

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021,

Welcome Back Evan's Families!! The Evan's staff are excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the 2023-24 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 5<sup>th</sup>** – This will be a part day of school for all students in grades 1 – 5 from 8:05 am to 10:05 am *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.* Further detailed information will be posted on bulletin boards at the front entrance area of the school.

**Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>** – The second day of school will be a full day for students in grades 1 to 5 (8:05 am to 2:01 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*

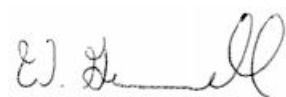
### **Kindergarten Students**

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.

I have also included with this letter some information (FAQ) about supplies, schedules, 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**

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

8:03 am	Warning Bell
8:05 am	School Starts
10:05 – 10:20 am	Recess
11:50 – 12:35 pm	LUNCH
2:01 pm	Dismissal

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

**Calendar & Upcoming Events** – The calendar on this website 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](#).

**School Supplies (Grades 1 – 5)** - In order to streamline the process and minimize costs to families, we are working with a supplier to bulk ordering supplies and will be asking families for children in grades 1- 5 to pay **\$45.00 to cover supplies for your child for the entire school year**. This is consistent with the current practice of many elementary schools around the Chilliwack School District. For classes that use **a planner, there will be an additional \$8.00**. Once children are placed in a classroom for the school year, your child's teacher will be in touch with you to collect funds for school supplies. Should this present a hardship for your family, please speak with your child's teacher at that time.

**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

**Classroom Placement** - 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.