



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:

Mr. J. Hanna, Intermediate Teacher; Ms. L. Weber Intermediate Teacher; Mr. W. Gee, Intermediate Teacher; Ms. H. Hutchinson, Primary Teacher; Ms. P. Dhingra Primary Teacher; Ms. S. Petrola Primary Teacher; Ms. J. McLuskie, Primary Teacher; Ms. M. Holowaty, Music Teacher; Ms. R. Brar, Librarian, Mr. P. Sawatzky, Counsellor; Ms. R. Gill, LST; Ms. T. Reimer, IST and Ms. N. Brar, ABA worker.

We would like to welcome back returning teachers from their Leave of Absence: Ms. T. Cole

Mrs. S. Whyte, Principal

Mrs. N. Champion, Acting Vice-Principal

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 line up by their grade class Wednesday morning.** We appreciate your patience and understanding!

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are full days – 8:35am to 2:25 pm. for Grade 1 to 7.

Kindergartens will follow the schedule set with the Kindergarten teachers.

All Grade 1 students will line up at Ms. Sardinha's outside classroom door.
All Grade 2 students will line up at Ms. Price's outside classroom door.
All Grade 3 students will line up at Ms. Champion's outside classroom door.
All Grade 4 students will line up at Ms. Pooni's outside classroom door.
All Grade 5 students will line up at Ms. Shahi's outside classroom door.
All Grade 6 students will line up at Ms. Cole's outside classroom door.
All Grade 7 students will line up at Ms. Ossea's outside classroom door.

All the students will exit the same door they entered in the morning.

School Hours

8:20	Supervision begins
8:30	Welcoming bell – students report to their classrooms
8:35	Classes begin
10:15	Recess
10:30	Students return to class
11:40	Lunch (students eat lunch in classrooms)
11:56	Students outside for lunch break
12:20	Warning bell – students report to their classrooms
12:25	Classes resume
2:25	Dismissal
2:40	Supervision ends

Please note that there is **no** supervision before 8:20 a.m. 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 2:40 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, 3 and 4 will be purchasing their own supplies this year. Orders can still be placed with School Start. **Teachers request that supplies remain at home until classes are settled. Please ensure that all items are labeled with your child's name if you are purchasing the school supplies locally.**

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

Student Planners

We encourage all students in Grades 1-6 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$2.00. “As part of the provincial student learning grant, the student planner has been reduced from \$5 to \$2 for the 2017-18 school year. The remaining funds from this learning grant have been used to provide learning resources to schools.” 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 parents may purchase their own version (there are a few grade 6 and 7 classes that *will not* be using the planner and families will be informed on what alternative will be used for those Intermediate classes).

Please submit this fee in a sealed envelope with your child's name.

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 **September 18st, 2017. Hours: 8:30 – 11:30** each day. Please call the school for registration information.

Registration starts on Monday, September 18th, 2017.

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 8:30 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.

It is going to be a great school year!!

