



Hjorth Road Elementary School

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school for the 2021-2022 school year! We hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer. We are excited to welcome our new and returning students to another year of learning, growing and discovery at Hjorth Road Elementary. Please take a few moments to read the following information as we prepare for our first month of school together. Looking forward to celebrating a new school year together!

First Week

To help facilitate an enjoyable return to school our staff have carefully planned learning activities for our students during this first week. While we appreciate that students and parents are eager to settle into classes, please note that careful consideration is given to the social, emotional and academic needs of all students as we create balanced and effective learning environments. We appreciate your patience and support during these first few weeks.

School Hours

Supervision of Students	8:15 am
Welcome Bell	8:25 am
Class begins	8:30 am
Recess	10:10 – 10:25 am
Lunch	11:45 – 12:30 pm
Dismissal Bell	2:30 pm
Supervision of students ends	2:45 pm



Visitors to our School

As we move forward into a new school year, we continue to remain committed to the Health & Safety of our students and staff. Our province is carefully moving forward with a Return to School Plan and we offer the following reminders & updates to parents and families:

- Masks must be worn at all times in the school building.
- Visitors to the school must enter through the main doors and proceed to the office directly.
- Should you need to arrange a meeting with school staff, please make an appointment by contacting the school office or specific teacher.
- All visitors must sign-in at the office. School staff will connect with you shortly.

School Supplies

School Supply lists for Grades 1-7 are posted on our school website. Copies are also available in our school office if required. Students will only need limited supplies until classes are established. Kindergarten teachers will collect money from each student to cover the cost of school supplies for the whole school year. This will be collected after Kindergarten students are placed in their permanent classes. Any families requiring support with school supplies are asked to contact the school office.

School Meal Program

In challenging times, some families require support to feed their children. The Surrey School District supports our Hjorth Road Elementary students through the daily Breakfast Club and School Lunch Program. Lunch program permission forms are sent home each month and families are asked to donate \$1 per meal for your child (or what you can afford). **This year, the Lunch program begins on Monday, September 13 and the Breakfast Club starts on Tuesday, September 14 at 8:00am in the school gym.**

Calendar Update – Sept. 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, schools across Canada support Orange Shirt Day to highlight the impact of residential schools upon our Indigenous peoples and to offer the reminder that ‘Every Child Matters’. At Hjorth Road, students and staff will engage in discussions & activities in September and throughout the year to support our learning on this important topic.

Please note – Thursday, September 30 has been designated as a statutory holiday for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. School will be closed on this day.

A Request from the Office

If you know your child will be absent or late for school, please call the office (604-581-2327) to let us know. This enables our office staff to complete attendance in a timely manner and ensures that all students are accounted for each day. A reminder that late students must sign in at the office when they arrive at school.

School Website

Please check out our website for information and updates at www.surreyschools.ca/schools/hjorthroad/. To eliminate paper waste, we send out our newsletters and other important information through email. In order to receive these emails, please register on our website.

Upcoming Dates

Tues. Sept. 7 th	Welcome Back to School! Students attend from 10:00-11:00am.
Wed. Sept. 8 th	First full day of school – 8:30-2:30pm
Mon. Sept. 20 th	Terry Fox Day and school-wide run
Mon. Sept. 27 th	Professional development day for teachers. No school for students.
Thurs. Sept. 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. School is closed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions. I look forward to working with our Hjorth Road families during this new school year.

Warmest regards,
Kate Colter