



ERMA STEPHENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #1

Welcome back to school! We can't wait to have all our students back together next week!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer! We are all very excited to be getting back to school and look forward to another wonderful year at Erma Stephenson Elementary. We would like to welcome all of our new families to our school community.

Office Phone Hours

Our office is open this week from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am to noon. Regular office hours once school begins will be 7:45 am to 3:30 pm.

Our Secretaries, Ms. Sherwood and Mrs. Hamelin, can answer any questions you may have about start up, registration, etc. Our phone number is **(604) 583-5419**. You can also email us at ermastephenson@surreyschools.ca

First Day Procedures

School begins on Tuesday, September 7th. **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.

First Week Plans

Our staff is planning a 'Week of Welcome' for our first week back at school. Students will be involved in a variety of activities in their grade groups. Our main goal of the week is to make all of our students feel a part of our Erma Stephenson community through a variety of collaborative team building and learning activities.

This schedule also provides our staff with some flexibility while student numbers and classes are confirmed. We plan to have students placed into permanent classes on Monday, September 13th but this will depend on our final enrolment.

Stay Connected with the “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 notification of anything posted on our website directly to your phone. It’s a great way to stay up to date with school information!

School Supplies

School Supply lists for Grades 1-7 are posted on our website under the ‘Parents’ tab. Students will not need to bring any supplies for the first days next week.

Kindergarten students will pay \$40 for their school supplies for the whole school year via ‘SchoolCashOnline’. Parents will receive an email about how to make the payment once children are placed in their permanent classes.

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

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back to face-to-face learning and continuing to build our inclusive, engaged school community together!

Heather Hill
Principal

Allison Volk
Vice-Principal

Please see Calendar on next page

**** Please note: In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Surrey schools will be closed on Thursday, September 30th.**

Erma Stephenson School Calendar 2021-22

EVENTS	2021/22
First Day of School!	Tuesday, September 7
ZOOM PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Monday, September 20
Non-Instructional Day - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Monday, September 27
Orange Shirt Day	Wednesday, September 29
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – SCHOOL CLOSED	Thursday, September 30
Terry Fox Run	Friday, October 1
Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm	Wednesday, October 6
Thanksgiving Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, October 11
Individual Photos	Thursday, October 14
Non-Instructional Day - SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 am	Wednesday, November 10
Remembrance Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Thursday, November 11
Non-instructional Day – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, November 12
ZOOM PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Monday, November 15
PAC Fall Book Fair	TBA
Individual Photo Retakes	Thursday, November 25
Communicating Student Learning – Term 1	Thursday, December 9
Last Day Before Winter Break	Friday, December 17
Winter Break	December 18 – January 2
School Reopens After Winter Break	Monday, January 3
Kindergarten Registration Begins	Monday January 10
ZOOM PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Monday, February 7
Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm	Tuesday, February 8
Family Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, February 21
Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, February 25
Pink Shirt Day	Wednesday, February 23
Communicating Student Learning – Term 2	Thursday, March 10
Last Day Before Spring Break	Friday, March 11
Spring Break	March 12-27

School Reopens After Spring Break	Monday, March 28
Class and Panorama Photos	Tuesday, April 5
Good Friday – SCHOOL CLOSED	Friday, April 15
Easter Monday – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, April 18
Ready, Set, Learn @ 1:00 pm	Tuesday, April 26
Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Friday, May 6
PAC Spring Book Fair	TBA
ZOOM PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Monday, May 9
Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm	Thursday, May 12
Victoria Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday, May 23
Welcome to Kindergarten @ 1:00 pm	Wednesday, May 25
Non-Instructional Day – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION	Monday, May 30
Sports Day	Friday, June 10
Grade 7 Celebration @ 9:00 am	Friday, June 17
Year End Assembly Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm Communicating Student Learning – Term 3	Thursday, June 23
Administrative Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	Friday, June 24

Dates are subject to change with sufficient notice.