

Theresa Clarke Elementary

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13104 109 Avenue

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Ey'swayel, Theresa Clarek families,

It is with great excitement that I reach out with our first official newsletter! There is so much to share. Please take a moment to read through this information to get the latest developments at Theresa Clarke Elementary!

Kwantlen First Nation

I have learned that Theresa Clarke's family is thrilled with the naming of the school. In the words of Kwantlen's land manager, "it is very fitting given the location of the school is right near where her family grew up." It is a big honour to have our school named after Theresa Clarke!

What matters most...

Our students are most important. All staff at Theresa Clarke Elementary are committed to working alongside families to support our learners. At Theresa Clarke we will always...

- Blend Indigenous and Western ways of knowing to enrich learning
- Create learning environments that support high expectations
- Value parents as partners!
- Uphold an environment of love and care to support learning readiness
- Respect and respond to the needs of learners, families and communities
- Recognize that all children come to school with gifts to be celebrated and developed
- Provide learners with what they need to develop skills to live good lives
- Know our learners' strengths, goals, and next steps

Start-up

All details about start-up on September 2 will be forwarded to families on or before August 28. We are looking forward to welcoming our students and families to Theresa Clarke!

Staffing

We warmly welcome all staff to our Theresa Clarke team.

Teaching staff

Amber Young – Librarian

Baydah Al-Ghadban – Integration Support

Hilary Wardlow – Early Learning

Manpreet Kaur – Primary

Ramanjot Kaur – Intermediate Preparation (Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Sara Bell – Primary

Ann Alexander – Intermediate

Cody Boneham – Primary

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Destiny Pichette – Primary

Leon D’Souza – Learning Support

Corrine Bell – Intermediate

Komalpreet Kaur – Intermediate

Rajpreet Bajwa – Primary

Salome Robert – Primary

Inclusive Education Support Workers (IESW)

Deepika Nath

Jessica Curtis

Lakhveer Samra

Natasha Bulmer

Fasiha Tahir

Lynden Harte

Tatiana Corbai

Counsellor

Tarnia Pickard (Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays)

Child and Youth Care Worker

Kiran Nagra (Wednesdays)

Indigenous Child and Youth Care Worker

Ministik Kwarakwante

Community Schools

Rossi Kayriamova

Speech and Language Pathologist

Annabel Hazlett – (Mondays)

Clerical

Isha Dhingra – Head Secretary

Jennifer Lee – Records Clerk (Thursdays)

Principal

Brad Issel

Progress at Theresa Clarke

A LOT of work has been done at our school to prepare for opening, for example:

- Front fence to enclose the school’s perimeter

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- New furniture
- New shelving and sinks in the annex
- Charging tubs for laptops and iPads
- New Audio-video equipment for all classrooms
- Huge shipments of learning resources
- New PA system installed
- New flooring in some of the rooms
- Clean-up, clean-up, clean-up, and more clean-up!

Community BBQ

We are looking forward to and beginning to plan our community BBQ on September 17. More details are coming but please plan to join us on the 17th!

Breakfast Program

While we will have a breakfast program at Theresa Clarke, it will not be operating right away. We have been in touch with the program operators and will let you know more details as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.