



Ocean Cliff Elementary School

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WELCOME BACK!

After a long and beautiful summer we are excited to open our doors to approximately 350 students this September. On behalf of the Ocean Cliff staff, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our many new families as well as a warm “welcome back” to all of our families from last year. Our staff has been working very hard to ensure all of our students have a smooth, productive and welcoming first week at school.



WEEK ONE- September 5-7



Teachers have planned activities for the first week and are looking forward to working with students in grade level groupings during these first few days of school. There have been significant numbers of new registrations and this schedule provides our staff with some flexibility while student numbers and classes are confirmed. We plan to have students placed in permanent classes by early next week.

One very important activity that we will be doing this week with our Grade 1-7 students to build our school community focuses on the story, *Only One You*. To support this, we ask that for tomorrow each student in Grades 1-7 bring in one or two rocks about the size of their palm.

This is a reminder that, for the rest of this week, the students will be working in grade groups. This will give them a chance to build new relationships with each other and our staff. From Wednesday until Friday, **please drop-off and pick-up your child at the following locations:**

Kindergarten	Follow Gradual Entry Schedule
GR. 1	ROOM #408 - Miss Hu
GR. 2	ROOM #206 - Mrs. Farrell
GR. 3	ROOM #403 – Mrs. Sekhon
GR. 4	ROOM #204 - Mrs. Ottenbreit
GR. 5 & GR 6	ROOM #208 – Mrs. Statnyk
GR. 6 IF	ROOM #209 – Mme Maclean
GR. 7	ROOM #210 – Ms. Van Berkel

Please remember that the morning warning bell goes at 8:35am, and school starts at 8:40am. While we want the students to develop good habits early and come to school on time, if they are late, please report to the office first. School is dismissed at 2:30pm. Of course, the kindergarten students are on a gradual entry.

Welcome to the following new staff !

Mr. D. Ebtekar – Grade 7	Mr. A. Zadeiks – Principal
Ms. K. Samra – Grade 7	Ms. M. Graham – Counsellor
Mrs. K. Van Berkel – Grade 7	Ms. M. Deo – Integration Support
Mrs. L. Robinson – Grade 3	Ms. L. Gold – EA
Mrs. A. Panda – Grade 2	Ms. V. Hundal – EA
Ms. N. Smith – Grade 1	Ms. D. Macmillan - EA
Mrs. B. Myers – Kindergarten	Mrs. C. Clemis - EA
Mrs. N. Kupiak – Kindergarten	Ms. D. Martin - EA
	Ms. S. Sen – ABA

At this time, we welcome Mr. Ebtekar into the position as grade 7 teacher while we wait for Ms. Samra to return from her medical leave. Ms. Samra will be joining the Ocean Cliff team during the month of October. In the mean time, Mr. Ebtekar will work closely with Ms. Van Berkel to plan and prepare lessons and ensure the learning needs of our grade 7 students are met.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please do not send your child's school supplies until they are placed in permanent classes next week. For the first few days, teachers will provide necessary supplies or ask students to bring a few items. School supply lists are posted on the website and are also available at the school office. If you ordered a School Start package, teachers will be handing those out to students during the first week of school.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Student planners will be distributed to all grade 1-7 students once classes are finalized. We are asking \$5 to cover the cost of these planners. Payment can be made on School Cash Online. Teachers will request this once students are settled into permanent classes.

PARKING

As we start the year, please remember to follow the rules of parking at Ocean Cliff:

- There are only 7 Visitor Parking spots in the main lot. If those spots are full, please do NOT park in the Staff Parking Lot. There is no drop-off in the main lot.
- The area closest to the grass is an emergency vehicle entrance. Cars should not be parked on that side of the parking lot.
- At the front of the school, the side closest to the street is the only parking area. The side closest to the school is a drop-off zone (NOT a parking zone).
- If there are no spots left to park, please do not create your own parking area. We request that you find parking on the street. Walking is beneficial for the kids!

ALLERGY AWARENESS

A number of Ocean Cliff students have severe anaphylactic reactions to a variety of foods, including peanuts, nuts, dairy and their by-products. Please help us in committing to do everything possible to protect these students.

Some ways you can help include:

Remind your children to:

- wash their hands carefully after eating
- not share or trade snacks and
- not bring foods to school that contain peanuts/nuts



Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we endeavour to make our school a safe environment for all students.

**** Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life threatening allergy or medical condition so we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place.**

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone as soon as possible to let us know. You may leave a voicemail message at any time. We have a call home program to maximize student safety. If the office is not informed of student absences, the secretaries must spend a great deal of time calling student homes. Your help with this would be much appreciated. **The school phone number is 604-538-1770.**



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is updated regularly with information regarding the 2018-2019 school year. You can find us through the district website by searching under the schools tab or you can access the website directly at: www.surreyschools.ca/schools/oceancliff. We hope that you find this a valuable source of information. The website will include regular school updates as well as resources such as our school calendar, staff lists, school hours, parent information, etc.

BELL SCHEDULE 2018-2019

8:35 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:40 a.m.	Classes begin
10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Recess
11:47a.m.	Lunch Begins (Playtime Outside)
12:12p.m.	Students Eat Inside
12:25 p.m.	Warning Bell
12:30p.m.	Afternoon Classes begin
2:30p.m.	Classes Dismissed.

