

LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the new school year. Students have been placed in their new classes for the upcoming year. Two classes make up a cohort. Below are the cohorts for our school as well as recess and lunch break schedules:

Cohort 1	Feenstra/Devries
Cohort 2	McFarlane/Iverson
Cohort 3	Jones/Katz
Cohort 4	Theologus/Mauger
Cohort 5	Russell/Lynch
Cohort 6	Fafard/Heath
Cohort 7	DeGreef/Hobson
Cohort 8	Weiss/Sweetland
Cohort 9	Horgan/McGregor
Cohort 10	Sansom/McCullough

Recess Schedule:

10AM to 10:15 Recess Break

Cohorts 1 to 5

10:15AM to 10:30AM Recess Break

Cohorts 6 to 10

Lunch Schedule

Cohorts 1 to 5

Play First: 12:00 to 12:30PM

Eat Second: 12:30 to 1:00PM

Cohorts 6 to 10

Eat First: 12:00 to 12:30PM

Play Second: 12:30 to 1:00PM

Student placement is a complicated process that began in June and continued right up until yesterday. It is possible that your child may have been assigned to a single grade class or a combined class. In order for us to effectively organize within the resources available, both of these options are used when placing students.

Additionally, all of our teachers take part in professional development opportunities that assist them with planning for diversity through effective instruction, assessment, evaluation and reporting processes. All of our teachers are experienced in differentiating curriculum to meet student needs.

If you have concerns with your child's classroom placement, set up a meeting with the new classroom teacher so that they are aware of those concerns and can plan accordingly. They also understand transitional anxiety that all children feel when entering a new classroom, particularly this year. We will work together to ensure that your child's education is challenging and meets their developmental learning needs. Enjoy learning about your child's new classroom and we are looking forward to an exciting year at Lakewood.

Student Health Check Consent

Yesterday we sent out a link and directions for parents as it relates to the Student Daily Health Check. We have included the information again to this email, please ensure that you have completed the consent prior to your child attending on Monday.



Before School Student Arrival Procedures- We need your support ensuring your children's health and safety. It is expected that all students, regardless of assigned cohort, **remain two meters apart when arriving at school** in the morning prior to the 8:25AM bell.

You can support this by ensuring that your children do not arrive at school or get dropped off (excluding bus students) any earlier than ten minutes before the 8:25AM bell. **If students adhere to the two meter rule, we will be able to maintain an "open playground" before school.** If this does not work, I will have no alternative but to assign cohorts to a specific area (similar to recess and lunch). Working together, I am hopeful that before school we can maintain arrival procedures where students are free to roam. Time will tell, let's work together on this to ensure some regularity for students as it pertains to before school procedures.

End of Day Departure Procedures

In a normal year, parents and students often hang out on the playground after school, students play, parents visit and it develops a true sense of community. Unfortunately, this year that doesn't make sense, we need to be far more vigilant, the

following departure procedures will ensure the health and safety of your children:

- ✓ We ask that all students, with the exception of bus students, **leave school property immediately** when the bell goes.
- ✓ At the end of the day, the priority on the playground is for our bus students, supervision of these students/ensuring social distancing is much easier for Ms. Elise when there are no other students on the playground.
- ✓ If students/families want to **return to play, we ask that you return after 3:30PM when the final school bus has departed.**
- ✓ Students that walk home are expected to leave the school grounds once dismissed by their teacher.
- ✓ Parents that meet their children outside the classroom and/or pick their children up are asked to leave the property, you are welcome to return to the school grounds after 3:30PM when the final bus leaves.
- ✓ **We encourage families to have on off-site meeting location whenever possible.**



Parents and Guardians Lead by Example!

Thanks for ensuring 2 meter distancing between you and other families that are not part of your child's cohort when on the playground before and after school. We also encourage all of our parents/guardians to wear a mask if possible while outside on the playground.

Late for School Procedures

Go directly to the exterior door of your child's classroom. If the class is not there, contact the office (250-474-3449) and we will assist you in locating them.

Signing Your Child in and Out

This procedure is much more complicated since COVID with the inability of parents to walk in and complete the sign in/sign out book. We are really hoping that families can minimize the in's and out's throughout the day as we continue to support our Head Secretary Ms. Fuzi. If you must sign in or sign out your child contact the office (250-474-3449) to advise us that you are going to pick up your child.

Sickness Procedures

Any student experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases AND their symptoms have resolved (*Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings*)

Bus Registration

A reminder to all parents and guardians that have children travelling by school bus this year, you must register each year with the



transportation department. Two ways to register, on the SD#62 website:

<http://www.sd62.bc.ca/about-sd62/transportation/transportation/>

Or, on our web site as well:

<http://lakewood.web.sd62.bc.ca/about/registration/bus-registration/>

Dates to Remember:

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| ➤ | Fri. Sept. 25 th | Terry Fox/Cops for Cancer TBD |
| ➤ | Mon. Sept. 28 th | School Planning Day: No School |
| ➤ | Wed., Sept. 30 th | Orange Shirt Day |

