



BX Elementary School



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Kindergarten Handbook

Welcome to the new school year at BX Elementary. Our goal for your child is to instill in them a love of learning through play in a nurturing and safe environment. Our school phone number is 250-542-4013 and Safe Arrival phone number is 250-503-0210 (please call this number if your child is going to be late or absent).

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

School Hours:

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| 8:25 am | First Bell - time for students to line up in their class groups. |
| 8:30 am | Second Bell - our school day begins and students come into the classroom. |
| 2:30 pm | Dismissal |

SCHOOL WORK

“Researchers say that no amount of formal teaching can compare to the influence of parents who teach everyday by word and example. As a child’s first teacher, you as parents are in a unique position to influence early learning in a variety of ways.” Megan Northrup

Please look in your child’s backpack each day. Your child may have some work they have done, there may be a poem or book to read, a permission slip or an at home task to complete if they were absent. We will be sending home monthly newsletters indicating field trip dates, themes for the month, etc. **ALL VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO YOUR CHILD ☺. We will be using an agenda with your child’s name on it for all communication.** At the beginning of the year, you will be given a scrapbook to glue in your child’s masterpieces.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All school supplies will be provided to your child for a **\$45.00 student fee, plus \$8.00 agenda = (\$53)** for agenda and in addition to the student fee. A **\$5.00 activity fee** is charged per student (see BX Handbook, on our website). **Please make two separate payments, cash or cheques payable to BX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

SNACKS and LUNCHES

Snack time is every day before recess and lunch is from 12 :02 – 12 :40 pm. An adult supervisor takes the children outside to play after they eat. We are mandated to provide healthy foods from the Canadian Food Guide in order to encourage healthy lifestyles. **Please send healthy snacks and lunches** (fruit, veggies, cheese, crackers, etc.) and **water to drink.** Water is so important to healthy bodies! Please limit the amount of snacks containing sugar. We are a **NUT FREE** school as we have a number of children with life threatening allergies. It is important for us to know all allergies your child has so **please include all allergies in the questionnaire. Parents will need to fill in a form at the school office if your child has a serious allergy.**

PARENT OR GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS!

Children love having their loved ones in to participate in their learning (and we do to!). Please contact the office 250-542-4013 or rkadach@sd22.bc.ca and inquire about a Criminal Record Check form to volunteer.

BIRTHDAYS AND TREATS

Every day is a celebration! We like to recognize children on the day of their birth, however we do respect the wishes of families who do not; so please let us know. **NUT FREE treats may be sent to school on your child's birthday** (or close to it if we are not in school that day). If your child's birthday is in the summer months, he or she will be recognized in September or June.

CLOTHING

Please label all clothing with your child's name as often times, clothing is forgotten. Sometimes the children don't remember if the article we hold up is theirs and so it becomes a mystery and ends up in our LOST and FOUND bin. Please check this bin periodically as it does have a tendency to fill up. **Both outside and inside shoes MUST be labelled** as often children have the same shoes. Please ensure your child's indoor shoes are clean, non-marking, easy on/off runners for gym (no laces please!) so that our school stays clean, as well as socks so they don't get blisters. Also, please send a complete change of clothes for your child in a bag with their name on it.

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

Please do not send your son or daughter to school if they are sick. If your child is sick at school, you will be called to come and pick them up. Stopping the spread of viruses is necessary in the school environment. We will also not come to school if we are sick, so that we are not spreading our germs. We want to be at school every day and want your son or daughter there too, so we will do what we can to help prevent germs, such as ensuring proper hygiene and frequent hand washing. If your child is sensitive to certain soaps or hand lotion, please let us know and send some items in just for them. If your child is sick or going to be late, please call the **SAFE ARRIVAL PHONE NUMBER** and leave a message (250-503-0210).

Please contact us (250) 542-4013 if you have any questions or concerns. We are excited to be your child's teachers and look forward to a wonderful year filled with much success!

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