



Bothwell Elementary School

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A Word from Your Principal

Since our last communication two weeks ago, our province has received great news about our Covid-19 Restart plan. If things remain on track, we are hopeful that schools in September will look like they did prior to the pandemic. We are all very hopeful! In the meantime, we continue to observe the guidelines and protocols established by the district and Fraser Health. Our Sports Day will be low key, separating primary and intermediate divisions with students and staff only in attendance. Our grade 7 leaving ceremony will be virtual, as will our year end celebration assembly. Despite these restrictions, we are excited to come together to celebrate the many achievements and incredible resilience of staff and students.

It has been a challenging year, but we have only managed it because of your connection and support. Together, we're better!



2021-22

Please see attached for three important documents:

- ◆ **Bell Schedule**
- ◆ **2021-22 Calendar**
- ◆ **School Fees Notice**

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 31st – Non-instructional day – School is closed
- June 1st – Virtual Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Orientation
6:30 – 7:30 pm on Teams
- June 7th – 1:35 pm Early Dismissal for the purpose of School Health and Safety Planning
- June 7th–9th – Outdoor Zumba for divisions 1-9 and Blended 1 and 2
- June 11th– Canada Spirit Day!
- June 18th– Primary and Intermediate Sports Fun Day!
- June 21st– National Indigenous People's Day
- June 22nd – Grade 7 leaving ceremony for students
- June 23rd – Summative Reports sent home
- June 23rd – Grade 7 “Teams Live Event” link shared with parents
- June 24th– Final day of School: Virtual Celebration Assembly and 1:35 pm dismissal

Please refer to the calendar on the Bothwell school website for updates or changes:

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MACC Class

We are pleased to have a new district program come to Bothwell next year. The Multi-Age Cluster Class (MACC) provides academic challenge and social-emotional support for highly gifted students in Grades 5, 6 and 7 through an intellectual peer group, and conceptually advanced curriculum. Entry to the program is through a district application process that happens in late winter.

We look forward to welcoming a new teacher and students in September!

Staffing Changes

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Melissa Cho to Bothwell for the 2021-22 school year. Ms. Cho is currently a teacher at Royal Heights in Surrey and will be teaching at Bothwell in the grade 3-4 range.

Ms. Hulstein (Library/Learning Commons) will be leaving on maternity leave in June and we await her replacement for 2021-22.

We will have other staffing changes to share in our final newsletter next month.



June 7th – 1:35 pm Final Early Dismissal for Health and Safety Planning

This is the third and final early dismissal for this purpose this year. All staff will meet to discuss health and safety plans, and to adjust any Covid19 mitigation strategies. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Slow Down, Park, Drop off and Stay Safe

Thank you for taking it slow in our parking areas.

A reminder that when you are dropping off and picking up children, please pull into a parking space and then have children get in or out of the vehicle. It is not safe to have people enter/exit a vehicle unless you are parked. Thank you for keeping everyone safe.



Leaving Bothwell?

We will miss you if you will not be with us in September. Please remember to contact the school and inform the office if you are moving to a new school!



Three or Free Soccer Program!

Please see the attachment for a popular program for kids, grades K-7, offered by the Guildford Athletic Club.





Student Covid-19 Vaccines

Students born in 2009 or earlier are now eligible to register on the B.C. COVID-19 Immunization website.

Registration is now open for students between [the ages of 12 and 17 to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine](#). On Thursday afternoon the province announced that children born in 2009 or earlier (12 and older) can register on the [B.C. COVID-19 Immunization website](#). The goal is to have students vaccinated by June 30, with second doses by Aug. 30.

To register, fill out your child's information at getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca, available 24/7 or call 1-833-838-2323 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any day of the week. You can also register in-person at any Service BC centre. After registering, you will receive a text, email or phone call when it is your turn to book a vaccine appointment. Don't expect to book an appointment the same day you register.

Once you have registered and have received your booking invitation, please do not delay booking an appointment. Bring your child's Care Card to their appointment. If your child does not have a personal health number, you can register by phone at 1-833-838-2323.

Booking invites will be sent to those who are older first, and most appointments will take place at the same immunization clinics used to vaccinate people in other age groups. Household and group vaccination options are also available. For more information, visit fraserhealth.ca/vaccine



Thank you to all those who were able to support PAC's Chipotle fundraiser last week. We've not yet heard the final tally, but will let you know as soon as we have it!



May 31st – Pro-D Day

School is closed for our final Professional Learning Day.
We wish you a wonderful three day weekend!

(Lost and) Found Fridays!

Please remember to check the Lost and Found Bin Fridays. We roll the bin out to the front of the school. The last day to check will be Friday, June 18th. The following week we will bag and donate any remaining items.

Your stuff misses YOU too.



Grade 7 Dress up Day and Outdoor Leaving Ceremony—June 22nd

Staff will film students as they receive their medals and certificates, listen to the Valedictorian's address, watch the small but mighty grade 7 band perform, and celebrate the completion of their elementary education. Grade 7 parents will soon receive a link to a "Teams live event" to be aired on June 23rd. The link will remain live for 180 days, so you will have plenty of opportunity to view it.



