

Theresa Clarke Elementary
13104 109 Avenue
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Newsletter 2 – August 27, 2025

Ey' Swayel Theresa Clarke families,

It is with great excitement we think to next week and welcoming all of our students and families to our new school! There has been so much work completed at Theresa Clarke to prepare for opening day. We hope that all of you have enjoyed a summer filled with family, friends, and rejuvenation.

On Monday August 25, Knowledge Keeper Chris Silver and his sister Melissa Sam, both in relation to the Kwantlen First Nation, completed a ceremonial cedar brushing of the entire school. The purpose being to cleanse the school's energy in preparation for our students' arrival on September 2. Chris offered a welcome to the land and a prayer song before starting the cleanse. All witnesses had an opportunity to be brushed as well. At Theresa Clarke Elementary, we hold our hands up in gratitude to Chris, Melissa, and the Kwantlen people for helping open our school in a good way.

Below is very important information about our return to school. Please read carefully and contact us if you have any questions. Please check our [school's website](#) regularly for updates and information.

Questions and Answers

Q: Where does my child go on the first day of school?

A: Our first day of school is Tuesday September 2. This first day's purpose is to welcome families and students and to confirm attendance so we can begin organizing classes. Students will be meeting in grade groups. Please see the map below that shows where grade groups will be **dropped off and picked up on Day 1 September 2**. Please have your children go to their designated area. Please don't hesitate to call Isha or Jennifer in the office with questions at 604-595-4048.

Q: My child is newly registered to attend Theresa Clarke. Where do they go?

A: While all of our students are new to Theresa Clarke, some have just recently registered. If this is your child, please check-in at the office before bringing your child to their designated grade group area (refer to map).

Q: When do students come to school on Tuesday September 2?

A: For students in Grades 1 – 6 school is in session from 10 – 11am

Q: Where does my child go on the 2nd day of school?

A: Your child will meet their grade group in a designated area. Please refer to the map below for details on where your child will be dropped off and picked up. Day 2 is a full school day 8:35am – 2:28pm.

Q: My child is in Kindergarten, when do they come to school on September 2?

A: Students in Kindergarten come to school from 10 – 10:30am.

Q: I have not yet registered my child. How do I do this?

A: All registration is now done online. To register your child, please go to [here](#).

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Q: Where can I find the school supply list and can I order online?

A: School supplies can be purchased on your own or from School Start – follow the “Quick Links” tab (at top of page) from Theresa Clarke’s website [here](#).

Q: Why is there no Kindergarten or Grade 1 supply list?

A: Our Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers will be purchasing bulk supplies and asking for \$40 per student.

Q: How do I pay for school related items?

A: Theresa Clarke Elementary prefers cashless payments that can be made online. To do this, please create a CASH ONLINE account [here](#). You will be notified when items are added to your account. The final page on this document has information on how to setup a CASH ONLINE account.

Q: When will I know what class my child is in?

A: We will be working diligently to welcome students, confirm numbers and organize classes. Organizing classes is a very important process that requires adequate time and patience. You can anticipate information regarding class placement no later than the end of the second week of school.

Q: What if my child will be away on the first day of school?

A: It is VERY IMPORTANT that you inform the school right away by phone 604-595-4048 or email at theresaclarke@surreyschools.ca

Q: Where does my child go on the 2nd day of school?

A: Your child will meet in the same area as Day 1. Day 2 is a full school day 8:30am – 2:28pm.

Q: What is the bell schedule for 2025-26

A:

Bell Schedule

Morning Session 1	8:35am – 10:10am
Recess	10:10am – 10:25am
Morning Session 2	10:25am – 11:43am
Lunch	11:43am – 12:28pm
Afternoon Session	12:28pm – 2:28pm

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For students in Kindergarten

Students are divided into two groups – Group A and Group B

- Group A – last names beginning A – L
- Group B – last names beginning M – Z

Week 1:

- SEPT 2nd: ALL STUDENTS meet in the under-cover walkway area by the Pod exterior doors.
- SEPT 3rd to 5th : Group A meets from 8:35 – 10:05am
- SEPT 3rd to 5th : Group B meets from 12:58 – 2:28pm

