal at 1:48pm
- 23:** Take Me Outside Day activities
- 24:** Interim reports are sent home
- 25:** Non-instructional day (no classes)
- 31:** Halloween activities

NOVEMBER

- 1:** Movie Morning
- 5:** Photo Retakes
- 8:** Remembrance Day Assembly
- 11:** Remembrance Day (no classes)

DECEMBER

- 6:** Recycled Shopping
- 16:** Term 1 report cards sent home
- 16:** Winter Variety Show Rehearsal in McKim Theatre (daytime)
- 17:** Winter Variety Show Performance in McKim Theatre (evening)
- 18:** Moving Morning
- 20:** Last day of classes before Winter Break

JANUARY

- 6:** First day of classes after Winter Break
- 29:** Literacy Day

FEBRUARY

- 14:** 1005 Day
- 17:** Family Day (no classes)
- 18:** Non-instructional day (no classes)
- 26:** Pink Shirt Day

MARCH

- 10:** Term 2 report cards sent home
- 14:** Last day of classes before March Break
- 31:** First day of classes after March Break

APRIL

- 7-11:** Book Fair
- 9:** Open House
- 18:** Good Friday (no classes)
- 21:** Easter Monday (no classes)
- 23:** Safety Day
- 28:** Non-instructional day (no classes)

MAY

- 1:** Take Me Outside Day
- 7:** Early dismissal day (1:48pm)
- 9:** Interim reports are sent home.
- 19:** Victoria Day (no classes)

JUNE

- 5-6:** Track and Field
- 20:** National Indigenous Peoples Day activities
- 23:** Talent Show
- 24:** Movie Morning
- 25:** Grade 3 Leaving Celebration
- 26:** Last day of classes and term 3 report cards sent home