# **Evans Elementary School**





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#### Hello Evans Parents,

Welcome to our first full week of school at Evans Elementary. It has been my custom to send parents an email each week to provide information and a reminder for events that are happening at the school. While we are only able to have a limited number of 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. Some of the events happening this week and in the next little while at Evans include:

Sept 13th - Kindergarten 8:00 - 10:15am

Sept 14th - Kindergarten 8:00 - 10:40 Please pack a snack

Sept 15th - Kindergarten 8:00 - 11:50 Please pack a snack

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm PAC Meeting #1 @ Evans Gym

Sept 16th - Kindergarten 8:00 - 12:45 Please pack a snack AND lunch

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten 8:00 - 1:15 Please pack a snack AND lunch

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch form #1 goes home

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - First Full Day of Kindergarten (8:00 - 2:07)

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - Aboriginal Language Program for Students Begins

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am School Assembly for students (in-person)

Sept 21st – (TENTATIVE) 10:30am COPS for Cancer Ride By

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - POSTPONED (Family BBQ - See notes below)

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch forms DUE

<u>Bell Schedule</u> - Our school has some changes in the bell schedule to accommodate a 2 week spring break this year for families and students. This fall we have a single Bell Schedule as there are no learning cohorts. Our bell schedule this year is as follows:

8:00 a.m. Warning Bell8:05 a.m School Starts

• 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Recess

• 11:50 – 12:35 p.m. LUNCH (Play 11:50 – 12:20 + Eat 12:20 – 12:35)

• 2:07 p.m. Dismissal

<u>Student School Supplies</u> – This school year we are working with several vendors to purchase supplies for students that are unique to each classroom and learning situation. The cost will be \$45.00 for students in grades 1 – 5 (including planners) and \$40.00 for children in Kindergarten. Classroom teachers will be in touch shortly to arrange for collecting funds from students. Payments can be made with cash or a cheque made out to "Evans Elementary School".

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<u>The PAC & PAC Meetings</u> – Did you know that when parents are involved in their child's schooling their children do better at school? Did you know that *ALL parents* at the school are automatically members of the Parent Advisory Committee? At Evans we very much value parent input in our school. Our first PAC meeting this school year is Wednesday, September 15th @ 6:30pm in the school Gym. We hope you will join us !!!

<u>Calendar & Upcoming Events</u> – The <u>Google calendar on our website is a "live"</u> calendar meaning it is updated in real time as soon as we add or change an event. Keeping checking our calendar for updates to information and events. Important dates and information will also be included in the Week at a Glance and any newsletters. Currently there are a number of events on the calendar listed as TENTATIVE as we will need to see if these events can go forward (in their current form) based on the current situation with COVID -19 and the protocols that are in place at the time. We thank you for your understanding around this.

<u>Parent – Teacher BBQ Postponed</u> – We wanted to let parents know that, given the current concerns over COVID – 19 we have postponed the Parent-Teacher BBQ and we will do a video parent-teacher event similar to what was done last year. Further details will be sent home on this in the next little while.

<u>School PBS Matrix & Code of Conduct</u> – Our school has two approached to helping students understand behavioral expectations. Our School Matrix (attached) are the positive behaviors we teach to students on a daily basis and are part of our "gotcha being good" draws. *We focus on all students being Kind, Respectful and Responsible!!* The Code of Conduct is a requirement of the BC Ministry of Education and sets out expectations for items such as conduct, dress, etc. while students are at school. The Code of Conduct will be reviewed at our first PAC and a copy will be sent to parents once this process is complete.

<u>Website</u> – 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).

<u>After School Care</u> – 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.

<u>Volunteers</u>— 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 in the process of putting this together. Once we have developed a volunteer protocol with the school district and staff, we will share a process for parents who wish to volunteer. All volunteers must have completed a Criminal Records Check. The forms can be obtained from our office.



## **Drop off & Pick-Up Of Children**

#### **Morning Drop Off**

In the morning when students are arriving at school we ask that they not arrive before 7:50am when supervision is available. For parents who walk their child to school (or are here with their child) 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 (or waiting to pick their child up) 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 and have their vehicles in the drop off and pick-up areas, we ask that you remain with your vehicles in the front driveway leaving only briefly to ensuring your child gets safety into the vehicle.

We thank you so much for your help and support with this plan. We are working hard to ensure that all children are as safe as possible at all times during the day including to and from school.

## Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

Dear Kindergarten Families,

It was wonderful meeting all of you during our school visits! Thank you for your flexibility and eagerness to begin a great year. We are looking forward to beginning gradual entry this coming week. We wanted to pass on the gradual entry schedule to ensure we are all on track together. If you have any questions, please reach out.

- MONDAY September 13th 8:00 10:15
- TUESDAY September 14th 8:00 10:40 Please pack a snack
- WEDNESDAY September 15th 8:00 11:50 Please pack a snack
- THURSDAY September 16th 8:00 12:45 Please pack a snack AND lunch
- FRIDAY September 17th 8:00 1:15 Please pack a snack AND lunch
- MONDAY September 20th 8:00 2:07 First full day

Your child can be dropped off and picked up at the same classroom where you attended your school visit, and we will confirm your child's official class placement no later than Thursday, September 16th. Backpacks, shoes, etc. can be brought in beginning Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Lodders, Mrs Muno and Mrs Bridge, and Mrs White



# **Evans Elementary School Matrix**

	Kindness	Respect	Responsibility
Classroom & Pods	I can make choices that are thoughtful of others.	I can treat classmates the way I want to be treated.  I can use proper manners.	I can listen and follow expectations.
Line-ups & Hallways	I can be flexible, helpful, and patient while waiting in line.	I can keep my hands and feet to myself and be aware of personal space.	I can line up single file, stay in my spot, and keep to the right side.  I can maintain "Quiet Coyote".
Bathrooms	I can help keep the bathrooms clean.	I can give others privacy. I can use an inside voice.	I can flush the toilet, wash my hands, and leave quickly.
Outside & Playground	I can include others and play fairly. I can use kind words while playing.	I can keep my hands and feet to myself.  I can follow directions from staff.	I can play safely and return all equipment.  I can use my "WITS" when problem solving.