

Fruitvale Elementary

Respect Ourselves, Respect Others, Respect the Environment

May 28, 2020

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Thank you to our families who participated in the **SD20 Re-Start Survey**. FES staff have reached out to families who were not able to participate in the survey and we now have a confirmed list of students who are planning on returning to school on **Monday, June 1st**.

For students who **are not returning to school**, our staff will continue to provide families with Learning Plans and these plans will now be **emailed to families on Friday (for the following week)**. Please keep in mind that staff will now be balancing remote-learning with in-class instruction. As a result, teacher's availability will be more limited and plans may be simplified.

For students who **are returning to school**, we know that upon their return, school will look and feel very differently. We will be following strict guidelines laid out by the Ministries of Health and Education. Your child will be welcomed by our school staff, in most cases by their regular classroom teacher. In some situations, this will not be the case however, as we have had to re-assign some staff to different roles. In the few cases that children will be learning in a different classroom, we have attempted to pair them with preferred learning partners.

Here is some very important information for families of returning students:

- Our guidelines state that **our school must remain CLOSED to Parents and Caregivers for the Health and Safety of all**. Parents/Guardians must not enter the building unless they have made an appointment with the Principal. You can contact Bud at bgregory@sd20.bc.ca or 250-367-7541.
- As in the past, all doors will remain locked during the school day, except for the main entrance, but any adults who are not FES Staff must not enter without an appointment.
- When picking up and/or dropping off your child, should you choose to enter school property, please wait outside the designated door and **model appropriate physical distancing at all times**. Please refer to the chart included in this newsletter for your child's designated entrance/exit door.
- **All communication** with school staff (including teachers and office) should be through email or telephone (no letters or notes, please).
- **If your child is going to be away from school, please phone the school directly to report the absence. The School Messenger system has been disabled for the month of June.** Mrs. Tingley will be calling families of students who have not reported an absence.

In-Class Health and Safety Considerations:

- Students will be seated apart from their peers (desks and table seating arrangements will be spaced out)
- Physical distancing will be expected with a strict "hands-to-self" rule at all times. **If your child is unable to follow this expectation, please reconsider sending them to school at this time.**
- Students will be expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer, when:
 - Entering and prior to exiting the building
 - When transitioning from one activity to the next, if any materials have been shared
 - Before eating
 - After using the washroom

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY STUDENT EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS WILL BE ISOLATED IN OUR DESIGNATED MEDICAL ISOLATION ROOM.

A PARENT/GUARDIAN WILL BE CALLED TO ARRANGE FOR IMMEDIATE PICKUP.

Pickup and Drop-off:

In order to minimize risk associated with groupings, we have **staggered** our designated entrance/exit doors, **off-set Kindergarten entry/exit**, and will be implementing gradual entry and exit procedures in the following manner:

Morning/Arrival Procedures:

- **Grade 1-7 students who are not riding a bus should not be on-site before 8:15**
- **Kindergarten students who are not riding a bus should not be on-site before 8:05**
- **Students of essential service workers (who have signed up) may arrive as early as 8:00am**
- Entrance doors will be open during the designated times to facilitate a **gradual entry**
- Upon arrival at school, students enter the school through the designated entrance and proceed immediately to their classroom

Afternoon/Departure Procedures:

- As students wash hands and prepare for home, they will be dismissed a few at a time from each class during the designated times.
- **Parents of Kindergarten students who are picking up their child on-site, please be on-site by 2:05**
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s), please wait outside your child's designated entrance **while practicing social distancing**
- Children and Families are asked to **not congregate or remain on the school playground**

Staggered Days of Instruction:

GROUP	MONDAY & TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Kindergarten to Grade 5	√		
Grade 6 and 7		√	
Children of Essential Service Workers	√	√	√

- Students from Kindergarten to Grade 5:
 - o Will attend school for **two days/week** (Monday & Tuesday)
- Students in Grades 6 and 7:
 - o Will attend school **one day/week** (Wednesday)
- Students of Essential Service Workers (K-5) **who have already signed up for service:**
 - o Are able to attend Monday-Friday (8:00am – 4:00pm). These children may enter/exit through the FRONT DOOR when not arriving/exiting in order to attend their regularly scheduled class time.
 - o Families who would like to sign up for this service (who have not already done so) must submit your request to schoolcare@sd20.bc.ca

Staggered Entrances/Exits:

