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Bayview Community School

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Ms. B. Biorn-Principal

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT CAMP BAYVIEW!

It has been such a joy to see students returning this week, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate a rather unusual start to the school year. We know there are many new protocols and procedures to learn and to be reminded of, and while we will be spending time learning those, we really want to focus on reestablishing connections with students and their families. We welcome all our former students and parents back and extend a special welcome to our kindergarten children and newly enrolled students and their families.

In addition to new students and families, we also have several new staff members to tell you about:

Ms. Benedicte Bossut	Division 1-Grade 6/7 teacher
Ms. Miriam Schellenberg	Division 5-ExSEL teacher
Ms. Brandi Goodearle	Division 11-Kindergarten teacher Mondays and Fridays
Ms. Binika Roopra	Resource/ELL teacher
Ms. Svetlana Delous	School Support Worker (with us while Miss Leanne is on leave)
Ms. Rhoda Trow	Office Admin Assistant Thursday and Friday

We are waiting to hire another noon-hour supervisor, as Mary will not be returning to Bayview this year.

While we strive to be a community-based school with an open-door policy, we have had to move away from that for the time being. We will remind you again that only Bayview staff and students are permitted on site, and if you do need to come to the school for any reason, we ask that you make an appointment. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

Some Important COVID Health and Safety Reminders

Below are key requirements that all students and families must be aware of and adhere to while attending in-class instruction.

Conduct daily self-assessments:

On a one-time basis, parents/guardians will be required to submit a checklist to the school confirming they understand:

- 1) how to do the daily health assessment
- 2) that this health assessment/check must be done daily
- 3) they must keep their child(ren) home if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are ill, and must seek the advice of a health care professional.

Thank you for bringing a signed copy of this checklist to the orientation session.

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms:

Parents/guardians must keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a healthcare provider to exclude COVID-19 and their symptoms have resolved.

If your child becomes ill while at school:

As directed by health authorities, any child experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms will be moved to a secluded space in the office. They will be supervised and supported by staff until they are picked-up by a parent/guardian. Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school has current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. Also, please ensure that you are always accessible by phone during the school day if your child is attending school, and, be prepared to pick-up your child(ren). We will let parents know where to meet their child, but we ask that you do not come into the office.

In addition, a student may not attend school if:

- they have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days
- they have any symptoms of COVID-19, even if those symptoms are minor
- they are a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19

To help maintain a healthy learning environment, staff and students are reminded to practise good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (i.e. coughing and sneezing into your sleeve). Please review this important information with your child on a regular basis.

Your child's classroom teacher will be regularly going over the school-based protocols such as hand-washing and mask procedures.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Very Important Information Regarding Reporting Student Absences

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. To assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling (604-713-5159). **The system will ask you for your school's extension number. Bayview's extension # is 10.**

Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

Dedicated absence line is: 604-713-5159 – Extension 10

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

IMPORTANT

September Upcoming Events

- 14 OTARS to start this week
- 23 PAC Meeting (virtual)
- 25 Professional Development Day-school not in session for students

Forms and Fees-Coming Soon

In the next week or so you will be receiving information about beginning of the year forms and school supply fees. We hope to be moving to electronic communication for the forms and we will be continuing with the school cash online for collecting fees.

Daily School Schedule

- 8:40 First Bell Rings
 - 8:45 School Start
 - 10:30-11:00 Recess
 - 11:58-12:30 Lunch (out to play)
 - 2:45 End of day
- ** Students will be eating lunch in their classrooms with teacher supervision either before or after lunch playtime.



Student Device Usage-A Reminder

Back to school means back to routine and sometimes we need reminders of school policies. Please remember that students are not to be using their mobile devices at all during the school day, which includes recess and lunch. If students do bring their devices to school, they are responsible for keeping them safe. If they need to phone home during the day, they are asked to use the phone in the office and if you need to reach your child during the day, please call the school office and we can pass the message on to your child. Thank you for your cooperation.



