

Community Newsletter

August 30th, 2022



Principal's Message

It is our sincere hope that Peace Arch students and families enjoyed a safe and fulfilling summer break! We look forward to reconnecting with our entire school family and embarking on an exciting and meaningful school year together in a few short days!

Opening Week

This year the students will be placed into temporary groupings, alphabetically by grade in each program, Early Immersion (French) & Neighbourhood (English), and assigned to a homeroom teacher at their grade level. The students will arrive and dismiss from their assigned homeroom for the remainder of the week. During this time, we expect our enrollment numbers to become more solid which will allow us to continue our class organization work. As always, we greatly appreciate the support, understanding and patience of families as we work hard to create balanced classes which best meet students' learning needs. Our hope is that students are assigned to permanent classes by the beginning of week two. **Students do not bring their supplies until they are assigned to their permanent classes.**



First Day of School - where does my child go?

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th

Students attend from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Signs and maps will be posted around the school to help direct students to their meeting places. Staff will be visible and on hand to answer your questions and to assist with organizing the children into their meeting places.

Grade 1-7 Students attend from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

- **Grades 4 -7 French & English Program**
 - Meet on the Gravel Field.
- **Grades 1-3 French Program**
 - Meet at the side courtyard with picnic tables
- **Primary English Program**
 - Meet at the front courtyard outside the office

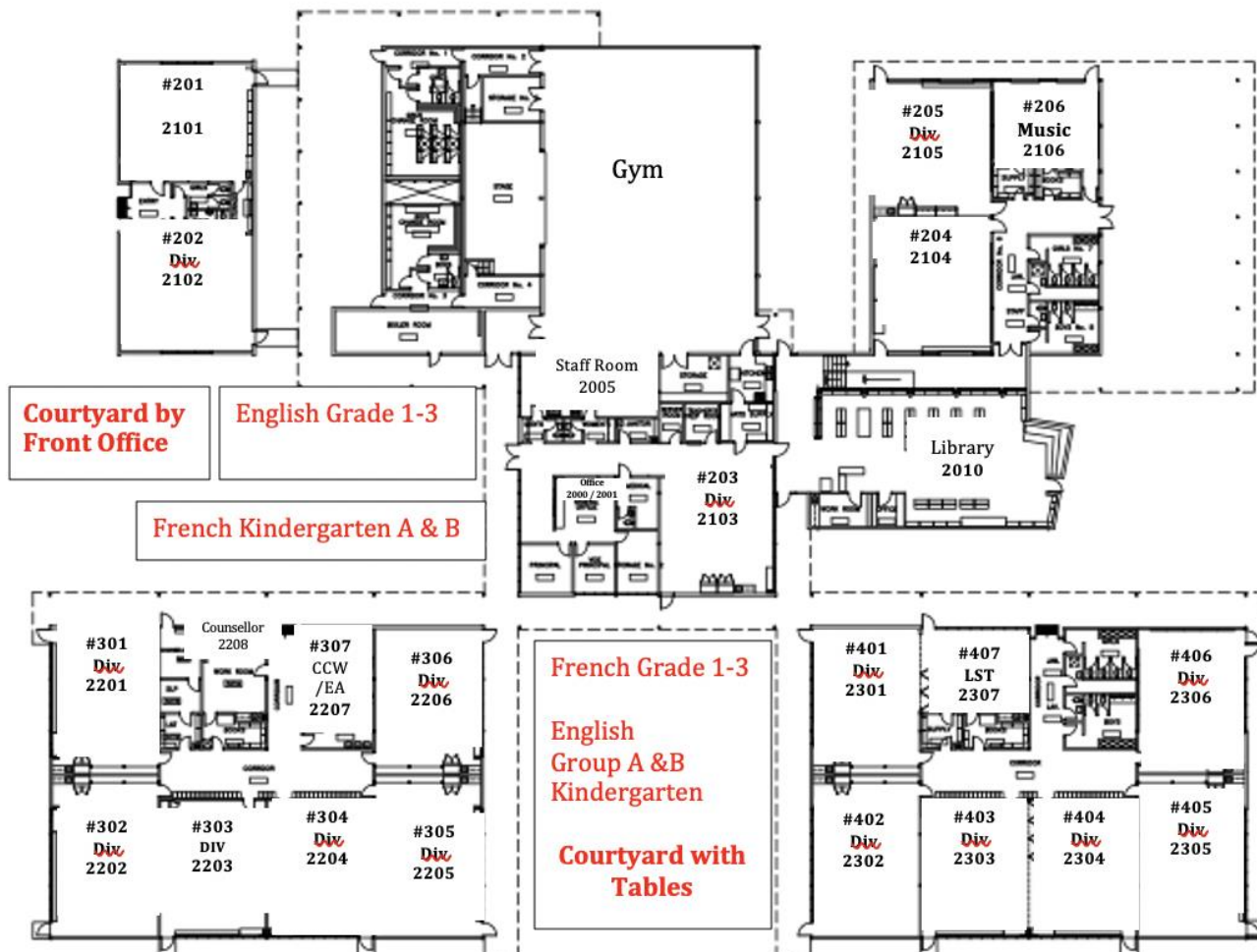
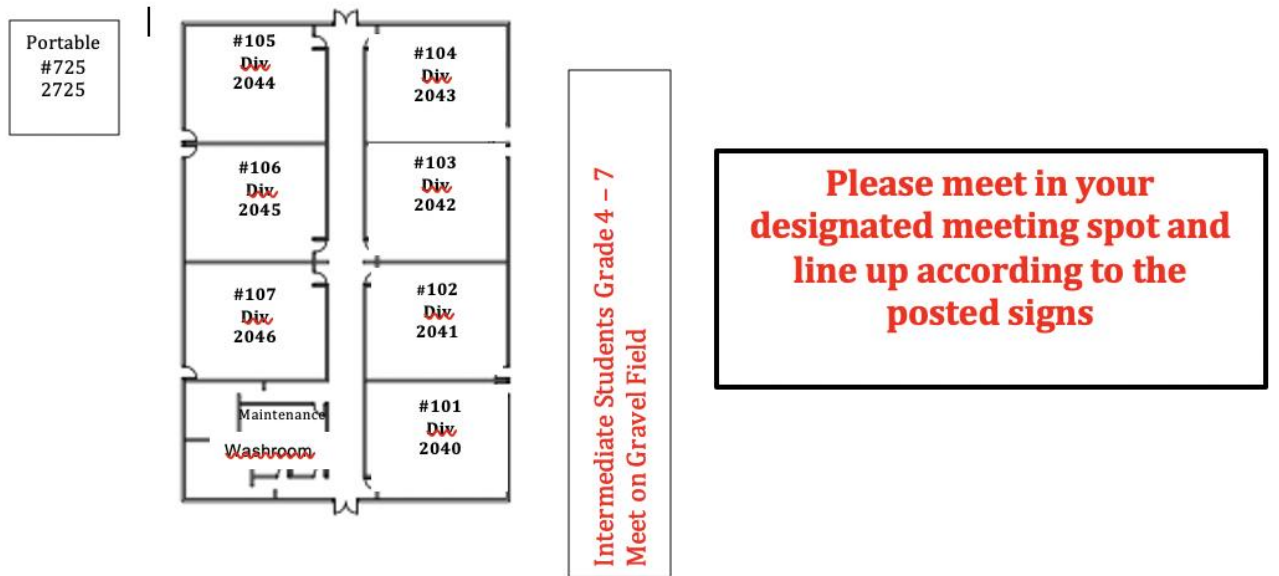
Kindergarten Students

