



PRINCE CHARLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #2

Message From Ms. Lomax

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome all of our students and their families to the new school year at Prince Charles Elementary. Our welcome back orientations yesterday and today went very well. There were many happy students glad to be back at school after a long period of time away. As well as reassuring students and easing concerns, teachers covered important health and safety information related to new routines including:

- Why our orientation groups were so small (7 – 8 students)
- Class cohorts starting Monday
- Physical distancing
- Physical spacing
- Regular hand hygiene
- Arrival and dismissal
- Washroom procedures and limits
- Play areas
- School supplies, planners

Whether you'll be sending your children for face to face instruction every day or starting off with an online program in the Blended Transition program, we are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. School will look a bit different, however, we are just as committed to ensuring the same positive, engaged and connected school community. Welcome to all of our new students and families. We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Please know that all school communication (newsletters, etc.) is sent electronically. Be sure to check your email and if your email address changes, please let the school office know your new email address. Similarly, if your phone number changes, it is extremely important to relay your new contact information to the school office so we can update our records.

Return to School Safety Protocols in Place

- Parents and caregivers are responsible to assess their child(ren) each day before going to school. If your child is experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, Covid-19 or other infectious respiratory disease, please keep your child home until there has been an assessment by a health care provider AND the symptoms have resolved
- All students, staff and family members must stay home if they are sick.
- No parents or visitors are allowed in the school
- No dropping off of student lunches or other items
- Physical distancing in common areas outside of the classroom by students and staff
- Physical spacing (one metre) in one's classroom/cohort
- Regular, scheduled hand washing and hand sanitizing
- Students enter the building during a staggered start . Arrive any time between 8:30 – 8:45 am. An adult will be at each entrance door to greet children as they head straight to class to wash their hands

- Students will be organized into classes/learning groups and anyone working with students outside of these groups will be expected to wear a mask and/or maintain physical distance.
- Masks can be worn within one's cohort but must be worn outside of one's cohort when physical distancing if 2 metres is not possible.
- Each student and staff member will receive 2 reusable masks
- Students will learn to follow good hygiene practices (coughing into elbow, avoid physical contact, wash hands frequently, maintain social distancing)
- Increased outdoor learning and play (dress appropriately for the weather)
- No large gatherings such as school assemblies or school events (may be shared digitally)
- Limited shared classroom resources (will be disinfected)
- Fabric and plush items removed from classrooms (pillows, toys, etc.)
- No sharing of food including lunches or snacks. No birthday treats may be brought in.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces throughout the day and evening in addition to regular cleaning

There is a myriad of additional information online regarding the Health & Safety protocols in schools:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf

NEW!

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/Back-to-school-resources-for-parents-and-teachers#.X1rCCmXSfg3>

NEW! Video Q & A with Dr. Ingrid Tyler, Fraser Health Medical Health Officer

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/back-to-school-resources-for-parents-and-teachers/back-to-school-covid-19-video-questions-and-answers#.X1p5gnmpE2w>

Class Placements

Once I receive approval from the district today regarding our current enrolment and proposed organization, teachers will be working on class placements this afternoon and we will be ready to begin with our classes on Monday. Due to the other options available to families this year, we have fewer enrolling divisions and organizational plans and staffing assignments have changed. Once students start in their class (cohort) on Monday, they will not be switched as we are unable to have kids cross cohorts into another group once placed. We appreciate your understanding..

All families will receive an email today indicating which class/teacher your child will be with this year.

Blended Transition Model Students

Teachers will be determined today and your online orientation will be next week. We are waiting for more information from the school district. As soon as we have some more concrete information, you will receive it. This program was a late addition so information is being finalized.



Classroom Teachers:

Mrs. Sengara
Mrs. Van Niekerk
Mrs. Santoro
Mr. Parker
Mrs. White & Mrs. Batiz
Ms. Gale
Ms. Szlovicsak
Mr. Singian

Ms. Grubb
Ms. Lankmayr
Ms. Gill
Ms. Govan
Ms. D. Williams
Ms. E. Williams
Mrs. Murillo

Non-Enrolling Teachers:

Mrs. Dumont – Teacher Librarian
Ms. Cizik – Challenge Program
Ms. Allan – Early Literacy
Mrs. Vytasek – Counselor
Ms. Zorn – Music and French
Mr. Honeywell – Grade 7 Band
Ms. Ali – LST (Learner Support Teacher)
Ms. Henkel – LST
Ms. Willing – LST
Ms. Narwal – LST
Mrs. Ewen – Integration Support
Ms. Duckworth – Integration Support
Mrs. Alexander – Speech Language Pathologist
Mr. Mugford – School Psychologist

