

KATZIE ELEMENTARY

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Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your family enjoyed the summer break. We are excited to begin the new school year and are glad that there is some loosening of COVID restrictions from last June. This year, lunch time has been extended by 5 minutes to 45 minutes long and dismissal time is now 2:35pm. Starting tomorrow, Wednesday, September 8th students will be in school for the full day (8:35am to 2:35pm). All kindergarten students will follow their gradual entry plan and will begin full day kindergarten on Monday, September 20th. We will be confirming our actual enrolment this week and plan to place students into their actual classrooms by early next week.

Also new this year is September 30th as a statutory holiday - the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. School will be closed on Thursday, September 30th.

Health & Safety

Staff has been working with our district and province to follow updated health and safety guidelines and protocols. Below are some of this year's measures at Katzie:

- Students **no longer** need to be organized into cohorts, but large gatherings will still be limited.
- All intermediate students, staff and guests will be required to wear a mask while in the school building and primary students are encouraged to wear a mask when inside.
- Students will be encouraged to follow good hygiene practices (wash hands frequently, cough into elbow, avoid physical contact, maintain social distance when possible, etc.).
- Hand sanitizers will be placed throughout classrooms and the school.
- Signage is placed throughout the school outlining walking directions/flow.
- Families are asked to conduct daily health checks for their children. In addition, staff will conduct personal daily health checks prior to coming to school. Any person exhibiting COVID/flu-like symptoms will be asked to go home and seek a medical assessment.
- Student classroom attendance will be completed online (to avoid students walking down forms).
- Students continue to go out for recess/lunch in two separate groups (primary and intermediate).
- PAC organized hot lunch programs can continue this year.
- Parents and other community members will have limited access into the school and must sign-in when in the building.

Our staff is excited to welcome students back to school and committed to ensuring that everyone is safe and healthy.

We are so sorry to hear that Ms. Onotera continues to be missing and hope for her safe return. Our hearts go out to Ms. Onotera's family and friends. Our school is working with Ms. Onotera's family, the school district and RCMP as they actively search for her. School and district staff will be available at Katzie to assist any students or staff who may need support. We will share out any new information with the community and continue to hope for a positive outcome from this difficult situation.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sol Lee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sol Lee
Principal
Katzie Elementary