



# **BX Elementary School**

*Home of the Bears*



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## **Parent and Guardian Newsletter**

Sept. 2020

### **Welcome back to School! We are all looking forward to a fantastic year!**

Our school is bulging at the seams. If you are **not planning on attending please inform the school** with a call or email. We will save spots if we know you have intentions to return later. The new building is not yet ready, however, we will ensure that students have a quiet and safe space to learn, so progress continues in a proper learning environment. Soon, some classes will be in the new section.

#### **Start up at BX:**

We are starting school on two different days  
(Students will have a full day - 8:30 - 2:30)

**THURS, SEPT 10 - Grades 1 - 3 except one Gr. 3/4 class**

**FRI, SEPT 11 - Grades 4 - 7 plus one Gr. 3/4 class**

**Kindergarten** students will have their first day on **Friday, Sept. 11** for one hour to meet the teachers. They will then follow the gradual entry process. (See website)

**Parents will be notified about class placement on Wed. Sept. 9 pm with an email.**

#### **First Day for Students:**

Please send your child with a snack, lunch, water bottle and active footwear. The refill water stations will be open. We will be in class regular hours from 8:30 - 2:30. Kindergarten students will have their own gradual entry schedule.

#### **Upon Arrival and Departure**

Students will be told to wait in their class assigned **waiting zone**. Students will not be playing and interacting with other cohorts while on school grounds. At the end of the day, if students have a longer wait they will have to wait in their class assigned zone. This process is limiting play with other cohorts and reducing contact bubbles while at school.

#### **Safe Arrival:**

We will continue to have safe arrival parents calling to ensure each child is accounted for and safe. *If your child will be away or late please call and leave a message on the Safe Arrival Line 250.503.0210.*

### **Parents will not be permitted on the playground:**

We are limiting adult contacts and asking parents to not come onto the playground or into the building without an appointment.

### **Buses**

Buses will run on both Thurs/Fri, the first days of school. Free masks will be handed to students in grades 6 - 12 and will be optional for grades 1 - 5 when they get on the bus. When riding the bus it is expected students in Gr. 6 & 7 wear masks and it is strongly recommended for K - 5.

If students plan to ride the bus they need to be registered and have their bus fees paid. Call 250.549.9281 or go online and fill in an application at <http://www.sd22.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Masks:**

This a contentious issue and we will work together to ensure everyone feels safe and are following our Health Officer's guidelines. All students will be provided 2 cloth masks from the district. Teachers will train students how to use them. When students are in their class (cohort), they will not be required to wear them (optional). When social distancing becomes an issue we will require adults and Gr. 6/7 students to wear their masks for those occasions.

### **Parking and Drop Off:**

We have limited parking, so we are asking parents to not drop off at the back of the school and use the front of the school (Silver Star Road). We would like to keep two lanes moving for the **Student Drop Off**. The busiest times are from **8:15-8:40 and 2-2:45**. If you can work around those times, it will reduce congestion and frustration of heavy traffic in our parking lot.

### **Bell Schedule**

Morning Warning Bell will be at 8:25 am (Teachers will come out and pick up their class)

Recess times will vary between 10 - 11 for classes; no bells

Lunch playtime - split between primary and intermediates

All students will eat from 12:41 - 12:51 (time added for younger students)

Dismissal Bell at 2:30

### **School Supplies:**

We are not collecting Student Supply Fees right away. We are working on a system for ease of payment and will let parents know when Fees can be accepted.

We encourage all families to use the School Supply Program.

### **Fees for Fall 2020**

Kindergarten and grade 1 ..... \$ 52 included the agenda book

Grade 2/3 ..... \$ 57 includes the agenda book

Grade 4-7 ..... \$ 62 includes the agenda book