

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL EASTVIEW SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2016

Welcome Back!

Spending time with family, friends and loved ones over the summer is a great way to re-energize for a new school year. My family was very busy with summer fun and we treasured the opportunity to share many moments together. Cindy too had a great summer and found a way to relax out of country! We are very excited to start the school year and we look forward to coming together as a vibrant learning community!

See you Tuesday☺

Rob and Cindy

Week at a Glance...



September 6

First Day of School (8:40-10:45)

- Students report to last year's class
- New students report to the School Library

PAC Coffee Welcome Back - Activity Room (8:30-10:40)

September 7

First Full Day of School (8:40-2:50)

- Students report to last year's class
- New students report to the School Library
- This year's grade 1 students report to the music room
- Family Group Sessions
- Students bring pencil box (with basic writing/coloring materials)

September 8

Coffee for Parents and Staff (8:30-9:30)

- Students report to last year's class
- New Students report to School Library
- This year's grade 1 students report to the music room
- Transition to new classes (Approx. 8:50)
- Students bring school supplies

September 9

Welcome Back Assembly (9:30-10:00)

- Parents are encouraged to join us!

Updates and Reminders...

Motivational Speaker – Tuesday, September 13 (Time TBD)

Justin Abdou - Head Wrestling Coach, Simon Fraser University. His success in sport has lead Justin to be exceptional motivation for students!

Meet the Teacher – Tuesday, September 13 (6:00-7:00)

Information to follow soon.

PAC Meeting – Tuesday, September 13 in School Library (7:00-8:30)

All parents are welcome to attend!

New Staff for 2016-17...

Sheila Threndyle - Speech and Language Specialist. Sheila will be working Tuesday's.

Trinity Southworth - Learning Support Teacher. Schedule will be determined soon.

Both Sheila and Trinity bring a wealth of knowledge and will support an already strong learning services team at Eastview!



Important Start up Messages...

Transition to New Classes: Safety and Meeting Requests

We will be providing coffee for parents in the activity room from 8:30-9:30. On Thursday, September 8 we look forward to working with parents in support of a positive transition; students will be anxious about their new class and will benefit from a calm, safe and open environment. Please help by keeping the hallways calm and clear enough for students to move freely. If you have questions about your child's placement, please visit the office to request a meeting. I will be available to meet starting Friday, September 9.

Safe Student Drop-off and Pick-up

We learned that stopping in the cul-du sac is against City Bylaw. Plan to well walk, bike or roll to school. If you do drive, please use alternate drop off areas. Many parents have reported unsafe situations when the cul-du-sac has been used for drop-off and pick up.

Parking

The parking lots are for staff use only. We are working with the school district to designate some spots for mid-day student pick-up and drop-off. There are a few drop-off parking spots on the north side of 18th street and a few parking spots on the south side. Parking at Mt. Olivet Church is a great option as they have graciously offered parents to use their space.

Allergies

We have children who have a life-threatening allergy to some foods. We are a nut, banana, dairy, kiwi, egg, fish and shellfish aware school. Please carefully review our September anaphylaxis notice to identify the allergies in your child's classroom and communicate with your child's teacher to ensure safe practices. In support, all classrooms encourage hand washing and students NOT sharing foods. **Important: If your child has allergies, please be sure to share your child's needs with the school office. Also...**

All schools in the North Vancouver School District are a **scent free zone**. We have students/parents and community members who suffer significantly from perfumes and specific scents. Refraining from wearing perfumes, and strong smelling scents are a great way to improve the learning conditions for our students, parents and entire community.

Family Groups

Staff decided to continue with family groups this year. The goal is to help students learn more about staff, to meet a variety of students, and to provide immediate leadership opportunities for our grade 7s. Last year, many students mentioned the benefits to meeting students and staff in the school and really appreciated the connections they made. It is a great way to enhance the belonging and help our students feel safe at Eastview!

New Boiler for Eastview

There is currently some construction underway in our front foyer and maintenance room. I met with the contractor and maintenance department and there is a great understanding to maintain the school learning environment. A temporary "wall" has been built to designate the work area. Noise will be kept to a minimum during school hours, and dust etc. will be virtually non-existent. We are very thankful for this work! The benefits to having a new boiler are going to be noticed:

- significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- improved indoor air quality and temperature control
- improved background noise
- back up system included
- cost efficient

