



# Cindrich Elementary

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## WELCOME TO CINDRICH!

### Principal and Vice Principal's Message

We are elated to start our new school year! We would like to extend a heart-felt 'welcome back' to all of our returning families, and a warm welcome to all the families who are new to our community. We hope that the summer break was a restful, healthy and happy one for your family.

We are very excited to get the school year started! We would like to acknowledge our teachers, office staff and custodians, for all of their hard work in preparing the school for the new school year. There is incredible energy and excitement in the air as we begin the first week of school. Our school goal is to create a Healthy School and to continue to build a sense of community for students, parents and staff at Cindrich. There is a strong correlation between improved student learning and having a sense of safety and belonging. Communication is a key ingredient of success, and you are encouraged to contact us at any time. We look forward to working closely with you to provide the best possible education for our students, and celebrating their many successes over the course of the next ten months.

Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members to the Cindrich family:

Ms. S. Osborne, Intermediate Teacher, Ms. L. McClure, Primary Teacher, Ms. P. Kooner, Primary Teacher, Ms. Cheema, Learning Support Teacher, Mr. G. Silzer, Counsellor, Ms. Dana Caragata, Child Care Worker, Ms. J. Voros, Educational Assistant, Ms. S. T. Henry, Educational Assistant, Ms. D. Gill, Educational Assistant, and Ms. S. Campbell, Educational Assistant. We would like to welcome back Ms. S. Javer from her Leave of Absence.

We have a Zumba Instructor to help our students get in to the school mode. Students in Grade 1 to 7 need to come dressed to participate in the Zumba event on Wednesday and Thursday!

Mrs. S. Whyte, Principal

Mrs. L. McBride, Vice-Principal

*I would like to welcome as well as thank, Mrs. L McBride for accepting the role of Acting Vice-Principal. I am looking forward to working in partnership with her. - Mrs. S. Whyte*

### First Day, First Week...

One of our first priorities during the first week back to school is to verify the number of children who will be attending Cindrich this year. Students will be working with all the teachers involved with the grade level for a few days. This process enables students to become acquainted with all the teachers of their grade as well as their entire peer group. When the class organization plan has been completed, you will receive notification of your child's room number and teacher's name(s). **Children will return to their classrooms from last year on Wednesday morning.** We appreciate your patience and understanding!

### School Hours

**The bell schedule has changed from last year. We are starting five minutes earlier and dismissing two minutes later.**

8:15	Supervision begins
8:25	Welcoming bell – students report to their classrooms
8:30	Classes begin
10:10	Recess
10:25	Students return to class
11:42	Lunch (students eat lunch in classrooms)
11:59	Students outside for lunch break
12:22	Warning bell – students report to their classrooms
12:29	Classes resume
2:29	Dismissal
2:44	Supervision ends

Please note that there is **no** supervision before 8:15 a.m. We are starting our first class five minutes earlier as we added six minutes to the school day. Student should not arrive at school before this time unless there is a team practice or special project that is being sponsored by a teacher. Similarly, supervision ends at 2:44 p.m. All students must be picked up by this time as we are unable to provide supervision beyond school hours. Thank you for your assistance.

### School Supplies

Kindergarten supplies continue to be bought in bulk by the school and the amount requested is \$40.00. **Please submit these fees in a sealed envelope with your child's name. Thank you!**

Primary students in Grade 1, 2, and 3 will be purchasing their own supplies this year. Orders can still be placed through <http://www.schoolstart.ca>. Teachers request that supplies remain at home until classes are settled. Please ensure that all items are labeled with your child's name.

Intermediate students in Grade 4, 5, 6 & 7 may bring their labeled supplies right away.

## Student Planners

Student planners will be available next week for Grades 1 to 7. The cost of the planner is \$6.00. **Please submit this fee in a sealed envelope with your child's name next week once your child has been assigned to their class. There are a few Intermediate classes that are not using planners this year.**

## Kindergarten Update

Parents of Kindergarten children beginning school this September are reminded that students will be gradually introduced to the routines of the classroom over the first week of school. Information about the schedules was mailed out in August. Please contact the Kindergarten teachers or office if you are unsure.

## STRONG START at Cindrich

Strong Start BC is a free, drop-in early learning program for preschool-aged children accompanied by a parent of caregiver. Mrs. Lidder, the Strong Start facilitator, will lead learning activities, including stories, music and art to help children get ready for success in Kindergarten. Parents are likely to discover new ways to support their children's learning at home, and may make valuable connections with others attending the centre. Strong Start sessions will begin on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Hours: 8:30 – 11:30** each day. Please call the school for registration information. **Registration starts on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.**

## Medical Alerts

If your child has a life-threatening medical condition (allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.), please contact the office as soon as possible.

## Traffic Safety

As you are aware, Cindrich has faced many challenges with the pick-up and drop-off of students in the past. Because safety must be our first priority, we ask that all parents and caregivers adhere to the following guidelines:

- Drivers parking their vehicles in the top parking lot during drop off or pick-up times are asked to remain parked until all of the traffic has cleared. There were several "close calls" last year when children were almost hit by cars backing out of the parking stalls.
- There is **no parking** in the Staff parking lot.
- **A reminder to please observe the City of Surrey's parking signs carefully.**

The Parking Enforcement Officers will visit several times over the course of the school year to remind drivers about the City's parking regulations. Those drivers who are parked illegally or are turning left out of the top parking lot will receive parking tickets from the City of Surrey's Parking Enforcement Officers. We would also encourage parents to be respectful of our neighbours, and avoid blocking driveways and/or parking on private property.

## Keeping Cindrich Students Safe

At Cindrich we have a "call back" program for all students who are not in attendance by 8:50 a.m. It is important for parents/guardians to call the school before 8:50 a.m. if your child is going to be away. Please call our office at (604) 590-3211 and give your child's name, division and reason for absence. It is also time to teach/remind your child(ren) how to stay safe when walking to and from school. Please review traffic safety rules, determine the safest route home, walk with a friend or family member whenever possible and stress the importance of not talking to strangers. Teachers will be reviewing similar safety tips with students during the first few weeks of school.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015 -2016

Tuesday, September 8	First day of school
Thursday, September 17	Meet the Teacher Evening
Monday, September 28	Non-Instructional Day
Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving Day, school not in session
Thursday, October 22	Literacy Event / Student Photos
Friday, October 23	Non-Instructional Day
Tuesday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Wednesday, November 11	Remembrance Day, school not in session
Friday, November 13	Non-Instructional Day
Tuesday, December 15	Early Dismissal 1:27 pm
Friday, December 18	Last day of school before winter break
Monday, January 4	School re-opens after winter break
Monday, February 8	Family Day, school not in session
Friday February 19	Non-Instructional Day
Thursday, March 10	Early Dismissal 1:27 pm
Friday, March 11	Last day of school before spring break
Tuesday, March 29	School re-opens after spring break and Easter Weekend
Friday, May 6	Non-Instructional Day
Wednesday, May 11	Early Dismissal 1:27 pm
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day, school not in session
Monday, May 30	Non-Instructional Day
Thursday, June 23	Last day of school, early dismissal 1:27 pm

