



## Lavington Elementary School

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# Welcome Back! Newsletter

## Principal's Message:

Welcome! We are extremely excited to be re-opening the school to provide a safe, engaging and positive learning environment for your children.

This year's motto is **"Rising to the Challenge."** After a summer of extreme temperatures, wildfires, and the pandemic, we know our community has been faced with many challenges. As you know, we are not where we expected to be at this time of year in terms of the pandemic, however, we will pivot and reposition ourselves to best prepare for a year of learning within this environment.

We ask for your patience, understanding, and most importantly, acceptance. This includes acceptance of the fact that we all have different perspectives, opinions, and ways to cope/manage through these challenges. It is all of our responsibility to protect our younger population from the stress, pressure, and uncertainty that comes with the unknowns. I respectfully ask that when you are on school property that you respect one another, regardless of associations, and model to our students that this is a safe and inclusive space.

Thank you for the support!

## CDP (Communicable Disease Plan):

<https://sd22.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Safety-Plan-Information-School-Start-Up-September-2021.pdf>

Please read the attachment to be aware of the changes our School District has made to the CDP.

We are asking that everyone makes an appointment through the front desk to enter the school. Please make sure that you are wearing a mask upon entry, hand sanitize, and sign-in at the office.

## Day 1 Plan: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (8:16 – 11:16)

Note: September 7<sup>th</sup> will be a half day for Grades 1-7 and busses will run three hours early. Supervision will start at 7:45am. Please see attached schedule for Kindergarten start-up.



All students will make their way to the basketball courts where they will be met by their teachers and friends. This will be the routine everyday moving forward. Students can place their belongings in their lineup and then go play on the playground or in the field. For the first day of school, students will only need a snack, water, and be dressed for the weather. Teachers will collect their students/class and lead them into the school through their designated entrance.

## **Class Placement:**

Due to the many changes that have taken place over the summer in terms of new registrations, transfers, and families who have moved outside of our catchment area, we will not be placing students in their homerooms on the first day. Instead, students will be placed in their grade groups and provided with community-building and learning activities led by our wonderful teachers. This structure will allow us the time necessary to make well-balanced classes moving forward. Depending on our Day 1 attendance, we may need another day (Wednesday) of grade groupings. We want to ensure that once we have set our homerooms, we are confident that they will not need to be changed. At the end of Day 1, the plan for Wednesday will be sent out to families.

## **School Supplies Fee:**

Here are your options to pay for your child's school supplies:

Cash, Cheque (made out to Lavington Elementary School), or with your credit card through MyEd Family Portal Login

K-1: \$40 Plus a \$10 agenda charge for all students= \$50 total

2-3: \$45 Plus a \$10 agenda charge for all students= \$55 total

4-7: \$50 Plus a \$10 agenda charge for all students= \$60 total

## Lavington Calendar: Upcoming Events

August 30<sup>th</sup>: School Office Re-opens

September 7<sup>th</sup>: First Day of the 2021-22 School Year!

September 27<sup>th</sup>: Non-Instructional Day – Indigenous Focus (No School for students)

September 29<sup>th</sup>: Orange Shirt Day

September 30<sup>th</sup>: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School – Statutory Holiday)

Respectfully,

Nigel Maccagno