Primary and Intermediate Sports Fun Day! - June 18th

While we cannot gather outside as a whole school due to Covid19 safety guidelines, primary students and intermediate students will still have a great time with fun challenges. We will send home more information about team colours and a schedule for students. Unfortunately, parents and guests are not able to join us on this day.



CORRECTION!

In our May 14th newsletter, there was an error. We incorrectly identified a student as one of the top three fundraisers. Please note that Isla in division 9, along with Roman in division 7 and Gabriel in division 9 were the top three fundraisers. Way to go!

Fraser Heights

Daycare and SMARTIES Preschool Registration

OpeningS for before and after school care are open! Also, there are still a few spots open for Preschool this summer. Please see the attachment for details.



Canada Day
at Bothwell!

June 11th

We are celebrating Canada Day early at Bothwell. Come dressed in red and white and share in the many positive gifts of our country!





GUILDFORD ATHLETIC CLUB

**WE ARE EXCITED ANNOUNCE OUR
THREE FOR FREE
PROGRAM**

Guildford Athletic Club has been serving the local community since 1965 by providing soccer programming for youth. We are excited to offer opportunities for girls and boys from 5 to 18 years of age to play soccer and to develop their skills from entry level to the top levels of competitive play.

We have an extremely successful safe return to play program that is currently running. We are following all of the Provincial Health Officers guidelines to ensure the safety of our players and their families as they are our number one priority.

Our club would like to extend an invitation to all students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 to participate in **3 FREE SESSIONS** led by our club technical staff. These sessions will be Non-Contact, technical sessions introducing the basic skills of the game of soccer.

When :Sundays - May 30th/Jun 6th/June 13th.

Where : Hjorth Road Park, Turf #2 - 10275 148 St (Located behind Superstore on 104Ave)

Time : 12:15PM-1:15PM

How To Sign up for the Three for Free:

With covid protocols necessary, participants need to sign up ahead of time to allow us to follow our return to play protocols. Families can sign up by sending us an email at : registrar@guildfordac.com or by phone/text : 604-616-6414

Regards,

Mike Newton

Director Of Player Development - Guildford Athletic Club

**Limited number of spots available, contact us
ASAP secure your spot in the free program**



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Bothwell Bell Schedule 2021-2022

8:20 Teachers assume scheduled supervision

8:30 Welcoming bell - students enter school

8:35 Instruction begins

10:20 Recess begins

10:35 Instruction resumes

11:50 Lunch break – outside play

****At this time we are scheduling a common recess and lunch for all students, K-7. *This may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19:***

For good mental and physical health, we strive to be outside every day and ask students to bring appropriate clothing for all weather. If severely inclement weather, students remain inside with quiet activities.

12:15 Students enter school to eat lunch

12:35 Instruction Resumes

2:35 End of the school day and students are dismissed

2:50 Supervision ends

****Any students who have not been picked up are to come inside the school.**

Bothwell School Calendar for 2021-2022

SEPTEMBER

- 07 First day of classes – Welcome back!
- 27 Non-Instructional Day – School Closed

OCTOBER

- 11 Thanksgiving Day - School Closed
- 22 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

NOVEMBER

- 11 Remembrance Day - School Closed
- 12 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
- 25 Early Dismissal @ 135pm

DECEMBER

- 17 Last Day Before Winter Break

JANUARY

- 03 School Reopens
- 28 Early Dismissal @1:35 pm

FEBRUARY

- 21 BC Family Day - School Closed
- 25 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

MARCH

- 14 – 25 Spring Break, District Closure Days

APRIL

- 15 Good Friday - School Closed
- 18 Easter Monday - School Closed

MAY

- 04 Early Dismissal@ 1:35 pm
- 06 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed
- 23 Victoria Day - School Closed
- 30 Non-Instructional Day - School Closed

JUNE

- 23 Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm, Last Day of School
- 24 Administrative Day

Dates are subject to adjustment

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School Fees 2021-2022

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact me should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs knowing that our September and year ahead may look quite different from what we have come to know and expect. At this time, you can expect the following; however, *School Supply Fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19:*

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner is our school code of conduct, school calendar and school district information. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. However, using our school planner is optional as a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Classes often enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. We are thankful for the generous support of our PAC to help lower field studies costs. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$8.00 or receiving one on loan from the school. Also, our Grade 7 students who take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument. Rentals can be arranged when school resumes in September.

School Supplies: Grades 1-7

A grade supply list will be sent home with your child's report card for parents to purchase their child's school supplies on their own. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. Please note that specialized items may be requested by individual teachers when classes are organized in September.

Kindergarten School Supplies:

Teachers will purchase supplies for students in Kindergarten. The costs are between \$40 and \$45 per student. Payment information will be confirmed in September.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Ms. Christensen
Principal