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**'We inspire competence, character and compassion'**

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**Classes are now set for the school year.** We thank you for your patience while we confirm student registrations and work with our district office to finalize our class configurations. Staff put a lot of thought into student placement. Teachers and Administrations take the responsibility of creating class lists very seriously and put forth much time and thought into creating balanced classes. In the Spring, teachers begin discussions around the best class for student placements while also considering a myriad of factors such as, class size allowance, class learning need and composition factors such as:

- intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development
- student learning styles and strengths
- degree of independence in student work habits
- integration of students with exceptionalities
- grouping certain types of learners for Educational Assistant support
- gender
- balancing levels of achievement
- social compatibility of groups and individuals



## SCHOOL STAFF

We would like to welcome new and returning staff members to our Strathcona Elementary community:

Mrs. Jen Beauchene – Grade 2/3

Ms. Kelly Morgan -Grade 3/4

Mrs. Kristin McIvor – Grade 4

Mrs. Debbie Cross – Grade 4 (M, T, W)

Mrs. Katarina Uzelac -Grade 5

Mrs. Tanya Crew – Educational Assistant

Ms. Karlie Murphy – Educational Assistant

## PARKING LOT: Drop Off & Pick Up



Your child's safety is our focus followed by ensuring a smooth flow of vehicles. The parking lot has one entrance and exit. Drivers are asked to pull right up to the main crosswalk to wait for your child to arrive.

Families are asked to do their hugs, kisses and well wishes before entering the parking lot to allow for a prompt exit of the vehicle.



## CROSSWALKS

Student and Families are reminded of the importance of using the crosswalks and sidewalks when crossing our school parking lot and when crossing the streets adjacent to our school. Thank you in advanced for modelling this important safety measure for all students.

## ABSENCE or LATES

Your child's safety is a priority. We must account for the whereabouts of every student each day. If your child will be away or late, please let the school know by:

- informing the classroom teacher beforehand
- emailing the school at: [strathcona@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:strathcona@sd33.bc.ca)
- phoning the office: 604-792-9301

*Every day*  
**COUNTS!**   
School success starts  
with attendance



### LATE ARRIVALS

Students are to come to the front office to check in and receive a late slip. This procedure ensures that the office knows that child has arrived, allows for proper attendance entry and indicates to the classroom teacher that the office knows the child has arrived safely to school.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Is set to open on Monday, September 13th. Breakfast Club will be open from 8:00-8:15am each morning.



### LUNCH CLUB

Bowls of Hope has partnered with the Chilliwack School District to provide soup, bread and fruit daily for students who wish to come to a mixed grade group setting for lunch. Lunch Club will resume shortly. Watch for an announcement in our Weekly Reminders sent home on Friday afternoons.

### PHOTO DAY

Bring your Best SMILE!  
Student Photo Day:  
Tuesday September 21, 2021



### PAC Meeting

The 1st PAC meeting of the school year will be Monday September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please consider attending this meeting to learn of the various ways parents can support the school, teachers and learn more about our wonderful school community.



### PARENTS/GUARDIANS ACCESS

Parents/Guardians can stay in contact with Strathcona staff through our school website, email, phone, notes directly to the teacher or in student planners or arranging an online or in person meeting. Currently, Parent/Guardian 'walk-ins' are not permitted at this time. Parents/guardians who need to meet with teachers or other school personal, are to contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient meeting.



### BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Students must have a helmet when using their bike or scooter to travel to and from school. Once on the school grounds, students are to dismount from their bike or scooter and walk. Families are reminded of the importance of locking their bike to the bike rack.

### HEALTH CHECK.

Students feeling sick should remain at home while waiting for test results, Fraser Health authorities will advise on individual return to school conditions and timelines for students.



Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily and disclose whether they are experiencing any signs of illness and are expected to keep them home if they are. Parents/guardians are asked to utilize this screening checklist prior to sending their student(s) each day. All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required, including getting tested at a COVID-19 testing centre.

## HAND HYGIENE

Proper hand hygiene is one of the most effective strategies to prevent the spread of most respiratory viruses including COVID-19. Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, practice proper respiratory etiquette (such as sneezing into their elbow) and avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth. Hand sanitizer dispenser will be at the front entrance of the school and classes will use a hand sanitizer spray bottle with students in their classroom.

