

September Newsletter #1 2020

Principal's Message

With the beginning of another school year upon us, I am once again reminded of the incredible energy and excitement that is in the air as our learning community prepares to welcome students back! We are very excited to see you and begin our year.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those families who have recently joined our Goldstone Park Community. To those families who are returning, welcome back!

There are a few changes to this year as we navigate the protocols set in place by the Ministry of Ed and the Provincial Health guidelines. As it is new to everyone, we appreciate your patience and understanding as things will not look the same in school.

The first day of school is always full of excitement and anticipation as the school year begins. We look forward to meeting and working with our parents and students to ensure everyone has a productive, positive, and rewarding year.

Please do not come and make teacher or friend requests. Many hours of preparation for the classes has already occurred. Please note that we will not be making any changes once classes have been finalized as students will be considered to be in a learning cohort.

I would encourage you to take the time to read all of the newsletters and notices on our district website(www.surreyschools.ca/schools/goldstonepark) They contain important dates and information about the school and also highlight and celebrate our student successes. In an effort to conserve paper, information is posted onto our school website as much as possible. Paper copies are only sent out at the beginning of the school year. Please ensure we have an updated email address for you so as to not miss the notifications. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, or concerns at 604-595-2767

Warmly,

Mrs. L. Grills

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Parents of Kindergarten children beginning school this September are reminded that the K student students have been assigned to five groups, and for the first week will gradually be introduced to the routines of the classroom.

A Full package of information detailing schedules for gradual entry was mailed to all parents of K students. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Monday September 14

Delayed start _____ **Regular Dismissal 2:30**

Grades 1-3 8:30

Grades 4-7 8:45

Health and Safety Orientation for Students

<p><i>Entering the school building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where to line up • Physical distancing when lining up • Moving into the school 	<p><i>Health measures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staying home when sick • Daily health checks • Respiratory etiquette • Parents will be called right away if you show any symptoms at school; symptomatic student will be isolated in medical room
<p><i>Walking in the hallways</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk on the right • Physical distancing • Hands to self • Wear a mask if physical distancing cannot be maintained (during high traffic times) 	<p><i>No sharing of items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal school supplies – supplies will be going between home and school daily for some grades • Food
<p><i>In the classroom</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No physical contact 	<p><i>Washroom routines</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One at a time from your class and one at a time in the washroom • Use your designated washroom <p>No loitering in the hallways</p>
<p><i>Physical distancing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does this look like? • How far is 2m? • When do we need to distance? (in common areas, when interacting with those outside learning groups while inside; when outside, minimize physical contact) 	<p><i>Exiting our classrooms</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For music, library, LST, washroom etc. • Staggered recess and lunch outside times <p>At recess, lunch and end of day</p>
<p><i>Masks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who wears them? (all adults that aren't in your learning cohort) • All teachers who need to work in small groups where they can't maintain 2m. distance • In high traffic areas (hallways, buses, etc.) • All those who wear masks/PPE should be treated with respect 	<p><i>Hand washing</i> (see below Appendix D from BCCDC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How? • When? <p>When to use soap & water and/or hand sanitizer? Handwashing is preferred.</p> <p>WHO Safe Hands Challenge Video: https://youtu.be/y7e8nM0JAz0</p>