DIVISION	NAME	GRADE	DAYS	ENTRANCE/EXIT	ENTRY	EXIT
1	Baldwin	7	Wed	FRONT ENTRANCE (1)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
2	Postnikoff	6/7	Wed	NEXT TO LIBRARY (2)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
3	Morissette	6/7	Wed	NEXT TO LIBRARY (2)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
4	Samulak/Adamson	6	Wed	FRONT ENTRANCE (1)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
5	Arabia	5	Mon/Tues	NEXT TO LIBRARY (2)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
6	Giovanoli	4-5	Mon/Tues	NEXT TO LIBRARY (2)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
7	Boisvert	4	Mon/Tues	ACROSS FROM KINDERGARTEN WING (3)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
8	Karn	3/4	Mon/Tues	END OF PRIMARY HALLWAY (5)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
9	Baxandall	3	Mon/Tues	NEXT TO LIBRARY (2)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
10	Lowe	2/3	Mon/Tues	ACROSS FROM KINDERGARTEN WING (3)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
11	Drake	2/3	Mon/Tues	END OF PRIMARY HALLWAY (5)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
12	Melenka	1/2	Mon/Tues	END OF PRIMARY HALLWAY (5)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
13	Margoreeth	2/3	Mon/Tues	ACROSS FROM KINDERGARTEN WING (3)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
14	Stelnicki	1	Mon/Tues	END OF PRIMARY HALLWAY (5)	8:15-8:25	2:10-2:20
15	Griffiths	K/1	Mon/Tues	KINDERGARTEN WING (4)	8:05-8:15	2:05-2:10
16	Rieberger	K	Mon/Tues	KINDERGARTEN WING (4)	8:05-8:15	2:05-2:10
17	Mozak	K	Mon/Tues	KINDERGARTEN WING (4)	8:05-8:15	2:05-2:10

Please send your child with:

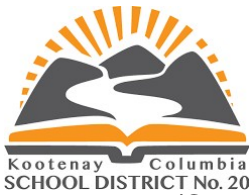
- A **full water bottle**, as school water fountains will be only be used for refilling water bottles. Please ensure that you have clearly **labelled** the bottle
- Healthy snacks and lunch that **does not need warming up**. The school will NOT be offering a breakfast or lunch program for students. **Microwaves** will NOT be available for use (Safety Guidelines)
- Clothing appropriate for the weather, as student will likely be offered outdoor learning experiences
- Any school supplies retrieved after spring break in a backpack or bag (including pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, **borrowed Chromebooks**, etc). Borrowed Chromebook are expected to be brought to and from school.

Please do NOT send:

- Personal belongings such as toys, trading cards, or sports equipment from home
- There is no need to bring "inside shoes" for the month of June

Throughout the day:

- Students will not be using the hallway coat hooks. All belongings will be stored with students in their classrooms (supplies, coats, lunches, etc.)
- Activity breaks, recess and lunch schedules have been staggered to reduce the number of students outside at the same time
- Access to hallways and washrooms will be monitored and regulated, to ensure safe capacity numbers
- The gym and library will be closed to students
- **Outdoor Playground Structures** will remain closed until further notice



Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Daily Health Care Screening for Parents

Please complete the following health care screening each day prior sending your child(ren) to school.

- Does my child feel ill with a fever, cough or sore throat or difficulty breathing?
- Has my child had any loss of consciousness, difficulty getting out of bed?
- Has my child been provided care or been in close contact with a person with Covid-19 (probable or confirmed)?
- Has my child traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?

If you answer yes to any of the questions above, ***please do not send your child(ren) to school.*** Let the school know your child(ren) will not be attending. Phone 811 for medical advice moving forward.

There is no role for screening students or staff for symptoms at school, checking temperatures, or COVID-19 testing. Such activities are reserved for health care professionals.





School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) Student Transportation - COVID-19



As we transition back to bringing our students to and from school on buses, there are new safety precautions that must be followed.

It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to assess their child(ren) daily before sending them to school.

If a child displays any signs or symptoms of what could be influenza or COVID19, they may not ride the school bus.

If a child displays any signs or symptoms, *while at the bus stop*, the driver will **NOT** allow the child to board the bus.

Students Protection:

- Students must sit on section of seat indicated by a sticker – this ensures separation between students’ side to side and front to back.
- High touch points on the bus are disinfected by driver in between each run.
- Entire bus is wiped down and cleaned with a disinfectant at the end of the day.
- Policy regarding not riding if you are sick (see above)
- Process regarding loading and unloading (see below)
- Drivers will be wearing a face shield while students are unloading and loading off the bus (it is a good idea to let your young students know this a head of time)

Please go over the following process with your student prior to them taking a school bus;

Loading and Unloading

- Wait for the student ahead to reach the top of stairwell, before next student boards
- Students load rear to front, working their way forward filling seats, in order to avoid passing other students on bus
- Unload from the front first, working their way backwards in order to avoid passing other students on the bus

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LOADING AND UNLOADING THE BUS

One student at top of stairwell, before next student boards

Load rear to front, avoid passing others
Sit on the marked side of seat, keep space

Unload front to rear, avoid passing others

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