



# Bothwell Elementary School

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Ms. Leah Christensen, Principal

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# NEWSLETTER

## A Word from Your Principal

Each year we tend to forget all the moving parts needed to help ensure we get off to a strong start. With an incredibly dedicated and talented staff, beautiful grounds, and spirited children, we've lifted off and are ready to soar. It has been a fantastic start to the school year.

One of the significant changes to our start up compared to last year is that we are no longer required to remain in learning cohorts. As guided by provincial health orders, regional protocols and district standards, we are able to slowly welcome back many traditions and activities that have put on hold for nearly 18 months. These include:

- opportunities for student leadership (e.g. lunch monitors, big buddies, and fundraising);
- gathering face to face for small primary and intermediate assemblies in the gym;
- resuming sports teams;
- PAC hot lunches (with restrictions)

Some practices remain the same as when we left in June:

- masks are required when indoors for all students in grades 4-7 and for all staff;
- any visitor is required to wear a mask when in the school;
- masks are encouraged when indoors for children in grades 1-3;
- hand hygiene protocols remain vigilant;
- all staff and students are required perform the **Daily Health Check** and are required to remain home if not feeling well.  
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>
- No sharing of food.
- Visitor Policy - we continue to ask that you please call to make an appointment should you wish to speak with any staff member. Many of our meetings can be virtual and by phone, but sometimes it will be appropriate to meet face to face.

Everything we do – all of the extra protocols – is to help keep your child safe. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

We look forward to building strong partnerships with you to ensure that your child has a positive, safe and inspiring school experience this year.

Ms. L. Christensen



## IMPORTANT! Bothwell is an Allergy Aware School



We have many staff and students with severe allergies to different foods. The most common include tree nuts, shellfish, dairy and eggs; however, there are other allergies in some of our classrooms.

Inside each classroom exterior window is a list of any foods that would cause severe allergic reaction to one of the children in the class. Please check with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation in ensuring you do not pack any of these foods in your child's lunch.

## Parking Lot Pick Up and Drop Off *The shortest 4 minute rush hour in Surrey!*

We have nearly 100 more students in our building compared to this time last year. It is not doubt things feel busier. To help make things work better, we need to work together at 8:30 am and 2:30 pm each day.

Some suggestions to help alleviate congestion and frustration:

- ◆ If you are able, please park down the block and walk to the school.
- ◆ If your child is older, you might have them walk to you.
- ◆ Consider walking to school – rain or shine – once or twice each week.

Thank you for honouring the no parking bylaws and the orange cones laid out to make space for our school bus and the fire lane. Please be patient with one another...we'll get there, but only by working with one another. Thank you.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sept. 20 | First full day of Kindergarten  |
| Sept. 22 | First fire drill  |
| Sept. 24 | Individual Photo Day  |
| Sept. 27 | Non Instructional Day – classes not in session  |
| Sept. 29 | Orange Shirt Day Assemblies   |
| Sept. 30 | National Day of Truth and Reconciliation<br>(School is closed)  |
| Oct. 1   | Bothwell GROWS Monthly Assemblies (primary and intermediate) – Launch of Terry Fox Fundraising Campaign |
| Oct. 1   | Second fire drill   |
| Oct. 8   | Terry Fox Run (details forthcoming)   |
| Oct. 11  | Thanksgiving Monday – School is closed  |
| Oct. 22  | Non Instructional Day – School is closed  |

Please refer to the calendar on the Bothwell school website for updates or changes:

<http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/bothwell>

### *A Reminder: Dogs are Not Permitted on School Property*



This is a district bylaw. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**WELCOME  
♥ BACK! ♥  
we missed you**

## Staffing Confirmation

We have grown another division, and our classrooms are all nearly at capacity. We have 13 divisions, and almost 300 students keeping our school a place bubbling with enthusiasm. Our team of incredible educators and support staff look forward to getting to know you, and to supporting your child throughout the year:

Div. 1	Gr. 5-7	MACC district program - Mr. A. Scott
Div. 2	Gr. 6/7	Ms. A. Brennan
Div. 3	Gr. 6/7	Ms. K. Benda
Div. 4	Gr. 5/6	Mrs. A. Sabell
Div. 5	Gr. 4/5	Ms. T. Gibson and Ms. B. Taylor
Div. 6	Gr. 3/4	Mr. M. Marounek
Div. 7	Gr. 3/4	Ms. M. Cho
Div. 8	Gr. 2/3	Ms. S. Mortimore and Ms. R. Sahota
Div. 9	Gr. 2	Ms. J. Moore
Div. 10	Gr. 1	Mrs. L. Lattey
Div. 11	Gr. K/1	Mrs. K. Friesen and Ms. E. Janicki
Div. 12	Gr. K	Mrs. K. Anderson
Div. 13	Gr. K	Ms. L. Rizzardo



## Support Staff – Welcome back to the following staff:

Aboriginal Youth Care Worker:  
Mr. A. Bruce

Child Care Worker:  
Ms. K. Porter

Counsellor:  
Ms. Maitland

EAs and ABA Support Workers:  
Mr. G. Cantillo  
Mrs. R. Cheema  
Ms. A. Chomcy  
Ms. C. de Prot  
Mrs. D. Doi  
Mrs. R. Farwaha  
Mrs. K. Karlinski  
Mrs. A. Kovacs  
Ms. C. Roberts  
Ms. A. Stokes