- **Group A attend from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- **Group B attend from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**
 - French Program students meet in the front courtyard outside the office.
 - English Program students meet in the side courtyard by the tables.

New Students meet with your grade group

If you are not sure where to go, please ask a staff member who will be happy to assist.

September 6th Meeting Locations



Peace Arch Elementary's Bell Schedule 2022 - 2023

8:30am	Welcome Bell
8:35am	Classes begin
10:15am	Recess
10:30am	Classes resume
11:45am	Lunch bell (play first)
12:15pm	Break (eat second)
12:30pm	Classes resume
2:30pm	Students are dismissed



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

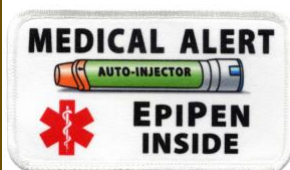
The Peace Arch staff and students would like to thank our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for their hard work and support each and every year! The role of our PAC is to encourage parental input and involvement in their children's schooling. We encourage ALL parents to become involved with the PAC this upcoming year. I am pleased to introduce this year's PAC Executive:

- **President** - Kirsten Yanicki
- **Vice President** - Sarb Sahota
- **Treasurer** - Tana Jennings
- **Secretary** - Luana Recchia

The PAC meets the third Thursday of each month. Please plan to join our first PAC meeting on **September 22 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library



Our PAC will be setting up a Welcome Station on September 6th in the front courtyard (in front of the office) and offering refreshments. Please be sure to drop by!



Medical Alerts:

If your child has a medical alert that requires the school to store medication please contact the office to make arrangements to drop off medication and make sure your child's medical alert forms are up to date (forms need to be reviewed each year).

Student Attendance

We ask that families ensure that children attend school on time during scheduled hours and minimize any mid-day interruptions whenever possible. If your child is going to be away from school please call the office at 604-536-8711 and leave a message on our voicemail.



