



White Rock Elementary School
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Welcome Back!

On behalf of the staff at White Rock Elementary, I'd like to welcome all children and parents back to school. I would like to extend a special welcome to those children and parents who are new to the White Rock community. It is our wish that every child experience an enjoyable and rewarding year at White Rock and we will continue to work at creating a friendly, caring and constructive learning environment. We look forward to meeting you as the year progresses.

It is extremely important for us to hear back from all families regarding your child's attendance by the first day of school so we can be accurate with our numbers. Please contact the school to let us know if your child is not attending White Rock Elementary this year.

On Tuesday, September 2, students in grade 1-7 will be in attendance for only one hour from 10 am-11 am. New kindergarten students will follow the gradual entry schedule that was sent to you.

On Day 1, students will be returning to the classroom that they were in during the 2024-2025 school year. Due to the gradual entry schedule for new kindergartens, our kindergarten students from last year will meet in Room 8. All new Grade 1-7 students to the school will meet in the Theatre (Please be aware of the class switch for Ms. Jensen and Ms. Ottewell and change of location for last years Grade 1's from Ms. Atkinson and Ms. Doull)

From Day 2 on, students will be assigned a grade group meeting spot for the remainder of the week. Please see the maps and signage around the school. During this time, students will alternate between different grade group teachers and classrooms until classes are officially formed. Our upper floor grades will be meeting on the basketball court or beside the soccer box each day.

With our neighbourhood program, the decision to add or lose a division is made by District staff with careful consideration and consultation. This could take a few days to a week based on our current enrollment growth and new registrations. A limited amount of supplies will be needed until classes are officially formed.

With our Fine Arts program, we will start day 2 in their official classes and teachers. School supplies will be needed on this day.

If you have not purchased your school supplies yet, our school supply packages can be purchased from School Start at www.schoolstart.ca. There is no late fee for these supplies.

If you choose to purchase your own supplies please refer to the school supply lists at <https://www.surreyschools.ca/whiterockelem/page/31396/school-supply-lists>

You may receive some notices of school fees as we start the school year. Please double check with the child’s teacher once classes are formed to make sure these charges are accurate. For example, planners may be included in the fees but some teachers may not require them and use a digital planner.

If you feel your child may struggle in the first week with the uncertainty of the teacher changes and class schedule, please connect with the office. We are more than happy to work out a schedule that works for your child to have a smooth start up.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE (September 2)
10-11 am only (Grade 1-7 students). New K’s follow gradual entry program.

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE (Starting September 3)
(New K’s follow gradual entry program)

Grades 1 to 7

Doors open at	8:30 a.m.
Classes begin at	8:35 a.m.
Recess	10:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Noon Break, children go outside to play	11:43 – 12:05 p.m.
Lunch entry bell, children return to class to eat	12:05 – 12:28 p.m.
Dismissal Bell	2:28 p.m.

Please make sure that students come to school with a Recess snack, lunch to eat, water bottle and appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather.

Please drive cautiously during the opening days of school and be on the look out for pedestrians. For those parents that drive their children to school, be patient at pick up and drop off times. Please leave the accessible parking stalls for vehicles with approved permits. You can come early and park in the lot or on the street. Make sure you have a meeting spot for your child to meet you until you know what classes your children will be in.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Take care,

Mr. Atwal	Ms. Song
Principal	Vice Principal

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School Opens: Tuesday, September 2nd

Gr.1 – 7: Students attend 10:00am – 11:00am

*All of **last year's** Kindergarten students will be meeting in **Room 8**
(Line up outside the classroom)

*All of **last year's** grade 1-6 students will line up at their previous year's exterior door. (**Go to your old classroom with a few exceptions**)

Ms. Atkinson's and Ms. Doull's Grade 1's from last year will meet in Room 10.

Ms. Ottewell's Grade 4/5's from last year will meet in Room 3.

Ms. Jensen's Grade 6's from last year will meet in Room 18.

All **New** Gr. 1 – 7 students will meet in the theatre. Enter via the front entrance to the school.

All **New** Neighbourhood Kindergartens will meet in Room 1.

All **New** Fine Arts Kindergartens will meet in Room 2.

Signs will be posted on Wednesday indicating where your child will enter and exit the building for the next few days.