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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's hard to believe that the summer holidays are over and the first week of a new school year is complete. We hope you and your family have enjoyed the opportunity to create great summer memories and are ready for another exciting school year. 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 a new staff member to tell you about:

Ms. Jenna Braich Area Counsellor

We are still waiting to hire a permanent teacher for our ExSEL district program. Until we do so, **Shawn Lau** will be teaching the class. I have very much enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces and I look forward to getting to know our new families. I know it is going to be a fun and exciting year with many opportunities for learning and play. Please stop by my office anytime to say hello and to introduce yourselves.

Our students are doing a terrific job being excellent guests at our host school Queen Elizabeth. We are adjusting to our new home, learning the rules and routines and exploring our new neighbourhood.

Upcoming Events

September

- 11 OTARS first day for Intermediates
- 12 OTARS first day for Primaries
- 12 Welcome Back PAC event (3:00-6:00 pm) and Open House (5:00-6:00)
- 23 Professional Development Day-school not in session for students
- 27 Terry Fox Run 2:00 pm.

Daily School Schedule

- 8:40 First Bell Rings
- 8:45 School Start
- 10:30-10:45 Recess (children go out to play except in heavy rain)
- 12:00-12:25 Children go out to play
- 12:25-12:47 Children come back inside to eat in the lunchroom
- 2:45 End of day

Welcome Back Carnival and Open House Thursday, September 12

Our Welcome Back Carnival will be held on Thursday, Sept 12 from 2:45-6pm. For those of you new to the school the carnival is filled with bouncy castles, mazes, obstacle courses, and lots of carnival food.

Admission is \$5 for all access to all games. All food will be \$1 per item. Bring a twonie or two to try and soak your friends in "beat the bucket". Parents and siblings are welcome.

Parents, the bus schedule will stay the same so if your child stays to join in the fun, you'll need to pick them up or find them a way home. Parents need to not only let the school know if their children are not taking the bus, but please remember that this is an extracurricular activity, so parents are responsible for providing supervision.

Please sign up to volunteer [here](#).

In addition to the carnival, we will also host our **Meet the Staff Open House** the same day from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and see their new classrooms. You are welcome to drop by the classrooms anytime between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Bayview Athletics

- Sept.-Oct. Cross Country Running
Soccer
- Oct.-Dec. Volleyball
- Jan.-Feb. Basketball
- March-Apr. Badminton



Parents are always welcomed to volunteer to help as coach, drivers, uniforms and more.

Information regarding Cross Country running and soccer will come home soon. Contact teacher Barb Hinds for more information.

bhinds@vsb.bc.ca

The Wheels on The Bus...

We have completed our first few days of our busing program and each day everyone is adjusting a little better. Thank you to staff and parents who are ensuring students get on and off the bus safely both at McBride Park and at Queen Elizabeth. We really appreciate that parents are calling or emailing the school to let us know if there is a change in your child's bus routine. This makes it much easier for staff afterschool to take attendance for each bus.

Some important safety reminders. All bags and other items are to be kept on the child's lap and not in overhead storage bins if there are any on the bus. Please reinforce this with your child. We have already had an unfortunate incident with a child getting hurt as a result of an item falling on their head. All students also need to make sure they are always seated on the bus.

Our bus drivers have commented that our students have been extremely polite and well-behaved on the bus; well done!



Reminders and Recognition

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

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 sending home regular newsletters every month. These will contain important information about upcoming school events as well as reminders about various activities. We will be sending home the notices electronically and the newsletter will also be posted on the school website. We will also send home 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 May or Ms. Biorn in the office know. In addition to newsletters, you will also receive email communication regarding important, timely information, or reminders about upcoming events. We will try to keep these emails to a minimum.

If you have any suggestions for how we can improve our means of communication, please contact Ms. Biorn.

Class Placements-Thank You for Your Patience

This week, staff took time to finalize class placements for our students. The process of making sure students are in the best learning environment is one which staff take very seriously and put great thought into. Students moved into their new classes on Friday. Our school is so fortunate to have talented, thoughtful staff who provide safe, caring, and challenging learning situations for all our students. We thank you for your patience as students settle into their new classes. Due to the number of registrations and changing enrollment during September, it may be necessary, though unlikely to reorganize our school throughout the month. We will advise you in advance should there be a need to reorganize classes in any way.