### When students should perform Hand Hygiene:

- when they arrive to school
- before and after recess and lunch
- before and after eating
- before and after going to the Library, Gym, Multipurpose Room or playground
- before and after using electronics (laptop; iPads)
- after using the washroom
- after sneezing or coughing into hands
- whenever hands are visibly dirty



### New Bell Schedule

8:05	Playground Supervision Begins
8:15	First Bell
8:20-10:20	Class in Session
10:20-10:35	Recess
10:35-12:05	Class in Session
12:05-12:50	Lunch
12:50-2:22	Class in Session
2:22	Dismissal
2:37	Playground Supervision Ends

### Important/Handy Contacts:

District Website: [sd33.bc.ca](http://sd33.bc.ca)  
School Website: [strathcona.sd33.bc.ca](http://strathcona.sd33.bc.ca)  
School Email: [strathcona@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:strathcona@sd33.bc.ca)  
School Phone #: 604-792-9301  
Parent Advisory Committee  
President: Tanya Rath  
Email: [strathconapac@gmail.com](mailto:strathconapac@gmail.com)  
Facebook: strathcona elementary pac group

## School Calendar 2021 – 2022

Schools Open	September 7
Early Dismissal	September 7 (10:30 a.m.)
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30
Early Dismissal	October 8 (11:30 a.m.)
Thanksgiving	October 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1	October 22 (Provincial)
Early Dismissal	November 5 (11:30 a.m.)
Remembrance Day- Statutory Holiday	November 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2	November 12
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY# 3	November 26
Christmas Holidays	December 18 to January 2
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 3
Early Dismissal	February 17 (11:30 a.m.)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4	February 18 (District)
Family Day	February 21
Spring Vacation	March 19 to April 3
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	April 4
Good Friday	April 15
Easter Monday	April 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5	April 29
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6	May 20
Victoria Day	May 23
Early Dismissal	May 27 (11:30 a.m.)
Last Day for Students	June 23
Early Dismissal	June 23 (11:30 a.m.)
Administrative Day	June 24



# STRATHCONA BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

Shine like <b>STARS</b>	Everywhere	Classroom	Playground	Hallways	Washrooms	Eating Time	Assemblies	Digital Citizenship	Gym	On the Bus
<b>Respect Yourself</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be on task</li> <li>Be prepared</li> <li>Smile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be focused</li> <li>Be safe</li> <li>Be ready to learn</li> <li>Raise your hand</li> <li>Try your best</li> <li>Participate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be safe</li> <li>Use appropriate language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk quietly on the right-hand side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash your hands</li> <li>Flush</li> <li>Use an inside voice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sit and eat quietly</li> <li>Make healthy food choices</li> <li>Use restaurant style manners</li> <li>Be a good friend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sit quietly and listen</li> <li>Think and make connections to presentations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study, read, compute</li> <li>Be safe online</li> <li>Keep personal information to your self</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay in your space</li> <li>Be safe</li> <li>Try your best</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay in your seat</li> <li>Be kind</li> </ul>
<b>Respect Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be kind</li> <li>Hands off Feet off</li> <li>Share with others</li> <li>Use your WITS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be aware of personal space</li> <li>Hands off property that is not yours</li> <li>Listen</li> <li>Honour others' ideas and needs</li> <li>Use your WITS</li> <li>Eyes on the Speaker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be kind</li> <li>Include others / invite others to play</li> <li>Hands off Feet Off</li> <li>Share equipment with others</li> <li>Be aware of other people</li> <li>Wait your turn</li> <li>Be a good sport</li> <li>Use appropriate language</li> <li>Use your WITS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hands off Feet to yourself</li> <li>Walk quietly on the right-hand side</li> <li>Work quietly with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wait your turn patiently</li> <li>Be calm</li> <li>Flush the toilet</li> <li>Respect privacy</li> <li>Go directly back to class when finished</li> <li>Use bathroom in an appropriate and timely manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain your personal space</li> <li>Use style restaurant manners</li> <li>Sit and eat quietly</li> <li>Eat with your mouth closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use polite applause</li> <li>Use inside voices</li> <li>Listen well</li> <li>Be silent when the speaker is speaking</li> <li>Come to attention quickly</li> <li>Respect the speaker</li> <li>Show appreciation without hooting and hollering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use quiet voices</li> <li>Only send information you would say directly to the person</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a good sport</li> <li>Use appropriate voices</li> <li>Be safe</li> <li>Use your manners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use quiet voices</li> <li>Leave the windows alone</li> <li>Use appropriate language</li> </ul>
<b>Respect this Place</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycle</li> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Use inside shoes</li> <li>Clean up the space around you</li> <li>Keep hats off in school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Use materials wisely</li> <li>Handle shared materials with care</li> <li>Treat school property properly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Return equipment</li> <li>Use equipment respectfully</li> <li>Keep the playground clean</li> <li>Put garbage in trash cans</li> <li>Model caring for the Earth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Hang up coats and backpacks</li> <li>Hands to yourself</li> <li>Respect the displays on bulletin boards</li> <li>Keep cubbies neat/organized</li> <li>Pick up garbage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Be quick</li> <li>Flush the toilet</li> <li>Leave it better than you found it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycle</li> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Speak quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Push in chairs</li> <li>Treat books &amp; equipment properly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help put away equipment</li> <li>Take care of equipment</li> <li>Wear inside shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Listen to your teacher and the driver</li> </ul>



## Matrix Presentations to Students





# First Day of School!