School Supplies

School supply lists have been posted on our website and you can order them online at www.schoolstart.ca

Home-School Communication:

The new Surrey Schools app is available for free through the iOS or Android app stores, by searching for 'Surrey Schools'. **All future newsletters and school correspondence will be distributed through the app.** If you want to stay informed, please set this up a.s.a.p. If you need assistance please reach out to our office staff.



Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.schoolbundle.surrey>

iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/surrey-schools/id1611336585>

Surrey Schools has also located the links to the new Surrey Schools app on the bottom left side of every page of their new public website: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/>



How to Download Our App

1



Visit Your App Store

Open the Apple iOS or Google Android app store on your device.

2



Download App

Search for your school district name in the app store, then click install.

3



Select Content Sources

After you download and install the app, go to the Menu > Content Sources section and select the school's you wish to receive your news and updates from.

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Allow Notifications

Lastly, you may wish to make sure that you allow for Notifications. This is found inside Menu > Settings of the app.

You're All Set!

Step by Step:

1. Search for "Surrey Schools" in your chosen app store
2. Click Surrey Schools. Install. Then Open the app.
3. In the app, click **Menu** and then click **Content Sources**. In addition to district news from Surrey Schools, pick which school(s) you want to receive your news and updates from. Click **Next**.
4. To receive push notifications, make sure that setting is enabled. In the app, click **Menu** then click **Settings**. Select what notifications you want to receive (Notifications, News and/or Events) and ensure **Push Notifications** is set to On.

Parent Handbook / Student Planners



A handbook for parents is included in the student planner. It contains important topics such as the school Code of Conduct, communication, school policies etc. Please take the time to read through the information and discuss the pertinent topics with your child. All students in Grades 1-7 are expected to purchase a planner for \$5.00. All purchases can be made at [SchoolCash on line](#).

Drop Off Zone

This is the time of day when parents are trying to get their children safely delivered to school and themselves safely off to their jobs. A few simple procedures and considerations would increase the safety of this process:

- Walk or bike to school if you live in the neighbourhood
- Supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. and children can be dropped off any time after that. Try to come earlier if you find the drop off area congested at your usual drop off time.
- Park on a neighbouring street and walk the rest of the way
- When you arrive at the drop off bay, pull as far forward as possible to allow others to pull in behind you.
- Drop and drive away; **do not remain to watch your children join their friends or to use your phone.**
- If you drop off or pick up from the South Side of Roper St. do not block driveways, and insist on your children using the crosswalk, and not running across Roper, to get to the school grounds safely.



Back to School Tips to Help Students Succeed

****Get Routines Established Early****

- planners signed
- nightly reading time
- set homework place and time-free from distractions
- assignment calendar for quick reference
- lots of sleep

****Eat Healthy****

Give your child's mind the fuel it needs to be alert. Keep nutritional snacks, such as cut up fruit and vegetables, cheese sticks, low fat yogurt and butter free popcorn, on hand.



****Review Safety Tips****

- make sure your kids know safe routes to and from school
- know their address and phone number

****Get lots of sleep****

- establish a bedtime routine that allows for calming down time free of tv, and video games
- this is the perfect time to share in a read aloud of a favorite story
- research shows that there should be NO SCREEN TIME 30 minutes prior to bedtime for optimal sleep

Important Dates in September:

Tuesday, September 6 th	- School Opens
Wednesday, September 7 th	- First Full Day of Classes (grades 1 - 7)
Friday, September 23 rd	- Terry Fox Run
Monday, September 26 th	- Non-Instructional Day
Thursday, September 29 th	- Orange Shirt Day
Friday, September 30 th	- Truth and Reconciliation Day - School Closed

*At École Peace Arch Elementary
we want our students to
Take care of themselves
Take care of others; and
Take care of this place*

Peace Arch Staff 2022/2023

Classroom Teachers

Mme. Yalpani
Mr. Morris
Mme. Hollins
Mme. Wilson/Mme. Van Hislop
Ms. Karbar
Ms. Sullivan
Mme Adams
Ms. Kehler
Mme. Murphy
Mme. Workun
Mme. Walsh/Mme. Kimmel
Mme. Verrier/Mme. Frose
Ms. Toth
Ms. Zheng

Mme. Baretto
Mme. Sherry
Ms. Smith/Ms. Talstra
M. Simpson
Mme. Peterson
Ms. Westcott
Ms. Mann
Mme. Secrest
Mme. Friesen

Non-Enrolling Teachers

LST Mme. Chalifour
LST Mme. Morris
LST Ms. Ramsey
IST Ms. Plana-Alcuaz/Mr. Carter

Counsellor Ms. Hope
Music Ms. Blackman
Library Mrs. Porter

Support Staff

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AYCCW Ms. Kalenuik
EA Ms. Albert
EA Ms. Dujmovic
EA Ms. Huang
EA Ms. Rakowski
EA Ms. Mapendo
EA Ms. Sidana
EA Ms. Igali
ABA Ms. Rodgers
ABA Ms. Siergiej

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