

CAPILANO

IB World School

School Opening

On Tuesday, September 5th, students in grades 1 to 7 attend from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Students are asked to return to last year's class on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Students who are new to Capilano will report to our school library (more details can be found further down this newsletter).

Wednesday is a full day, with students being dismissed at the usual Wednesday dismissal time of 2:15 pm.

New kindergarten students, please follow the gradual entry schedule mailed to you over the summer.

Attendance Call Back

If your child is going to be away please call the school at 604-903-3370. Please include your child's name and the teacher's name to assist in the attendance process.



Welcome Back Capilano!

We are excited to be back at school for another year and look forward to hearing all the joyful sounds the students bring to our hallways. We hope everyone had a wonderful break.

We would like to welcome back returning students and families, and extend a special welcome to our new school community members.

Sincerely,

Doug Beveridge (Principal) & Tanya Black (Vice Principal)



Calendar Updates

We are in the process of adding items to our online calendar. Calendar items will be included in the weekly updates emailed to families.

Meet the Teacher Night

Please come on the evening of Tuesday, September 19th to meet staff and connect with other families in your child's class. Details to follow.

Professional Development Day

September 22nd marks the first Professional Development Day. Students do not attend school this day.

Other Events

We will publish the dates for the following events as soon as we finalize the dates:

- Terry Fox/Nancy Leith Run
- Orange Shirt Day

Staff Update

At the end of the school year, there were a number of changes to the teaching staff at Capilano. Mrs. Robertson (our Vice Principal) has been seconded to the school board. Other changes included the following staff not returning for the 2017/2018 school year: Mr. Best, Ms. Doan, Ms. Gordon, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Smith and Ms. Tichlova. We would like to offer our thanks to all the staff who have left us and to wish them luck in their new positions.

We welcome back Mrs. Crouch and Mrs. Pringle, who are returning from maternity leave and will be teaching intermediate grades.

Joining us this year are Mrs. Tanya Black, who will be our new Vice Principal and an intermediate teacher. We also welcome Ms. Rhonda Anstett and Mrs. Blair Winkler as education aides, and Mrs. Christina Venturini and Ms. Kaira Pena as primary classroom teachers.

A more detailed staff list will be updated on the school website once the school year has begun.

Preparing for the Year Ahead

As with every September, there are many thoughts about the new school year. How can parents help with the transition from home to school and from grade to grade?

- Encourage a 'can do' attitude.
- Support your child in accepting change by being open-minded.
- Help your child understand that adjusting to change can take time, but things will work out fine! This helps to build resiliency.
- Connect with your child's teacher to establish a mutually respectful partnership.

School Opening (more details)

On Tuesday, September 5, school will be in session from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Our entrance bell will ring at 8:55 am. Upon entrance, students should proceed to their last year's classrooms. New students report to the library on Tuesday.

Wednesday, September 6 is our first full day. Please remember, however, that as it is a Wednesday and we dismiss at 2:15 p.m. When students enter at 8:45 a.m. they should report to rooms as follows:

2017-18 Grade Report to...

- Kindergarten - Classrooms specified on letter sent home
- Grade 1 - Library *
- Grades 2 to 7 - Classrooms you were in yesterday

* Parents of Grade 1 students, please note this change from yesterday. Please help your children find their way to the library on Wednesday morning, NOT their last year's kindergarten classrooms. They will be greeted by staff members in the library, and will be helped to their new Grade 1 classrooms from there. Older students and staff members will help the Grade 1 students ensure they get their belongings to their new classrooms.

Students who are new to Capilano will be assigned to a classroom for Wednesday morning, where they will meet up with students in their own grade. This will be done Tuesday morning.

Parents, after helping your children to the above mentioned locations, we ask that you make your way outside the building. While we want you to feel welcome in the school, your presence outside your child's classroom on this first day can cause or increase worry. Thank you for helping us build resiliency and a sense of independence in your child.

We ask that students on Wednesday have all school supplies, snacks, a lunch, water bottle and appropriate clothing for the weather.

School Organization

Capilano will continue to be organized in twenty classes (divisions). We expect approximately 450 students in kindergarten to grade 7. We expect to have students in their classes by 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Capilano staff have spent a great deal of time considering placements in the context of individual students' needs, our school's organization and priorities for balancing class compositions. Our task is not an easy one. Children often need encouragement when adjusting to a new classroom placement, and we appreciate your support in assisting with this process.

Capilano Parent Advisory Committee

Parents are encouraged to visit the Capilano Parent Advisory Committee (CPAC) website (www.capilanopac.com). CPAC works as partners with the school staff in providing support and opportunities for our students to learn, share and grow in a positive environment. We thank the CPAC for their incredible support.

Bell Schedule

8:45 am	Entrance Bell
8:50 am	Classes begin
10:30 am	Recess begins
10:50 am	Recess ends/Classes begin
12:10 pm	Lunch starts
12:25 pm	Bell rings to signal outside play time
12:30 pm	2nd bell rings to signal outside play time (all students outside at this time)
12:55 pm	End of lunch period
1:00 pm	Afternoon classes being
3:00 pm	Dismissal (for all Wednesdays, dismissal at 2:15 pm)

Health Matters!

We encourage families to walk or bike to and from school as often as possible. In addition to its physical benefits, being active outdoors prior to school helps children be alert and prepared to learn. Fewer students arriving by car also improves air quality around the school.

Please ensure children come to school with [healthy snacks, drinks and lunches](#). Having balanced food selections to choose from throughout the day helps children maintain energy and focus. We also ask that parents send children to school with a water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. Thank you for considering the environment when packing snacks and lunches by aiming for a litter-free lunch as often as possible.

While many are excited to start a new school year, getting back into school routines can be challenging for children (and adults) of all ages. Suggested routines include: reading before bed, consistent bedtimes,

packing lunches and organizing backpacks. Settling in to the new school year will take time as students adjust to new classmates, classrooms and teachers.

Every day is an outside day at Capilano! Please ensure children have at school clothing to keep them comfortable throughout the school day. Raincoats, rubber boots and umbrellas are also recommended given our climate. Having a small bag of extra clothing at school is a good idea too.

Traffic

On days you are not able to walk or bike to school, please abide by all driving laws and posted signage. If choosing to use our pick-up/drop-off zone please travel west on 20th street, follow volunteer traffic marshals' signals, and please do not park in this zone. If able to assist with traffic monitoring, please sign up on the CPAC volunteer board or visit the CPAC [website](#) to sign up.

Before & After School Supervision

Parents are responsible for supervising children on school grounds before and after school, unless a staff member has taken responsibility for supervision (ex. tutorials, extra-curricular activities). Please do not leave children on school grounds without direct supervision of a responsible adult.