

Theresa Clarke stəqʷaθen Elementary
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May 9, 2025

Ey'swayel Theresa Clarke stəqʷaθen families,

Happy May! The flowers and trees are looking beautiful and the scent of spring hangs rich in the air. There is great joy to be celebrated noticing the small things – like salmonberry flowers turning into berries.



Theresa Clarke Elementary stəqʷaθen

At TCE stəqʷaθen all staff will be addressed by first name. We are very excited to open our school and begin the learning journey with our students and families. At stəqʷaθen we will always work to create a nourishing environment where love and care engender a readiness and a passion for learning. We are committed to learning and teaching Indigenous ways of knowing and being. We recognize and value that learning is enriched when students learn from both Indigenous and Western perspectives.

The staff at Theresa Clarke Elementary stəqʷaθen

The following staff have been hired. We are all looking forward to our opening!

Destiny Pichette	Primary
Cody Boneham	Primary
Rajpreet Bajwa	Primary
Manpreet Kaur	Primary
Salome Robert	Primary
Ann Alexander	Intermediate
Corrine Bell	Intermediate
Komalpreet Kaur	Intermediate
Leon D'Souza	Learning Support Teacher
Baydah Al Ghadban	Integration Support Teacher
Rossi Kayrimova	Community Schools Partnership
Isha Dhingra	Head Clerical
Brad Issel	Principal

Some vacancies still to be filled include:

Primary classroom
Counselling
Child and Youth Care Worker
Teacher Librarian
Early Learning Teacher
Music Teacher

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Community BBQ

We are working on details to host a community BBQ in early September. Everybody loves a BBQ. Stay tuned!

Welcome to Kindergarten

KB Woodward and Theresa Clarke Elementary stəqʷaθen will combine our Welcome to Kindergarten on Thursday June 5. Welcome to Kindergarten is for children entering Kindergarten this coming September. More information about the first few weeks of school for Kindergarten students will be sent to families in the weeks ahead.

TCE stəqʷaθen Parent Advisory Council

Please plan to attend our upcoming PAC meeting on May 20 at 5:00pm where you will have an opportunity to vote in next year's PAC Executive at our school.

Coffee and Connect

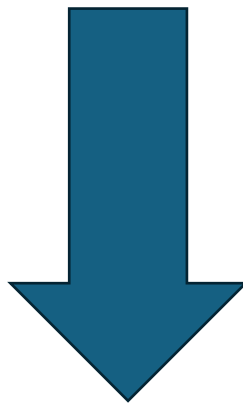
Mark your calendars for Coffee and Connect at KB Woodward on Wednesday May 21 from 8:30 – 9:00am. This C&C is exclusively for Theresa Clarke Elementary stəqʷaθen families. Hope to see you there!

Childcare and subsidy

I do not have an answer on childcare at Theresa Clarke stəqʷaθen Elementary. The district is aware and is considering options. I will continue to keep you updated on latest developments. On the topic of childcare, I would like to bring to your attention that many families are eligible for a substantial subsidy for childcare called the Affordable Child Care Benefit. [CLICK HERE to download.](#)

Front fence to enclose the perimeter

As mentioned in Newsletter 2, I am optimistic that a front fence will be installed to enclose the perimeter of the school. The projected install is this summer.



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Green Timbers Awesome Amphibians

Awesome Amphibians for incoming Kindergarten on May 6 was...awesome.

Inspecting critters by gently shaking a tree branch



Any amphibians in this marshy ecosystem?



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Reenacting the life cycle of a frog – an awesome amphibian!



Breakfast Club/Lunch Club

We have been in touch with Feeding Futures about having a breakfast and lunch program. With Feeding Futures help, a plan will be in place to have readily available food for breakfast and lunch.

Playground

Our playground is completed! Yaya! Walk by and take a look 😊