Week 2:

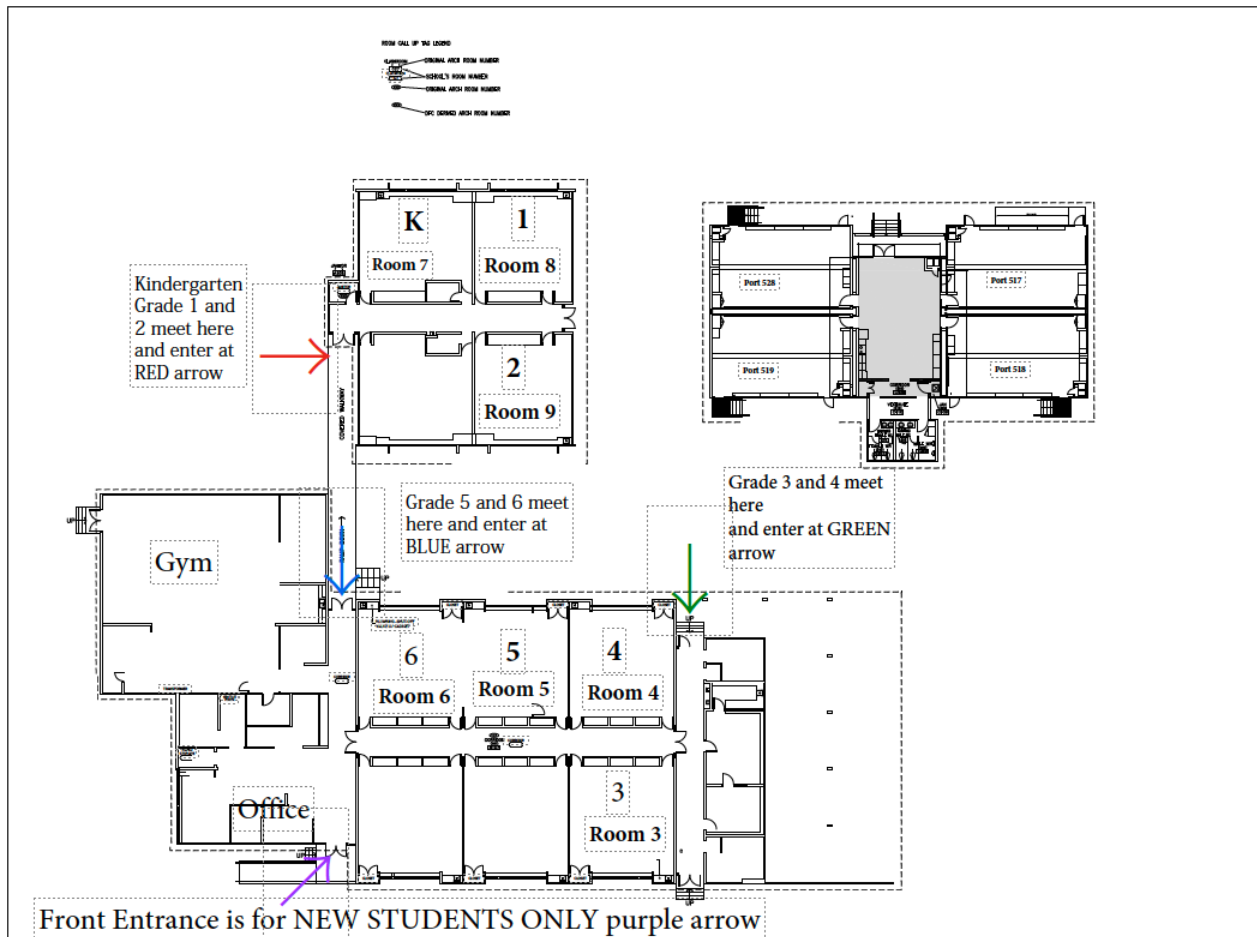
- SEE SCHEDULE BELOW

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 LABOUR DAY (No school)	2 Welcome! Confirm Registration & Welcome Families 10:00 - 10:30	3 1.5 hour class Group A 8:35 - 10:05 Group B 12:58 – 2:28	4 1.5 hour class Group A 8:35 - 10:05 Group B 12:58 – 2:28	5 2 hour class Group A 8:30 - 10:35 Group B 12:28 - 2:28	6
7	8 2 hour class Group A 8:35 - 10:35 Group B 12:28 - 2:28	9 3 hour class Groups A&B 8:35 - 11:35 New K and K/1 Teacher Workshop^ 1-2.30 pm and/or Child-Focused Conversations	10 4 hour class Groups A&B 8:35 - 12:35 Children stay over lunch Child-Focused Conversations	11 4 hour class Groups A&B 8:35 - 12:35 Children stay over lunch Child-Focused Conversations	12 K Students not in session. Child-Focused Conversations	13

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Theresa Clarke map and where students go on Day 1 and 2



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School Calendar 2025-2026
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temkw'ó:lekw – dog salmon time

September	02	First Day of School 10:00 – 11:00
September	03	Regular School Hours (Gr 1-6)
September	26	Orange Shirt Day
September	29	Non-Instructional Day – No School
September	30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – No School

tempó:kw – chehalis spring salmon

October.	03.	Terry Fox
October	07	Early Dismissal 1:28pm
October	13	Thanksgiving Day- No School
October	23	Interim Reports-1 sent home
October	23	Early Dismissal 1:28pm
