August 27th, 2024

**Opening Day Bulletin for September 3rd, 2024**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students to the 2024 - 2025 school year. We hope everyone had a fun and restful summer and is ready for an exciting new term. Trudeau Elementary is certainly a wonderful place to learn and play! We are excited for the start of construction for our new intermediate playground. Teachers have been thoughtful and thorough with class placements for this school year. I hope you can appreciate that there are many important factors taken into consideration by the staff in setting up each classroom. The school district and staff have worked thoughtfully in creating a safe environment for your children.

**NEW STAFF** Ms. S. Martin – Grade 7 Ms. K. Do – Grade 5/6

Mr. A. Mirani – Grade 1/2 Ms. T. Conanan – SSA

Ms. N. Bourque – Resource Team Mr. N. James - SSA

Ms. L. Brewster – Resource Team Ms. R. Cooper - SSA

Ms. A Newton – Counsellor

We are waiting for a permanent teacher for the Grade 7 Mandarin Bilingual class.

**FIRST DAY**

**The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3rd,from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.** Kindergarten students will begin gradual entry starting on Friday, September 6th. A separate email will be sent to Kindergarten parents regarding details.

Starting Wednesday, school is all day, so please ensure your child has a snack and lunch. Students are encouraged to bring their own labelled water bottle to school.

**LUNCH PROCEDURES**

Students going home for lunch must let their teacher know with a note from a parent. Otherwise, students are expected to eat their lunch in their classroom. Please ensure your child’s lunch includes a spoon and/or fork if needed. Information on hot lunch opportunities will be coming soon from PAC.

**ARRIVAL AND PICK UP**

Staff supervision begins at 8:40am before school and until 3:20pm after school. Please adhere to these times when picking up or dropping off your children. **We are unable to supervise children outside of these times** unless they are involved with an activity with one of the staff members. If there is some unforeseen reason why your child may be picked up late, please be sure to contact the office.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. It can be disruptive to the class when students arrive after 9:00am and it presents the late student with an anxious or unsettled start to the day. Please try to keep late arrivals to a minimum.

**SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

School and District news items will be placed on our district and school websites. Very important or time sensitive information will be sent directly to parents via email. To do our part to protect our environment, we will not be sending paper copies home. Please check the website on a regular basis as it will be updated with pertinent information and dates. Teachers will also share information through their desired form of communication.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Various online forms requiring your attention will be available for access next week. If is appreciated that you respond as quickly as possible. It is also extremely important that the school has your updated telephone numbers as well as numbers of people you designate as emergency contacts.

**Trudeau Elementary School Website**

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/pierre-elliott-trudeau>

See you next week,

Jim Munk Principal