



ÉCOLE BOUNDARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Boundary Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope this message finds you all healthy and rested. We would like to extend a special welcome to the newest École Boundary School families who have joined us this year. You have landed in a special community of caring children and adults. During the past couple of years, we have learned a lot about how to keep ourselves and others safe while continuing to learn and have fun. We know what works and we will continue to practice the habits and routines that keep us all safe, learning, and having fun at school!

Below is some important information that you and your children will need to know for the first few days and weeks of this school year. We are beginning this year in a very healthy place, which means many of the Health and Safety protocols that were previously in place in schools have been relaxed to allow for more authentic learning, play, and social connection. We continue to ask that all parents help keep everyone healthy by keeping their child(ren) at home if they are showing any symptoms of illness. Our staff will be expected to do the same. Mask wearing at school is optional and will be respected as a personal choice. As usual, we will always notify you if your child is showing signs of illness, distress, or has sustained an injury.

Personal Practices and Health Awareness

You are encouraged to review the information on our District website [here](https://bit.ly/3cMtCAe) (<https://bit.ly/3cMtCAe>) as well as Guidance provided by the BC Centre of Disease Control [here](https://bit.ly/3CLfp1g) (<https://bit.ly/3CLfp1g>).

First Week Schedule

Tuesday, September 6, is the first day of school for students in grades 1 to 7. Kindergarten students will start the gradual entry process on Wednesday, September 7, which is a full day of school for all grade 1 to 7 students. Grade 1 to 7 students are in attendance for two hours on Tuesday from 8:45 to 10:45 and from 8:45 to 3:00 on Wednesday. Please let the office know if your child(ren) will be absent from school. It is very important for us to account for all students to be able to move smoothly into the new school year. Please use the [Safe Arrival App](#) to report student absences and lates.

Tuesday, September 6 (8:45-10:45 - warning bell at 8:40)

- New families please meet in the foyer just inside the main entrance of the school at 8:45. Late French Immersion 6 students please see information below. Students and parents will have a brief introduction and then the students will join their peer group until dismissal.
- New families, please meet your child(ren) at the front of the school at 10:45.

- All LFI 6 students meet outside room 009 at 8:45. This classroom entrance is located beside the parking lot. The number is in the window. Please stay out of the parking lot.
- All LFI 7 students meet outside room 010 at 8:45. This classroom entrance is located beside the parking lot. The number is in the window. Please stay out of the parking lot.

- Returning students will meet at their 2021-2022 drop-off / pick-up location from last year.
- Last year's comfort kits will be going home to be refreshed for the new school year. Please do not send the comfort kit back until we have our new classroom assignments.

Wednesday, September 7 (8:45-3:00 - warning bell at 8:40)

- Grade 1 to 7 students attend the full day.
- Gradual Entry for Kindergarten students. Schedules were sent home.
- All students will meet at their 2021-2022 location from last year. New students will also meet at this location as informed by a staff member. If a student does not remember their spot, or it was not communicated to them, please report to the office.
- Wednesday is a full day so students will need to bring weather appropriate clothing, lunch and a recess snack.
- Students do not bring school supplies. Most supplies have already arrived at the school.

Thursday, September 8 & Friday September 9 (8:45-3:00 - warning bell at 8:40)

- Students will need to bring a snack, lunch, water bottle and dress for the weather.
- Classroom teachers will communicate more specific details as needed.

Thank you for your patience and your commitment to taking the time to read all the information provided. We also would like to direct you to the [École Boundary Website](http://bit.ly/2ITWqwc) (<http://bit.ly/2ITWqwc>) which has essential information, links, and a copies of our school newsletters. You were sent an important communication regarding the completion of district permission forms using the [school cash online](https://bit.ly/3n1B9hp) (<https://bit.ly/3n1B9hp>) system. It is imperative these are completed before students attend school next week.

Safe and Active Travel and School Speed Zones

Students and families are encouraged to get to and from school in safe and active ways. You are encouraged to take some time to plan and practice a safe route to school. Drivers, please be mindful of the posted speed limits in effect in school and playground zones and obey all parking rules.

Finally, we are confident that with all of us working together, we can provide our students a happy, safe, and rewarding 2022-2023 school year. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Tim MacLeod
Principal

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Vice-Principal