October	24	Non-Instructional Day - No School
October	27	Individual Photo Day

xets'ō:westel – time to store away canoe paddles

November	08	Indigenous Veteran's Day
November	10	Non-Instructional Day - No School
November	11	Remembrance Day - No School
November	TBC	Photo Retake Day

meqó:s – fallen snow season

December.	04.	Falling Snow Gathering
December	19	Reports sent home
December	22	Winter Break Begins - No School

peló:ques – torch season

January	05	School reopens after Winter Break
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temtl'i:q'es – time to get jammed in from snow and cold

February	16	Family Day - No School
February	20	Non-Instructional Day - No School
February	25	Pink Shirt Day

welék'es – little frog season

March	13	Reports sent home
March	16	Spring Break Begins - No School
March	30	School reopens after Spring Break

temtwikwexel – time for baby sockeye salmon

April	03	Good Friday- No School
April	06	Easter Monday - No School
April	22	Earth Day
April	30	Early Dismissal 1:28pm
April	30	Interim Reports 2 sent home

tem'elilé – salmon berry time

May	01	Non-Instructional Day - No School
May	18	Victoria Day- No School
May	25	Non- Instructional Day- No School
May	TBC	Class Photo Day

temt'á:mxw – gooseberry time

June	25	Last day of school for students
June	25	Early Dismissal 1:28
June	25	Reports sent home
June	26	Administrative Day

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Little frog season

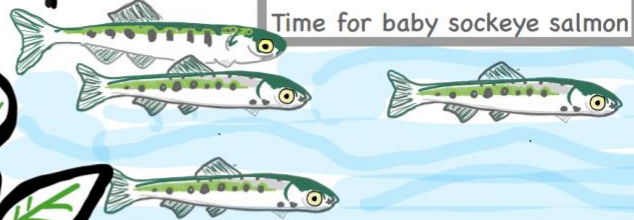
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Time for baby sockeye salmon



