

# Lynnmour/Xá7elcha

September 1st, 2022



*We would like to acknowledge and thank the original stewards of this land, the Coast Salish people whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on. At Lynnmour/Xá7elcha we are grateful to the Skwxwú7mesh and səililwətał with whom we share this beautiful land we live, learn and grow on together*

## WELCOME BACK!

While the staff have certainly appreciated the chance to unwind and be with their families over the break, we can honestly say, we've also missed our Lynnmour/Xá7elcha families too! We look forward to greeting and connecting with everyone again throughout the next week.

While we recognize that there is a lot of anticipation, excitement and some worry that comes with a school start up, we do hope that everyone is feeling recharged and ready to get back to school. Our continued request of parents and families remains that in order to keep the halls as calm as possible, please remain outside so that we can immediately start building student independence and routines while at school. We will have many staff members around to support those who are feeling big worries about leaving family members outside but it is very helpful for everyone, if we can say our "goodbyes" at the doors and give reminders that you will be excited to hear about their days after school.



Our office, maintenance, and custodial teams have been hard at work to get the school ready for start up. We are grateful for their diligence and expertise to set up our lovely little school. We do

have a few important reminders for everyone ahead of next week that we wanted to share.

### **Tuesday Sept 6th**

Grade 1-7 students are on site from **8:40-10:40 only**.

This gives us a chance to

- 1) double check who is returning to Lynnmour/Xá7elcha following any summer moves
- 2) meet and greet our new families
- 3) verify our class placement process and school numbers ahead of changing into classes for the 2022-23 school year.

Students should be dropped off and picked up at their "last year's" classroom. Students should follow the same procedures for entering and exiting as last year.

New families who are just joining Lynnmour/Xá7elcha, should come to the front of the school to begin their days. We will have staff to welcome and support them in our library who will be able to take them on a tour and go over "all things special" about our school!

### **Wednesday Sept 7th-**

Students should again arrive at last year's classroom for morning attendance. We anticipate moving students into their new classrooms on Wednesday morning. Grades 1-7 students will be in attendance from 8:40-2:40 and we will be welcoming some of our incoming Kindergarten students that morning as well!

Kindergarten students will begin their gradual entry plans

### **Please let us know if:**

If your child(ren) will not be in attendance for the first few days of the school year, please be sure to inform our office staff so that we can be sure to account for your child(ren).

Please stay up to date by utilizing our [School Website](#) throughout the year.

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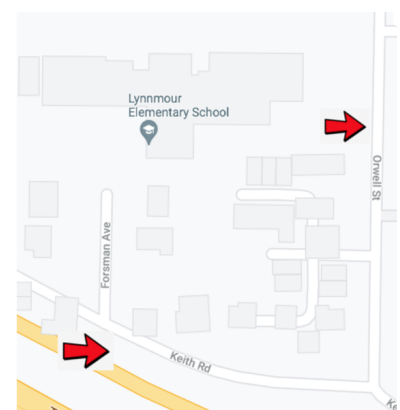
## **Drop off- Pick up Safety reminders**

We know how exciting, energizing and stressful the return to school and work can be. We respectfully remind all families that we need to take our time at drop off and pick up times. Please slow down, watch the roads, and give space when dropping off or picking up your children.

The roundabout at the front of the school is an area for a "quick drop off" but not for parking. **Please do not leave your vehicle in this area.**

**For student safety, drop off should only occur at the right hand curb (not on the inside circle of the roundabout) Please do not block in other cars.** We appreciate everyone's patience at drop off to keep everyone safe.

The parking lot is for STAFF ONLY - again, please do not impede staff access to that area as we



As always, we encourage families to walk, roll or ride to school (please remember a helmet and lock for the latter two options). If you need to park and walk your child, please utilize ORWELL, or KEITH road parking to do this.



Please do not park in this area



Please do not leave cars unattended. Area for brief stopping to allow students out of the car safely. Do not block other cars in.

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## To confirm....TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY Drop off and Pick up Planning

For families trying to make plans for drop off and pick up please make note of the following information:

**Tuesday** - Returning go to last year class for the two hours (Drop off and pick up)

New students - Front of school drop off pick up

**Wednesday** - Returning students again, proceed to last year class for "Drop off" and new students will begin in the library.

Families, **please arrange a specific "PICK UP" place with your child** as they will be leaving the school from their "New class".

**Thursday**- all students will be dropped off and picked up at their new classrooms.

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## Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedules

Welcome to our new Kindergarten families. We know that this time is both exciting, exhausting (and maybe a little heartbreaking) as your little ones begin school. Rest assured, we have done this before and even if your young person has some difficulties settling in, we have some amazingly warm and supportive staff available to help out and show your child how fun school can and will be.

Please refer to your gradual entry schedule that you should have been sent in early July. We understand that there were a couple of glitches with a few emails, and we tried to catch them over the summer. If you did not receive one, please contact [lynnmour@sd44.ca](mailto:lynnmour@sd44.ca) or call 604 903 3590 to

have your sent to you ASAP. Kindergarten students will not begin a full day's programming until Sept 20th.

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## School Supplies

In June, we shared that Lynnmour/Xá7elcha was moving back to a fee for supplies model so that we could bulk order supplies for everyone (cheaper and easier)! We believe this to be a more cost effective and time saving way of arranging our classes to get the supplies they need. Our plan in doing this is also to decrease waste of materials by keeping supplies, year after year, at the school. Our hope is that we will be able to decrease the cost of supplies over the course of a few years, and reduce our collective impact on the world. This year the order of supplies is **\$55 per student** (grades 1-7) for all the parts and pieces they will need throughout the year.

For those who are interested in purchasing their own supplies, [please see the lists](#) on the school website for your child(ren)'s appropriate grade. **Kindergarten** students will be charged a fee (**\$45**) so that teachers may purchase the appropriate supplies for their classes.

*We recognize that some families are experiencing a great financial stress at this time. If this is a concern, please reach out to the school office and we will work out a plan. Thanks*

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## Calender of Events

[Lynnmour/Xá7elcha School Calendar](#)

### Important upcoming dates:

Sept 6- First day (two hours for students)

Sept 7- First FULL day 8:40-2:40

Sept 19- First PAC Meeting - all parents welcome (*Virtual link to come*)

Sept 20 - First FULL day for all Kindergartens

Sept 20- Welcome back BBQ and Meet the Staff Social Evening (*details to come*)

Sept 22- School Photos

Sept 23- Terry Fox Run

Sept 28- Staff Collaboration (Students dismissed at 1:40)

Sept 29- Orange Shirt Day (observed)

Sept 30- School Closed (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

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