

August 31, 2026

Dear MJ Norris Families,

We hope you had a restful and joyful summer break! As we begin a new school year, we are excited to welcome back our students and families to what promises to be a year full of learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Our staff has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming year, and we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment for all students. Whether your child is returning or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have them as part of our school community. Please see the First Day of School Map attached with all the information for the first day of school!

Important to Remember:

- **First Day of School:** September 8, 2026, from 10am-11am.
- **Kindergarten Students follow the Gradual Entry Schedule** (if you are unsure of which Group you are in, please contact the office right away at 604-594-7150).
- **New Students: Please find your area on the map or come to the office if you are unsure of where to go.**
- **If you will not be returning to MJ Norris in September, please notify the office if you have not already done so.**
- **School Supply Lists** are available on the [Martha Jane Norris school website](#).
- All students are expected to arrive at school in the morning with a snack & lunch beginning Wed. September 9. **Lunch drop offs at noon are not permitted.** Information regarding lunch program will be sent out to parents early next week.

Grades 1 to 7: Please refer to the “Where to Go” map

All students should arrive at Martha Jane Norris at about 9:50 am to find your line up spot and be ready to head in at 10:00 am. Balloons with each grade number will be set up around the school (see map for line up spot). Students should line up by their grade. When you arrive, look for your grade balloon and wait for the teachers to invite you in. At 10:00 am, teachers will be inviting all students in their grade group into the building where teachers will divide them into groups, take attendance and run through opening day procedures.

At 11:00 am, teachers will dismiss students at the exact same spot they met in the morning. This way, you know where to find your students - so we all have a safe first day.

If you arrive at the school past 10:05 am, please come to the front door where a staff member will help find your class with you!

Please keep an eye on your inbox and our school website for updates, announcements, and resources to help you and your child start the year off smoothly.

We look forward to another great school year at MJ Norris!!

Principal

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Vice Principal

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