Support Staff:

Ms. Lauwers – Child and Youth Care Worker
Mr. Hunter – Indigenous Child and Youth Care Worker
Ms. Kaur – EA (Educational Assistant)
Ms. Barry – EA
Mrs. Davies – EA
Ms. Dewan – EA
Mr. Hoffinger – EA
Mrs. Hunjan – EA
Mrs. Pencer – EA
Ms. Yu – EA
Mrs. Longja – School Meal Program
Ms. Wong – Community Schools Programs

Office Staff:

Mrs. MacMillian – Records Clerk
Mrs. Gill – Head Clerk

Custodial Staff:

Ms. Rockwell – daytime

Mr. Doan – evening

Mr. Huynh - evening

Monday Morning

Your child(ren) should return to the same meeting place as Thursday/Friday by 8:30 am. Kids should not be arriving before 8:15 am. Teachers will be taking their 2020-21 students to their classroom. At the end of the day, the teachers will take their class outside to their morning meeting spot.

Please check our school website and/or your email on Monday to note which door your child's class will be entering beginning Tuesday, September 15th during our staggered start 8:30 – 8:45 am.

Staggered Morning Start – 8:30 – 8:45 am

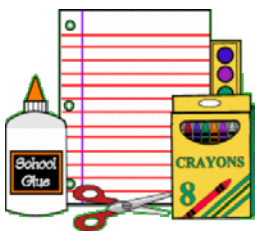
Starting on Tuesday, September 15th, students may arrive any time between 8:30 – 8:45 am each day. This will eliminate morning waiting and congestion. Assigned classroom entrance doors will be open. An adult will be at each door welcoming kids. Kids will go straight to class, hang up jackets and backpacks and wash their hands with soap.

If your child is going to be coming to our school breakfast program in the Multipurpose Room, the breakfast program starts at 8:00 am next Thursday, September 17th. Children should not be arriving on the school grounds before 7:55 am for breakfast. Our outside Multipurpose Room door is past the Gym, and around the corner where the stairs are. Amy, our Child and Youth Care Worker will be at the open door greeting kids and ensuring they are washing their hands with soap before lining up (with physical distancing) for breakfast. All children coming for breakfast will be seated with their siblings or with other children in their cohort. If neither of those scenarios are possible, there will be 2 metre physical distancing amongst children.

2:35 pm Dismissal

We ask parents to pick their child(ren) up promptly at 2:35 pm every day this year. Please physically distance yourself from other waiting parents. If your child(ren) are older and go to and from school on their own, it is imperative that kids head straight home at 2:35 pm. It is risky for students to be unsupervised and hanging around with others.

School Supplies and Planners



Students in grades 1 – 7 should bring their school supplies on Monday, September 14th. Please ensure everything is labelled with your child's name. School supply lists are still on our school website. Go to www.surreyschools.ca/princecharles.

School planners are delayed and we will likely receive them at the end of September. Once they arrive, I will let you know that they are available for purchase at the cost of \$5.00 each. Kindergarten children do not need a planner.



A Reminder - Our Bell Schedule Effective Monday, September 14, 2020

8:15 – 8:30 am - Morning Supervision

8:30 am - Welcome bell

8:30 – 8:45 am - Staggered arrival and entrance time

Morning Session

10:15 – 10:30 - Recess (outside)

Mid-Morning Session

11:50 – 12:30 - Lunch and outside play

12:30 pm – First afternoon bell rings

12:35 pm – Second afternoon bell rings

Afternoon Session

2:35 pm Dismissal

2:50 pm – Outside supervision ends



Parent Drop-off and Pick-up

There is no drop-off or pick-up in the staff parking lot. Please park in the gravel parking lot or the adjacent parking bay only. **Do not drive through or park in the staff parking lot.** When the weather is great we encourage as many parents as possible to walk their children to school.

Also, for safety reasons, we ask that parents not walk through the parking lot with children. Please use the sidewalks. If you're walking from the gravel parking lot or the parking bay, please use the chain link fence entrance to the gravel field. Let's be a good example for our children and keep them safe.

Thank-you,

Ms. D. Lomax
Principal