SCHOOL AND HOME COMMUNICATION

As a school community, we value clear and consistent communication and we will try to communicate with you in as many ways as possible. Individual teachers will communicate with families about happenings in classrooms and from a school perspective, we have various means in which we tell you about important school-wide information. Some of the main forms of communication we will be using are outlined below.

School Website: Our school website contains valuable information, including a calendar of events. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/bayview/Pages/default.aspx>

PAC Website: This is another place where you can find valuable information about what our PAC is up to and how you can get involved with our parent community. www.bayviewpac.ca

School Newsletters and Notices: We will be emailing home regular newsletters every month. These will contain important information about upcoming school events as well as reminders about various activities. These newsletters will also be posted on the school website. We will also send home other electronic reminders from time to time so it is important that you let us know of any updates to your contact information. If you would prefer to receive paper copies of the newsletter, please let us know. If you have any suggestions for how we can improve our means of communication, please contact Ms. Biorn.



The Wheels on The Bus...

We will be starting our busing service on Monday, September 14 and you should have received information regarding the new protocols for bus use this year as well as your child's seat number; if you have not, please contact Ms. Biorn. Thank you to staff and parents for ensuring that students get on and off the bus safely both at McBride Park and at Queen Elizabeth. We would like to remind you to let us know if your child will not be taking the bus home, this makes it much easier for staff afterschool to take attendance for each bus.

A Message From Your Bayview Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Welcome to Bayview! from your Bayview PAC Executive. All parents and guardians are all members of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Getting involved in PAC activities is a great way to meet new Bayview families, stay up to date on upcoming events and help make Bayview a great place for your kids. There are many ways to get involved and a welcome package will be coming home in backpacks in the next few weeks. That package will also include a Consent form allowing the PAC to send your emails. It is very important to sign up for this email list as we often send timely PAC related communications which you may not receive if you do not opt-in. Due to privacy reasons we are not allowed to use the school distribution lists.

Our first PAC meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30-8:00 pm. This will be done virtually, we're just waiting to confirm which platform.

We would also like to direct everyone's attention to the District PAC which is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to supporting education for all children in Vancouver. The Vancouver DPAC represents the parent voice at the district level. They can advise the school board on any matter relating to education in the school district and are a recognized stakeholder within VSB with seats on all standing and administrative committees. All VSB parents are welcome to attend DPAC meetings. They have a monthly newsletter which contains lots of great information and often request feedback from parents. Please visit their website for more information and to sign up for their communications at vancouverdpac.org

Bayview Face Masks and Spirit Wear Merchandise:

Our flash sale of Bayview Face Masks ends tonight. The link to our on-line store is: <https://mymarket.com/collections/bayview-community-elementary-school>

Orders placed before 11:59pm Sept 11 will be shipped to the school for distribution in the classrooms on September 25th. Please remember to **indicate in the highlighted Special Instructions/Comment box the name and grade of the child who will be receiving your order** (if you have more than one student at Bayview place choose one to be the recipient)

Bayview merchandise will be available for sale starting next week. This year we will be offering cotton t-shirts, athletic quick-dry style t-shirts, hoodies, toques, tote bags, mugs and pencils for sale. Orders will be received by mid-October. Stay tuned for more details.

Thanks for reading through and we look forward to meeting you all soon.

Joss Taylor - Chair and Co-Treasurer

Jocelyn Chang - Vice-Chair

Emilia Doro - Co-Treasurer

Anna Freidlander - Secretary

Sandra Mithani - Member at Large



Parking at Queen Elizabeth

Just a reminder that if you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren), you are asked to use West 16th Avenue or the streets east of Camosun (refer to the map to the left). Please do not use the Queen Elizabeth parking lot, or park anywhere on Camosun beside the school. Camosun street gets very congested with both schools' traffic, and it can be quite unsafe; we appreciate your help with this.