

Strathcona Elementary School Newsletter









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'We inspire competence, character and compassion'

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Some of June's happenings in this newsletter:

 <p>we're moving</p>					
Moving?	Spirit Day	Track & Field	Sports Day	Grade 5 Farewell	Waterslides

Principal Message

It has been another year for the history books as students, staff and families navigated through a second year of the pandemic. Although we experienced a few twists and turn as we ensured a safe learning environment for our school community, and we can now celebrate the return of many pre-pandemic school routines and traditions.

It has been wonderful to open our doors to visitors and guests, to be able to assemble in mixed groups and as the whole school to enjoy school-wide events like Sports Day, school wide field to Bridal Falls Waterslides, the District Track and Field Day, and hold our Grade 5 Farewell and Year End Assemblies in person. I feel very fortunate to be part of this strong team who consistently put what is best for the school community at the forefront of their decisions.

Lastly, to our students, you have so much to feel proud about. You are the reason we do what we do every day! We have enjoyed watching you grow in your knowledge, abilities and skills. You are more than ready for the next grade. We wish you a wonderful summer of exploring and memory making, enjoy every moment!

See you back for a new year of learning on September 6th.

~Ms. Kass

School Supplies for Grades 1 – 5

Its time to begin thinking about your 2022-2023 school supplies! Our school supply lists were sent home with report cards. They can also be found on our website:

<https://strathcona.sd33.bc.ca/node/151>



Kindergarten Families

Families that have a child registered to start Kindergarten in September, will be emailed out information on Friday, June 24th, regarding teacher conferences, school supplies and gradual entry. If you have a child that will be 5 years old before December 31, 2022, and have not registered yet, please register at:

<https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Form/StudentApplication?p1=2022-2023>

Are You Leaving Strathcona?

To plan for the 2022-23 school year, please let the office know if your family will be moving over the summer. Please notify the school at: strathcona@sd33.bc.ca or call 604-792-9301 and leave a message.

School Enrolment and Class Placement

Our enrolment and registration numbers continue to fluctuate with changes occurring weekly. Presently we are planning for 16 divisions. Please be aware that teaching assignments and grade configurations are determined by the school's enrollment numbers as a whole and at each grade level.

Class Placement

While we have tentatively begun creating class lists based on the current enrolment numbers, it is proving to be a more daunting task than in past years due to many families moving away from Strathcona or Chilliwack and new families registering.

As a staff, we are collaborating as a team, as we begin the process of student class placements for next year. Staff make very careful and thoughtful decisions around which class students are placed in for the next school year to ensure the best possible learning environments for all students.

As you can appreciate, this is a process that is impacted by several factors, particularly having accurate student enrollment numbers. If you know that you will be moving or know that your child will not be attending Strathcona next year, please inform the office as soon as possible. As well, if you are aware of a family who will be new to our school community and have not registered, please ask them to contact the school or to visit either the school or district website to begin their registration process for their child.

As a result of the continued unpredictability of registered students at each grade level, students in Grades 1-5 will begin the 2022-23 school year either with one of the teachers who will be teaching their grade level or will join their grade group level to be taught by teachers teaching at that grade level. Students will then rotate in various group settings for the first few days to review school wide expectations and school rules, and they will be provided opportunities to demonstrate their reading, writing, math skills, with the goal of having students placed with their class for the year by the end of the week.

Our tentative classes and teachers are:

Div. 1: Mrs. Marochi (Kindergarten)

Div. 2: Mrs. Toews (Kindergarten)

Div 3: Ms. McCague (Kindergarten or K/1)

Div 4: Mrs. Rideout (Grade 1)

Div 5: Ms. Templeton (Grade 1)

Div 6: TBD – (Grade 1/2)

Div 7: Mrs. Albeluhn (Grade 2)

Div 8: Mr. Ball (Grade 2)

Div 9: Ms. Halko (Grade 2/3)

Div 10: Mrs. Smyth (Grade 3)

Div 11: Mrs. Beauchene (Grade 3)

Div 12: Mrs. Cross (Grade 3/4)

Div 13: Ms. Taylor/Mr. Fiddes (Grade 4)

Div 14: Mrs. McIvor (Grade 4)

Div 15: Mr. Neely (Grade 5)

Div 16: TBD (Grade 5) while Mrs. Uzelac is on Maternity Leave

PE: TBD (Mrs. Reimer returning from Maternity Leave March 2023)

Library: Mr. Lister

Student Learning Service Support: Mr. Fiddes, Ms. Daniels, Mrs. McLean

Counsellor: Mrs. Chelsea Pastorchik

**September 6th
8:30 – 10:30am**

**Students will return to
their last years teacher.**

**New students will report
to the library.**

Sports Day

A huge thanks to Ms. Weller for planning, prepping, and leading all of our students through a great morning of races and team activities. Each class had the opportunity to participate in a variety of wacky and fun games led by student leaders from Chilliwack Middle School! Students had a fun morning of laughing and cheering as they completed all the different challenges.



Office Re-Opens

The school office will re-open on **Monday, August 29th**.

School Re-Opens

Schools re-open on **Tuesday, September 6th**. Classes will be session from 8:30 to 10:30 am on the first day of school.

Grade 5 Farewell

On Tuesday, we recognized/celebrated our Grade 5's at special assembly. We are all so proud of our Grade 5's and are thankful for their leadership and volunteering around the school this past year. Good luck at middle school everyone!



District Track & Field Team

Thank you, Ms. Weller, Mr. Ball, Mrs. Rideout, Mr. Lister, Mrs. Cross, Ms. McCague for coaching our Strathcona Team this year.



PAC

A big expression of gratitude and a heartfelt “Thank You!” to our PAC Executive members along with all parents who have given their time to support the school throughout the year. We are extremely grateful for your unwavering support, hard work and dedication you provided this school year. We are very appreciative of our partnership with you and look forward to working alongside you next year. If you have any questions or suggestions for the PAC, they can be contacted by email at: strathconapac@gmail.com



New Bell Schedule

8:10	Playground Supervision Begins
8:20	First Bell
8:25-10:15	Class in Session
10:15-10:30	Recess
10:30-12:05	Class in Session
12:05-12:50	Lunch
12:50-2:20	Class in Session
2:20	Dismissal
2:30	Playground Supervision Ends



Strathcona Elementary PAC has a Facebook page! Like our page “Strathcona PAC Group” and check back often for updates, important reminders, school news and events!



2022 – 2023 School Calendar

Schools Open	September 6
Early Dismissal	September 6 (10:30 a.m.)
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	October 7
Thanksgiving	October 10
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	October 21 (Provincial)
Early Dismissal	November 4 (11:30 a.m.)
Remembrance Day- Statutory Holiday	November 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	November 25
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	November 28
Christmas Holidays	December 19 to January 2
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	January 27
Early Dismissal	February 16 (11:30 a.m.)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	February 17 (District)
Family Day	February 20
Spring Vacation	March 20 to March 31
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	April 3
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Monday	April 10
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	April 28
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	May 19
Victoria Day	May 22
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	June 2
Early Dismissal	June 29 (11:30 a.m.)
Last Day for Students	June 29
Administrative Day	June 30

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