



# KATZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **WELCOME BACK!**

After a long and beautiful summer we are excited to open our doors to approximately 930 students this September. On behalf of the Katzie staff, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our many new families as well as a warm “welcome back” to all of our families from last year. Our staff has been working very hard to ensure all of our students have a smooth, productive and welcoming first week at school.



## **WEEK ONE- September 4-7**

Teachers have planned activities for the first week and are looking forward to working with students in grade level groupings during these first few days of school. There have been significant numbers of new registrations and this schedule provides our staff with some flexibility while student numbers and classes are confirmed. We hope to have students placed in permanent classes by next week.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Please do not send your child’s school supplies until they are placed in permanent classes next week. For the first few days, teachers will provide necessary supplies or ask students to bring a few items. School supply lists are posted on the website and are also available at the school office. Edu-Pac orders will be handed out at school.

## **STUDENT PLANNERS**

Student planners will be distributed to all grade 2-7 students once classes are finalized. Students will need to bring \$5 to cover the cost of these planners. Teachers will request this once students are settled into permanent classes.

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE and COMMUNICATIONS – [www.surreyschools.ca/schools/katzie](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/katzie)**

In an effort to reduce waste and costs incurred by distributing paper communications, our school participates in many electronic forms to communicate information to families. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know the many different ways that you can receive school event information such as newsletters, upcoming events and weekly notices.

Our school website [www.surreyschools.ca/schools/katzie](http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/katzie) has many links to information such as the school calendar, newsletters, online payment system, important announcements and much more information



## **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

A number of Katzie students have severe anaphylactic reactions to a variety of foods, including peanuts, nuts, dairy and their by-products. Please help us in committing to do everything possible to protect these students.

Some ways you can help include:

Remind your children to:

- wash their hands carefully after eating
- not share or trade snacks and
- not bring foods to school that contain peanuts/nuts



Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we endeavour to make our school a safe environment for all students. Please read the attached 'allergy aware' information. Also, please refrain from bringing your pets to school as per school district policy.

**\*\* Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life threatening allergy or medical condition so we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place.**

## **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

All medications administered at school must be accompanied by your Physicians instructions, this includes any over the counter medications. The only medications that should be at school are those that have the documented care plan filled out by your family physician and are held in the office for safety purposes (form available at the office).

Over the counter medications pose a liability issue for the non-medically trained individuals dispensing the medication. Every effort should be made to have all medications taken at home or have parents come to the school to administer the medication. Medication should not be in a child's backpack, desk or pockets – unless it is for a life threatening allergy and have a clear care plan in place.

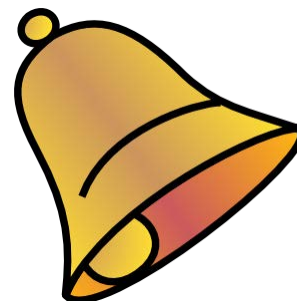
## **STUDENT ABSENCES**

*SafeArrival* Attendance System is no longer in effect

If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone as soon as possible to let us know. You may leave a voicemail message at any time – even the evening before the absence. We have a call home program to maximize student safety. If the office is not informed of student absences, the secretaries must spend a great deal of time calling student homes. Your help with this would be much appreciated. **The school phone number is 778-571-4080.**

## **BELL SCHEDULE 2018-2019**

8:30 a.m.	First Bell
8:35 a.m.	Classes Commence
10:05 a.m.	Recess Begins
10:20 a.m.	Recess Ends
11:42 a.m.	Lunch Begins (Students Eat Inside)
11:55 a.m.	Students go outside for lunch recess
12:25 p.m.	Warning Bell
12:30 p.m.	Classes Commence
2:30 p.m.	Classes Dismissed



## **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

We are very excited to announce that our school will now be offering School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. School Cash Online is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques!

Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline. To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. We look forward to hearing your feedback!

### **Register Online:**

**Step 1:** Please click on this link:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/katzie/Pages/default.aspx>

**Step 2:** Click on the "Parent" heading in the ribbon at the top and then select "pay fees online" to register.

**Step 3:** Register by selecting the "Get Started Today" and follow the steps. Step 4: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

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If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand area of the screen.



## Optional Student Accident Insurance

Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (iA Financial Group).

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums for children are \$14.50 or \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year.

For more information or to apply online, please visit [kidsplus.ca](http://kidsplus.ca), or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at **1-800-556-7411**.

## 'Allergy-aware' schools

Anaphylaxis is a severe, life-threatening allergic reaction. Reactions are often rapid, and may occur within seconds of exposure to even the smallest amounts of the allergen. Immediate medical treatment is required when a reaction occurs.

### Examples of life-threatening allergens are:

- peanuts
- tree nuts and nut products
- shellfish
- cow's milk
- eggs
- insect venom

The Surrey School District strives to keep schools safe for all students and staff. Where there is a student with a life-threatening allergy, school staff, students and parents work together to make the school 'allergy-aware' and prepare a plan to reduce the risk of student exposure to the allergen.

Factors such as the age of a student, organization and layout of the school, and properties of the allergen are considered in deciding upon the most appropriate action. Ideally, this is achieved without depriving allergic students of normal interactions or placing unreasonable restrictions on the activities of other students and staff in the school. Information about the plan is provided to all staff, students and parents as necessary.

In order to reduce the risk for allergic students, all students and staff are asked to wash their hands before and after eating. Schools may also ask parents to avoid sending specific food/beverage products to school in their child's lunch or snack if there is an anaphylactic student in their child's classroom. Alternative ideas for lunches and snacks can be obtained from public health facilities.

The success of an 'allergy-aware' school and the safety of our students are dependent upon the support and assistance of all staff, students and parents to limit the risk of exposure. Cooperation and understanding of life-threatening allergies is greatly appreciated.