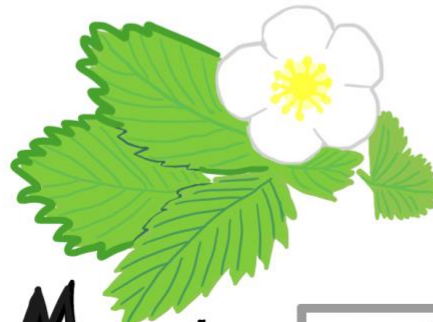
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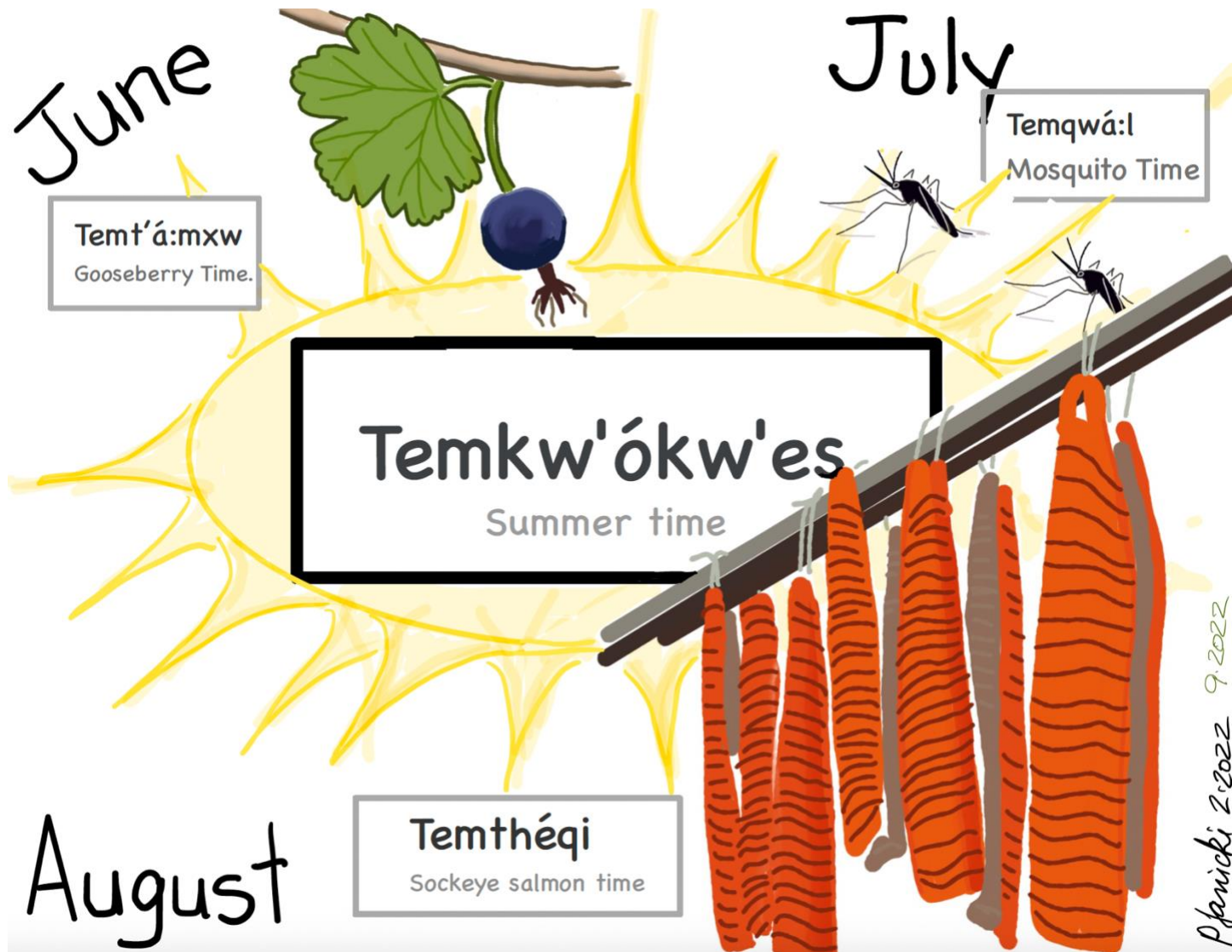
Spring time