Grade 7 Band:  
Ms. A. Gabriel - Morrissey

Head Custodian  
Mr. J. Fyffe

Intermediate French:  
Mrs. S. Johnson

Integration Support Teacher (IST):  
Mrs. M. Loyla

Learner Support Team (LST):  
Ms. C. Austin  
Mrs. T. Modicamore

Library/Learning Commons & Music:  
Mrs. E. Ursu

Noon Hour Supervisors:  
Ms. K. Bhatoa  
Mrs. N. Bowie  
Mrs. M. Brett  
Mrs. M. Chattha  
Ms. I. Lacambra  
Mrs. K. Malone

Office:  
Ms. K. Blewett (Head Clerk)  
Mrs. O. Lee (Part-Time Clerk Typist)

School Psychologist:  
Ms. S. Cooper



**Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 -6:00 pm is our Outdoor “Meet the Teacher Ice Cream Social”**

We hope you will drop by and enjoy a treat on us. Please see the attached flyer for details.

# There is No “Bad” Weather, Weather, as Long as We Dress for All Weather!

Thank you for helping your child be prepared for heading outside in all weather. We intend to have at least one outside play time every day – rain, snow, sleet or shine. Research is clear: When kids have unstructured play in nature, it is good for their minds, bodies and hearts.

Please ensure your child has the following each day at school:

- Rain coat with a hood;
  - Rain boots
  - Rain pants (or a “muddy buddy)
  - Inside shoes
  - Extra socks
- \*\* Umbrellas are optional as they can be difficult when it is blustery

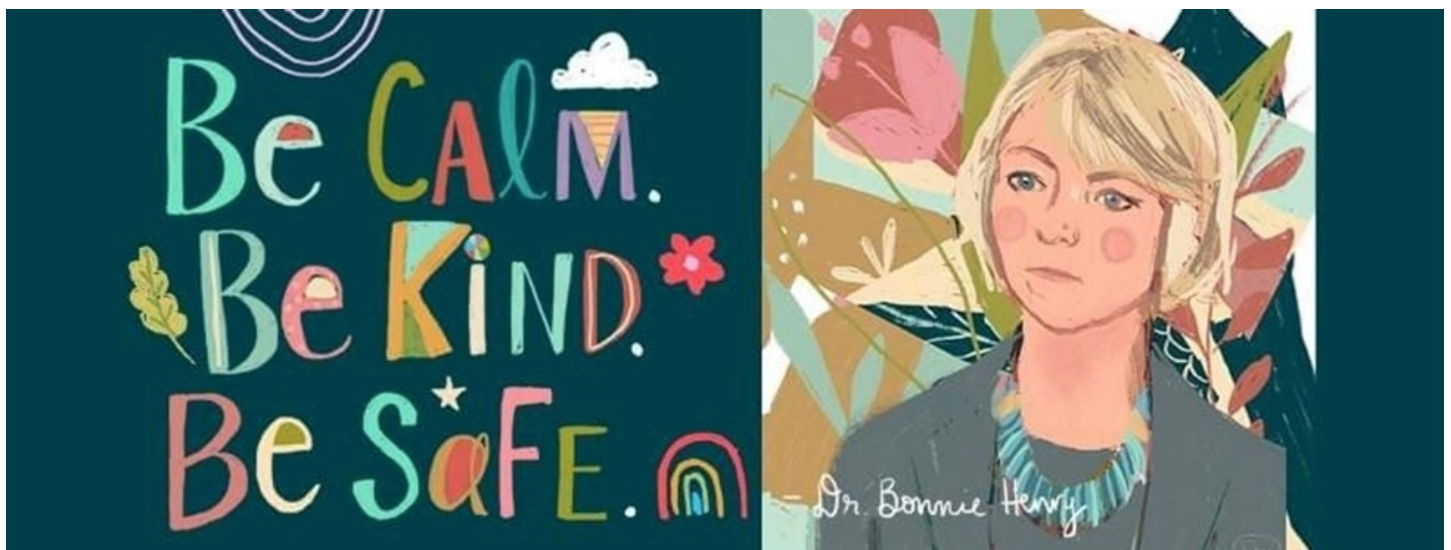
Learning in our natural environment brings many health and educational benefits. We have decades of research and experience to support this knowledge. Staff are excited to explore the expansion of our outdoor learning spaces and have been dedicating professional learning days to expanding our repertoire of skills and activities.

If you are curious to learn more, please come to the PAC AGM on Wednesday (see below for details).



## PAC Virtual AGM

A link has been sent for Wednesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:30 - 8:30pm. Hope you can make it to discuss upcoming plans for fundraising, grants and a PAC Executive vote. See you there!





MEET THE  
TEACHER!

Ice  
Cream  
Social

Tuesday  
September 28th

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Bothwell Outdoor Meet the Teacher and Ice Cream Party!

*We're keeping it safe and fun!*

**Who:** Students, siblings, parents/guardians

**When:** Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Drop in anytime between 5-6pm

**Where:** Outside at the back of the school...rain or shine!

**What:** Please introduce yourself to your child's teacher. Enjoy an ice cream treat! Check out our plans to expand our outdoor learning space (near the gardens). Looking for a carpool? Check the "Carpool Board" set up out back.

It's been hard to connect as a community. Let this be one way to safely see one another, chat with your child's teacher, and enjoy time on our beautiful grounds.

No RSVP needed. Just come! See you then!

