

September 1st, 2021,

Welcome Back Evan's Families!! The Evan's staff are excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 7th, 2021, for the 2021-22 school year. We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding. Here is what you can expect our first week back:

Tuesday September 7th – This will be a part day of school for all students in grades 1 – 5 from 8:05 am to 11:05 am (a recess snack is needed). ***Students who attended last year at Evans will attend their classes from last year on the first day. Students new to the school will go to Room #116 (Mrs. Maxwell's class) on the first day.*** Unfortunately, parents are not able to enter inside the school at this time when dropping off children. **Further detailed information will also be posted on bulletin boards at the front entrance area of the school.**

Wednesday September 8th – The second day of school will be a full day for students in grades 1 to 5 (8:05 am to 2:07 pm). We will have students once again start the day in their classrooms from last year. Students new to the school will go to Room #116 (Mrs. Maxwell's class) to start. Once we have better information on the number of students at the school this year, we may start to move students into temporary grade group classes. ***As enrollment and placement is a district decision, we will not finalize classroom placement until given permission to do so by the school district. We anticipate this will happen later in the first week.*** As students are in attendance for a full day, ***we would ask that they bring:***

- ***A recess snack and lunch for the day***
- ***Clothing appropriate for an outside recess & lunch break at this time of year***

Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten is an exciting time and we look forward to meeting our youngest students new to our school. Our Kindergarten program is a gradual entry program over the period of about a week. This summer you should have received a letter outlining a plan for our Kindergarten Program in the fall. If this was not the case, or you are new to our school, please get in touch with us as we can arrange to get you a copy. Information on this is also posted [on our website here](#).

Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best, they remain home. As we enter into this school year we know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are open. ***Keeping our families, staff and children safe this year continues to be our top priority as a school.*** If you have questions, please reach out and connect over the phone, by email or book a time to meet in person at the school.

I have also included with this letter some information (FAQ) about supplies, schedules, changes in COVID Protocols, etc. (attached) that parents need to be aware of. Should you have any questions please get in touch with the school. This information is also [posted on our website](#).

We look forward to meeting and reconnecting with you and your children in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,



Mr. Wade Gemmell
Principal
Evans Elementary School

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions and Changes under COVID - 19

New Bell Schedule – This year our school has a new bell schedule which is as follows:

8:00 am	Warning Bell
8:05 am	School Starts
10:00 – 10:15 am	Recess
11:50 – 12:35 pm	LUNCH
2:07 pm	Dismissal

- Children should be at school no earlier than 7:50 am.

Calendar & Upcoming Events – The calendar on this website is a “live” calendar meaning it is updated as soon as we are aware of an event or a change in an event. It can be [accessed here](#). Keep checking this calendar for information. Important dates and information will also be published in our parent Week at a Glance.

Some Changes in COVID- 19 Protocols

- Student daily health checks remain in place this school year,
- There are no “cohorts” in schools this year (single schedule)
- We will have students line up outside the school at the start of the day. Upon entering or exiting the school students will need to sanitize (wash hands).
- Students in grades 4 & 5 must wear a mask upon entering the school. For students in K – 3 this is optional but strongly encouraged.
- All adults (non-staff) entering the building **MUST** be wearing a mask, sign-in at the office and sanitize upon entry. Adult inside the building must be there for an approved school activity (volunteer, meeting, PAC meeting, etc.)
- Parents must enter the school through the front door.
- Playgrounds remain closed at the end of the school day until about 4 pm.

School Supplies - This year we are working with a vendor to purchase school supplies that are unique to each class. Our hope is to save parents money by purchasing only the necessary supplies in bulk. Once our class lists are finalized in early September, we will collect the money for each classroom. Should you wish a DRAFT copy of the supply lists for a grade level, do not hesitate to e-mail Mr. Gemmell (wade_gemmell@sd33.bc.ca) and you will be e-mailed a copy of this list.

Parent Advisory Council – Our school has an active Parent Advisory Council or PAC. All parents in the school are part of the PAC and we would strongly encourage parents to become active members of the PAC