



Ellendale Elementary

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Ms. Caroline Matthews, Principal

Mrs. Shannon Marshall, Secretary

At Ellendale, we are committed to creating a supportive environment that promotes successful learning, personal growth, student responsibility, and respect for others.

June 26, 2020

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived. I want to thank the students, parents and staff for your very warm welcome this year. I have loved getting to know your children and their teachers and support staff.

We continue to be in the middle of an unprecedented year with the COVID-19 pandemic and I appreciate our Ellendale community, who I love & cherish, whose diligent efforts have kept everyone safe and well.

As you may know already, we have just entered Phase 3 of the BC Government's COVID-19 Restart Plan. In this phase, students will be required to attend school beginning in the Fall if everything goes accordingly. Over the summer, pending the Ministry of Education's recommendations in alignment with the Ministry of Health's orders and protocols, we will be busy planning what the schedule will look like for all of our students.

We will be communicating this important information as soon as we are able to - likely within the two weeks prior to school starting on September 8th. Please ensure your email contact information is up to date. You can send any changes to our school's email address, ellendale@surreyschools.ca.

We are very fortunate to have such an active and creative PAC at Ellendale. A special thank you to our PAC Executive, Mandy Sandher, Nicole Petit, Annette Vanzella, Michelle Buan, Shannon Reitmier, Shayla Harrison and our parent volunteers. We thank you for your hard

work, generous input and ongoing support. Such an awesome team!

On behalf of the Ellendale Staff, have a safe and healthy summer break. We wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
Ms. Caroline Matthews

IMPORTANT PAC NEWS

First PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 from 6:30 –7:30 pm. Child minding will be available, please come out and support your school PAC.

To all Ellendale Parents and Community,

Although the last couple months have been challenging and unprecedented we look forward to all meeting again in the near future.

As you may be aware several PAC meetings and events had to be cancelled in order to follow PHO guidelines and support the COVID guidelines. We understand this has resulted in some payments requiring to be reimbursed to parents for popcorn day and Pub Night. We have these payments available and organized for you if you could kindly email the following e-mail address for reimbursement: ellendalemarket@gmail.com. Please include your child's name and Division.
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We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and we look forward to connecting in the fall with new ways of convening and continuing to work together.

The following are the confirmed PAC dates and the date of the AGM as it had to be cancelled in April:

Wednesday, September 30
Wednesday, October 28 AGM
Wednesday, November 25

Please note any details regarding on line meetings will be shared in the fall once school re-opens. Should you have any questions please reach out to your PAC executive.

Thank you on behalf of the Ellendale PAC,

Mandy Sandher, PAC President

2020/21 Staffing Updates

There are several staff members who, sadly are moving to new schools as they are either district based or were in term positions.

Ms. Wright, our dear Teacher-Librarian, who has been with us for the past two years, has unfortunately been moved to another school as her position at Ellendale was district-based. We will miss her creativity and inspiring practices. Under her direction and expertise, our Library collection has grown and expanded in both its diversity and inclusion. We will always be grateful for the immense time, work and effort she put into bringing the \$5000 Indigo Books Grant the school received via the PAC's initiative, into fruition. Our students will continue to benefit from this incredible opportunity and collaboration between the school and the PAC. Thank you Ms. Wright, it has been a pleasure and we will miss you more than you will know.

Ms. Nicol, our lovely Counsellor, who is also district-based, is moving to another school. We will miss her kind, compassionate and empathetic manner and support for our students and staff. Always extending her expertise and amazing solutions to help our students, she will be dearly missed.

Ms. Pringle, our incredible Child Care Worker is moving to a more full time position in the district. As many of you know, she has been at Ellendale for just over 8 years. Her work extended far beyond her CCW role at Ellendale. We were lucky enough to have her back for one more year this year, and now we *do* have to say good-bye. Many, many gifts did she provide for our community endlessly. Her care and attention to the entire school will be dearly missed.

Ms. Aromin, one of our wonderful EAs, has been with us this year in her new position (she was previously one of our treasured Noon Hour Supervisors) and is thus in a term specific position. She was an amazing addition to our team and we will miss her very much.

Ms. Edwards, another wonderful EA and First Aid Attendant for the Staff, is also term specific so will be moving on to a new school next year. She was an integral part of our team, always lending a hand when need be. She will be missed immensely.

Ms. Gill was also new to Ellendale this year and our third wonderful EA who will be leaving Ellendale. She was always a team player and put our students first with her kindness and flexibility. She will be missed greatly.

Thank you. We wish you well at your new schools!

School Supplies Update

School supply lists will be posted on our website at the end of August. Students will only need limited supplies for the first week of school. Teachers will inform students of what they need to bring on the first day.

Bell Schedule for 2020-21

8:25	Welcome Bell
8:30	Classes in session
10:15	Recess
10:30	Classes Resume
11:45	Lunch bell (Students eat inside classrooms)
2:30	Classes Dismissed