The number of teachers allocated to Bayview Elementary is determined by a formula that is established by the Human Resources Division of the Vancouver Board of Education. The number of students in the school determines the number of teachers and classes. Sometimes combination classes (more than one grade in a class) are an organizational necessity based on student numbers and contractual agreement. Sometimes the school makes a philosophical choice to have combined classes based on the cognitive, social, and/or emotional needs of the students.

Input from parents is welcomed and many parents provided information when this opportunity was offered in the months of April-June of the last school year. Fundamentally, the final decision for student placement is a school-based, professional decision.

A Message From Your Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Welcome to Bayview! from your Bayview PAC Executive. All parents and guardians are all automatically 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 next week. In the meantime please check our website at www.bayviewpac.ca for more information. We're looking forward to an exciting new year!

Our first PAC meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm. Location TBD.

Joss, Kelly, Emilia & Anna

The PAC Executive is still urgently needing to fill the following vacant positions/roles for the coming year. Please email bayviewpac@gmail.com for more information or to put your name forward. Some of these activities or programs may have to be cancelled if we can not find parent support.

Popcorn Sale Coordinator - this individual will be responsible for ensuring the popcorn machine and supplies are in good order, training new volunteers and make sure teachers have found volunteers to fill their shifts. 2-3 hours per month but does need to be available during the day, particularly Friday mornings.

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Ensure a volunteer is scheduled to help oversee the hot lunch service each day (see below). Also coordinate with C'est Mon Cafe to ensure meal choices, etc are satisfactory. Investigate other options or ways to improve current hot lunch provider.

Hot Lunch Service - we are looking for people to help oversee the hot lunch meal service on the days food is served. You will work with the C'est Mon Cafe staff to ensure smooth service. Number of hours will depend on the number of volunteers received. Will need to be available during the lunch set-up and service times. Complimentary hot lunch will be provided to children of the volunteer that day.

Supplementary Lunch Program - each week, the Bayview PAC makes about a dozen lunches for kids who arrive at school without their own. We need more volunteers for our lunch crew. Tasks include picking up donations at IGA on Monday mornings, and making lunches after the bell on Tuesday mornings.

Holiday Hampers - as we near winter holidays, Bayview classes have historically put together hampers for those in need. We are looking for someone to coordinate this ensuring each class receives their "wish list", collecting the donated items, arranging delivery of the completed hampers.

Bayview Merchandise will be on sale at the Welcome Back Carnival and Spirit Wear/Bayview Logo clothing order forms will be coming home soon! Show your support for our school!

Student Accident Insurance

The kids plus student accident insurance program has changed and is now called The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP). This coverage is still provided by Industrial Alliance and is a voluntary plan which offers coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans.

Families can register online to participate in the Plan by using the URL provided below:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

If any families have questions about the program they can contact Industrial Alliance directly using the following contact information:

Phone: 1.800.266.5667

Email: solutions@ia.ca

Free Kick World Cup Fall LUNCHTIME Soccer

Queen Elizabeth & Bayview School

TUESDAYS

Lunchtime (12:00-12:47)

September 24 – November 19th

Boys & Girls

Ages 5 – 10

\$125

\$110 Early Bird before September 13th)

(Includes Timbits Uniform, Socks, Soccer Ball & Medals

[Register Here](#)

FreeKickFC.com

info@FreeKickFC.com

604-551-7006

Timbits Free Kick World Cup

Fall Soccer League

REGISTER HERE

Play Organized Youth Soccer t

Spirit Soccer, Music, Skill Warm-Up, Competitive Fun Play

Saturdays

September 21 – November 23

Shaughnessy Elementary School

Sundays

September 22 – November 24

Camosun Park TBA

Boys & Girls Ages 4 -12

9 - 10am: Ages 4, 5, 6, 7

10am - 11am: Ages 8, 9, 10, 11+ yrs

Players will be organized by age and gender.

Except Holiday Weekends

Register Now: \$120

After Sept 10: \$130

The logo for FreeKick, featuring the word "FreeKick" in a bold, green, sans-serif font with a white outline, set against a light green rectangular background.