

May 31, 2021

Woodland Park Elementary

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Dear Families,

In the final months of each school year, we begin the complex process of planning for the upcoming year. Creating balanced classes is a highly intensive, collaborative process in which each child's social, emotional and academic needs are thoughtfully considered. Teachers, support staff, and administration reflect upon each placement carefully as we endeavour to create workable instructional groups, positive social placements and balanced classes. Criteria considered in the placement process include:

- * social and emotional development of all students
- * a child's academic strengths, stretches and learning styles
- * class and group dynamics, peer compatibility
- * BC Ministry and SD36 regulations specific to class size and composition

The creation of a positive classroom environment is a highly complex process in order to meet the needs of all learners. Initial student placements begin in June of the current school year. In September, placements are reviewed to consider new students to our school and students who have moved over the summer. While we are open to reflections from our parent community, we ask that you place your trust in our educational team. Requests for specific learning environments, teachers and chosen peers can compromise a well-designed classroom and can impact the successful placements of all students. Should you wish to share your thoughts on your child's upcoming placement, please note the following:

- * information that is unknown to school staff regarding a student's social, emotional, and academic needs that should be taken into consideration
- * Parent requests for specific teachers will not be considered
- * All letters will be shared with the school placement team (including past and present teachers)

Should you wish to provide additional information on your child's learning and/or social development needs, please do so in written or email format to Mrs. Chambers chambers_l@surreyschools.ca by Friday, June 4th, 2021. Thank you for your support throughout this complex process.

With gratitude,

Lisa Chambers



Upcoming Events

June 2

Welcome to Kindergarten (virtual)
1:00pm – 2:00pm

June 7

Early Dismissal 1:35pm

June 10

Spirit Day – Rainbow Day

June 23

Grade 7 Celebration

June 24

Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 1:35pm

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It's hard to believe that the time has come for the staff to start planning and preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. You will find the following information in this month's newsletter:

- Bell Schedule (below)
- Calendar (page 2)
- School Fees (page 3)
- School Supply Lists (page 4)

Bell Schedule for 2021/2022

8:30am	Welcome Bell
8:35am	Instruction Begins
10:15am	Recess Begins
10:30am	Recess Ends
11:50am	Lunch Begins
12:30pm	Lunch Ends
2:35pm	Dismissal

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School Calendar 2021 - 2022

Tuesday, September 7	SCHOOL OPENS
Wednesday, September 15	Spirit Day: Dot Day
Tuesday, September 21	Individual Photo Day
Wednesday, September 22	Spirit Day: Wacky Hair Day
Thursday, September 23	Meet the Teacher Night
Friday, September 24	Terry Fox Run
Monday, September 27	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Tuesday, September 28	Indigenous Peoples Week
Thursday, September 30	Orange Shirt Day
Monday, October 11	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Thursday, October 14	Spirit Day: Mad for Plaid
Thursday, October 21	Early Dismissal – 1:35 pm (Parent Conferences)
Friday, October 22	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Friday, October 29	Spirit Day: Halloween Costumes
Thursday, November 4	Photo Retakes
Wednesday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30am (virtual)
Thursday, November 11	Remembrance Day – No School
Friday, November 12	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Friday, November 19	Spirit Day: Mustache Day
Friday, December 10	Communicate Student Learning (Term 1)
Thursday, December 16	Spirit Day: Winter Wear
December 20 – Dec 31	WINTER BREAK
Monday, January 3	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday, January 4	Spirit Day: Sparkle & Shine Day
Friday, January 14	Black Shirt Day
Monday, January 24	Multicultural Week
Monday, February 7	Spirit Day: Jersey Day
Monday, February 21	Family Day – No School
Wednesday, February 23	Pink Shirt Day / Early Dismissal 1:35pm
Friday, February 25	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Friday, March 11	Spirit Day: Disney / Marvel Day
	Communicate Student Learning (Term 2)
March 14 - 25	SPRING BREAK
Monday, March 28	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday, April 12	SPRIT DAY: Backwards Day
Friday, April 15	Good Friday – No School
Monday, April 18	Easter Monday – No School
Thursday, April 21	Ready, Set, Learn 1:00pm
Tuesday, April 26	Early Dismissal – 1:35pm (student led conferences)
Wednesday, May 4	Spirit Day: Star Wars Day
Friday, May 6	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Wednesday, May 11	Parent Appreciation
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day – No School
Monday, May 30	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Thursday, June 2	Welcome to Kindergarten 1:00pm
Friday, June 10	Sports Day
Monday, June 20	Spirit Day: Tropical Day
Tuesday, June 21	Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday, June 22	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
Thursday, June 23	Last Day / Final Summative Reports Issued / Early Dismissal 1:35pm
Friday, June 24	Administrative Day – No School



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School Fees Notice to Parents/Guardians

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

We have provided an itemized school supply list based on grade. Parents may opt to purchase supplies as a package directly through School Start, payment is made directly to the company. However, parents may also choose to wait to do the purchasing themselves. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. Kindergarten parents will receive a summer mailer with details outlining the kindergarten supplies which will be bought in bulk and not run more than \$40.

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: We encourage all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase a School Planner at a cost of \$5.00. 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 a parent may purchase their own version.

Field Studies and Field Trips: Dependent on health orders for 2021-2022, classes may enjoy educational visits to community facilities which extend and enhance the curriculum. While we use school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the trip. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: Our Grade 7 students who opt for/take band either purchase or rent an instrument. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Please note, school supply fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Lisa Chambers
Principal