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Evans Parent Week at a Glance

Hello Evans parents, it has been my custom at other school's to send parents an email each week to provide information and a reminder for events that are happening at the school. I must apologies as I attempted to send this on the weekend and it did not reach parents via email. Hopefully you will receive this copy.

While we are not generally able to have parents inside the school at this time in their typical roles (PAC, volunteers, helpers, school events, etc.) we do want to keep you informed of all that is happening at the school.

Updated Bell Schedule

Our school will have some changes in the bell schedule to accommodate a 2 week spring break this year for families and students. Hopefully parents received this information in June of last school year. This fall we have needed to further adjust the bell schedule at recess and lunch based on having students in learning cohorts under the STAGE 2 School Restart Plan. Our bell schedule this year is as follows:

Entry & Dismissal Bells

8:00 Warning Bell, students are brought into the school to wash hands

8:05 Start of Instructional Day

2:05 Dismissal Bell End of Instructional Day

Please do not arrive at the school before the start of supervision which is 7:50am

Evans Cohort Groups (Maximum 60 students)

Cohort #1 Bridge & Thompson

Cohort #4 TeBrink & Bramble

Cohort #2 Ladders, Frose & Epp

Cohort #5 Buchanan & Maxwell

Cohort #3 Miller & Dyck

Split Recess (10:15 – 10:30)

9:55 – 10:10 Cohort #1, 3 & 5

10:10 – 10:25 Cohort #2 & 4

Split Lunch

Lunch #1 Cohorts #1, 3 & 5 11:15 – 12:00 (Play 11:15 – 11:45 / Eating 11:45 – 12:00)

Lunch #2 Cohorts #2 & 4 12:00 – 12:45 (Eating 12:00 – 12:15 / Play 12:15 – 12:45)

- Play areas for each cohort are separated and are rotated by cohort group throughout the week

Drop Off & Pick-up

As was mentioned in a previous email we are asking parents help in changing the process for drop off and pick-up of students to ensure social distancing during these times. We are hoping that parents of children in grades 1 - 5 can help us as follows:

Morning Drop Off

In the morning when students are arriving at school we ask that they not arrive before 7:50am and then go directly to their assigned line-up locations so that there is no mixing of students in different learning cohort groups. For parents who walk their child to school we ask that you remain behind the fenced area at the front or on the “track area” if you walk your child to the side of the school. For parents who drive their children we ask that you drop and leave after ensuring your child is safely off the parking lot or driveway areas.

Afternoon Pick-Up

For parents who are who walking their child home from school we ask that you arrange to meet your child behind the fenced area at the front of the school or on the “track area” to the side of the school. For parents who drive their children, we ask that you remain in your vehicles in the front driveway or side parking lot leaving only briefly to ensuring your child gets safely into the vehicle.

We thank you so much for your help and support with this plan. We have made it a priority to ensure that all students are as safe as possible at all times during the day including coming to and from school.

Calendar & Upcoming Events

The Google calendar on our website is a “live” calendar meaning it is updated in real time as soon as we add or change an event. Keeping checking this calendar for information as well as the Upcoming Events section of our website for information. Important dates and information will also be emailed with the Week at a Glance and published in our monthly newsletters.

Currently there are fewer events on the calendar than there would be in pre-COVID school year as we work through the process of running different events in the current environment

Some notable dates upcoming in September are...

Sept 21st - Monday Student Assembly (Virtual)

Sept 23rd - First Full Day of Kindergarten

Sept 30th - Orange Shirt Day

Website

As much as possible we will try and keep the website up-to-date once the school year has begun. Important information from the school district & school will be posted on the front page of the school website. Please keep checking this for the latest information. (Other pages on the website are currently being revised and should be updated shortly with information from the current school year).

Parent Advisory Council

All parents in the school are part of the PAC and we would strongly encourage parents to attend meeting if they are able to. Our plan is to have a strong and vibrant PAC this year with meetings either online or using social distancing in the school gym. We will be meeting with the PAC executive from last year shortly to look at scheduling meetings for this school year. We hope to see many parents at these meetings.

After School Child Care

Wind and Tide runs a before and after school child care program at Evans Elementary School. Should you be interested in having your child in childcare please contact them directly at (604)847-3254.

Volunteers

Our plan is to have parent volunteer opportunities at the school this year following COVID-19 protocols. As this will require planning and training of all volunteers (and in smaller numbers), we are unable to have volunteer in the school at the present time. Once we have developed a volunteer protocol with the school district and staff, we will share a process for parents who wish to volunteer.

Our doors are open while our doors are closed !!

Despite Evans Elementary being a closed campus at this time due to COVID-19, teachers and staff want you to feel welcome at the school and informed about what is happening with your child. Please **do not hesitate to contact the school** or your child's teacher should you have questions about what is happening at the school or with your child's class. Staff will be more than happy to return a phone call, send an email or communicate in a manner and time where they can connect with you.

Even though we need to keep the school doors closed to parents at this time, ***you, your family and your child are important to us and you are always welcome at Evans school !!***

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