May

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Salmon berry time





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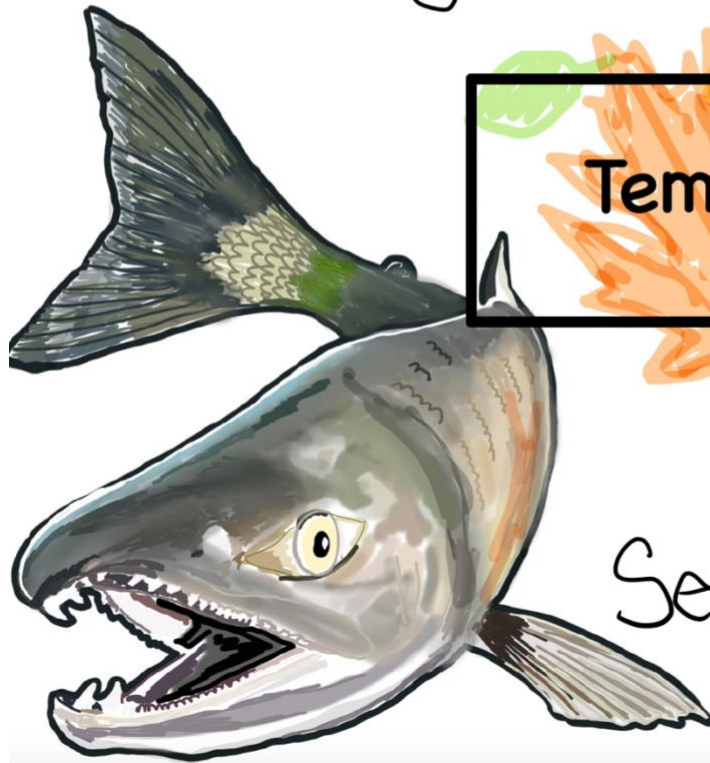
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Chehalis Spring Salmon

October

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Time to store away canoe paddles

November



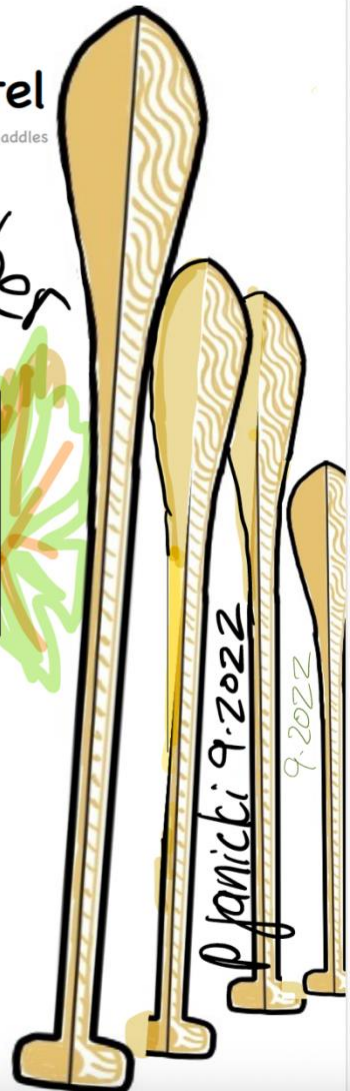
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Fall Time

September

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Dog Salmon Time



Register Today!

1. Create Your Profile

Go to
<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>
and click on "Register".

2. Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.

Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

☒ I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

3. Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

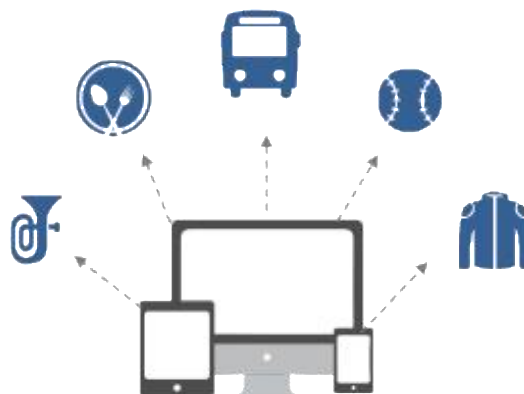
Why sign up for School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities.

Purchase these items and more online.

Use your computer, tablet or smartphone to register and pay online.



Which payment methods are accepted?



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date, and billing information.



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck on School Cash Online.



myWallet

An online wallet that can be loaded to hold funds and pay for your child's fees on School Cash Online. myWallet also allows you to allocate funds to pay for school fees at a later date.

For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at
parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com or 1.866.961.1803