



# ERMA STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER #2

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### MESSAGE FROM MRS. HILL & MRS. VOLK

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome all our students and their families to the new school year at Erma Stephenson Elementary. We hope that everyone enjoyed family time, sunshine and laughter together this past summer. We are looking forward to working with you and your children as we continue to build our positive, engaged, connected school community!



### FIRST DAY INFORMATION

School begins on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. **Grade 1-7 students attend from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Students will be in grade groups to meet the staff, take attendance and welcome everyone back. Students will be dismissed from the same location below:

### Grade Group Meeting Locations for Tuesday, September 7th

#### **Grade 1-7 students attend from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

GRADE 1	SOUTH SIDE OF SCHOOL	GRADE 5	BASKETBALL COURT
GRADE 2	BLACKTOP AREA	GRADE 6	GRASS FIELD EAST
GRADE 3	GRAVEL FIELD	GRADE 7	GRASS FIELD WEST
GRADE 4	FIELD BEHIND PORTABLES		

### **Kindergartens begin their Gradual Entry Schedule (The K classrooms are at the SE corner of the school)**

Groups A1/B1 10:00-10:20 a.m.

Groups A2/B2 10:30-10:50 a.m.

### DISTRICT K-12 HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES:



CHECK UP



BACK UP



WASH UP



MASK UP



VAX UP

**Check Up:** Every day, check to see how you are feeling, and stay home if you aren't feeling well. If you have symptoms, get tested.

**Back Up:** Be mindful and considerate of others' personal space. Try to keep your hands to yourself and only play with your friends.

**Wash Up:** Wash or sanitize your hands regularly, including after playing outside, going to the bathroom, when putting on or removing your mask, and before and after eating. Be sure to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

**Mask Up:** All K-12 staff and Grade 4-12 students must wear a mask indoors. K-3 students are encouraged to wear a mask. Ensure your mask is clean and dry, is a good fit, and covers your nose and mouth fully. And remember, don't touch your face or play with your mask.

**Vax Up:** If you haven't already, [register to receive your first and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Getting vaccinated is the most effective way to reduce infections and transmission of coronavirus.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOLS and PROCEDURES:**

- **Parents and caregivers are responsible to assess their child(ren) each day before going to school**  
[K-12 Health Check](#)
- **Parents/visitors will first be offered virtual meetings or phone calls.**
- **Parents/Visitors are to:**
  - **Make an appointment**
  - **Perform a health check prior to entering the building**
  - **Wear a mask**
  - **Sign-in with contact information at the office**
  - **Respect others' personal space**
  - **Only access areas required for the visit**
- All students, staff and family members must stay home if they are sick and not enter the school.
- Minimizing physical contact both indoors and outside.
- Regular, scheduled hand washing and hand sanitizing.
- Students enter and exit school through exterior classroom doors.
- Reduced and directional hallway traffic – keep right.
- Masks are mandatory for all staff and students in Grades 4-7. Masks are strongly encouraged for K-3 students.
- Students will follow good hygiene practices (wash hands frequently, cough into elbow, avoid physical contact, etc.).
- Increased outdoor learning and play (dress appropriately for our “Westcoast” weather).
- Limited shared materials.
- Excess furniture and resources removed from classrooms to create more space.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting.
- No sharing of food including snacks, lunch, birthday treats.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time each day, limit early pick up times.
- No items/lunch can be dropped off at the office during the school day.

### **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

Several Erma Stephenson students have severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts, nuts and their by-products. Please do not send foods to school that contain these products. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we endeavour to make our school a safe environment for all students.

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

## **STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR SCHOOL**



**School Website:** Please make sure to bookmark our school homepage at [www.surreyschools.ca/ermastephenson](http://www.surreyschools.ca/ermastephenson) . Our school website is your official source for information about the school.

**School Email List:** One of the great features of our website is the ‘subscribe to email list’. Go to the home page and enter your email address to receive important emails from the school and district. Be sure to click on the link sent to your email to complete the sign up (may need to check junk folder)

### **“School Link” app!**

Please download the free app on your personal device. This will keep you connected with all the latest information from our school. Go to the app store, find “school link” then download and add “Erma Stephenson” to your school list. You will then receive a newsfeed of anything posted on our website directly to your personal device. It’s a great way to stay up to date with school information!

### **UPDATING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

If your child is ill or if there is a school closure or emergency situation, it is important to have up to date contact information for your children. **If you have any changes to your contact information, please email it to [ermastephenson@surreyschools.ca](mailto:ermastephenson@surreyschools.ca)** or send a note to your child’s teacher.

### **TECHNOLOGY CONSENT and MEDIA CONSENT forms ‘ROLLED OVER’!**

We do not have to renew and re-collect signed consent forms that are on file for a student

- to be identified in the news media or school and district websites & publications,
- to use tech tools or online web applications, or
- to use FreshGrade, My Blueprint, or other digital portfolios.

The school has these forms on file for all newly registered and returning students. If you want to review or change a consent status, please contact the school office.



### **ERMA STEPHENSON T-SHIRTS**

Please look for an order form coming home next week to order a school t-shirt. We encourage all students to order one to wear every Wednesday!

### **ERMA STEPHENSON BELL SCHEDULE 2021-22**

8:25 am	Welcome bell rings
8:30 am	Second morning bell rings Morning session
10:15-10:30 am	Recess Morning session continues
11:45 am-12:00 pm	Students eat lunch in classrooms
12:00-12:25 pm	Students play outside
12:25 pm	First afternoon bell rings
12:30 pm	Second afternoon bell rings Afternoon session
2:30 pm	Dismissal
2:45 pm	Supervision ends

