



Beach Grove Elementary School

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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

We are sending you this letter with the expectation that we will have a normal start in September. We will contact you during the week of August 30th if there are any changes to the gradual entry schedule.

Gradual entry makes for a smoother transition as students adapt to a new school environment, new teachers, new classmates, and new procedures. This fall, during the first two days of school, Kindergarten teachers will be hosting an Outdoor Kindergarten Exploration (Expo) for small groups of students and their caregivers. Caregivers will remain with students as they meet the teachers and engage in various outdoor activities. In order to maintain social distance, families have been split into two groups for this event. Your family's scheduled Expo time are:

Group #1- Last name's A-H Tuesday, Sept. 7th & Wednesday Sept. 8th 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Group #2-Last name's K-U Tuesday, Sept. 7th & Wednesday Sept. 8th 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Students will begin Kindergarten in the classrooms on Thursday Sept. 9. For Thursday and Friday, students will attend in two smaller groups (**Note: Your child's group for Thursday and Friday will be assigned on Wednesday, September 8th). The first two weeks of Kindergarten use a "phase-in program" with shorter days that gradually increase in length. This helps our new Ks make as easy a transition as possible from home to school. The first full day of school is Monday September 20. In addition to providing time for students to become comfortable at school, this Phase-in plan also allows time for 1:1 interview times between the teachers and the families. **Families will sign up for an interview time during the kindergarten expo. Sign up sheets will be posted in the undercover area.** We are aiming to place kindergarten students with a specific kindergarten teacher during the first two weeks of September. In order to help us **we would like each kindergarten family to complete the following online survey**

<https://forms.gle/H7iVsK1tzTWJWBGe8>

We appreciate your patience, as we work together to make balanced classes.

Both Kindergarten teachers will buy the school supplies for their students. We are able to buy most of the items needed in bulk at a discount price through Staples. This means that every child will have the exact same items and you won't have to worry whether you have bought the

wrong thing! Therefore, please, drop off a cheque (**payable to Beach Grove Elementary**) or cash for **\$45.00** in September to our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Adam in the school office. We would be pleased to receive your payment when school reopens in September- **no later than Friday, September 10th**.

PLEASE DO NOT purchase a backpack. We have a “system” for transporting items to and from school that they will be happy to share with you on the first day.

Please note that this schedule is our current plan for Kindergarten children entering school in September. As September approaches and the public health guidelines and school practices are updated in response to the COVID 19 pandemic it may need to be changed.

Week 1 (Sept. 7th to 10th, 2021)

Monday	Tues. Sept. 7		Wed. Sept. 8	Thur. Sept. 9	Fri. Sept. 10
	Kindergarten Expo		Kindergarten Expo	Small Group #1 8:50-9:35	Small Group #1 8:50-9:35
				Small Group #2 10:00-10:45	Small Group #2 10:00-10:45
	Family Interviews 11:00-3:00	Family Interviews 11:00-3:00		Family Interviews 11:00-3:00	Family Interviews 11:00-3:00

Week 2 (Sept. 13th to 17th, 2021)

<i>Whole Group attends Portion of Morning</i>			<i>Morning & Lunch and Part of Afternoon</i>	<i>Morning Lunch and Part of Afternoon</i>
Mon. Sept. 13	Tues Sept. 14	Wed. Sept. 15	Thur. Sept. 16	Fri. Sept. 17
All students 8:50-10:20	All students 8:50-11:30	All students 8:45-11:25	All students 8:45-12:45	All students 8:45-1:15
Family Interviews 10:45-3:00	First Recess Snack		First Lunch	

Week 3: Regular Full-Day School Schedule Begins Monday September 20th.

I hope that you and your family have a safe, relaxing and happy summer. Please make note of the dates and time your child will attend as this is the only official letter you will receive. For future reference, all school newsletters, etc. can be found on our website: <http://bg.deltasd.bc.ca>

Yours truly,

Mr. M. Douangchanh, Principal