

Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School

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[Begbie School Website](#)

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Información importante - Por favor traducir

重要な情報-翻訳してください

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Principal Update November 25, 2020

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS FRIDAY, November 27, 2020

SAFE ARRIVAL LINE; 604-713-5159 ext 12

Principal:	Mr. John Cortens	604-713-4686
OAA:	Ms. Cheryl Betteridge	604-713-4686
Director of Instruction:	Ms. Alison Ogden	604-713-5000

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

Chair:	Mr. Rigel Wong
Co-Chair:	Mr. Bryan Yu
Treasurer:	Ms. Elise Wong
Secretary:	Mr. Mike Zobac
Members-at-Large:	Ms. Elisa Guttierrez, Ms. Ina Huang, Ms. Helen Sinclair, Ms. Queenie Wong, Ms. Jocelan Thiessen
Email:	begbieschoolpac@gmail.com
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New PHO Community Guidelines and Impact on Schools

It is important to understand a few things in light of the new community guidelines from the BC Public Health Office. The guidelines and focus at school remain the same and unchanged, as directed by PHO Dr. Bonnie Henry.

SMB staff are taking this time to evaluate our understanding and adherence to the school and district safety plan.

The safety plan is proving effective and school remains a safe place to work and learn.

- the safety plan is working. We are not seeing transmissions in schools
- schools remain safe for working and learning
- we are using this time to re-focus and re-commit to the school and district safety plan to tighten up our compliance
- we continue to support and encourage each other with kindness and patience

Our focus remains on

- **Daily Health Screening** for staff and students with everyone who is sick remaining at home
- **Hand hygiene and hand sanitizing** remain the most effective means of keeping ourselves healthy
- **Distancing and proximity reminders** in place with adults and students 12 years and older distancing. We continue to encourage and minimize physical contact with younger students
- While the recommendations around masking in schools remain the same we are reminding students **12 years and older that masks are required outside their learning group.**

Student Health Assessment Checklist

Please click on the link [Student Health Assessment Checklist REVISED](#) to review the updated checklist. Please be familiar with the checklist and the procedures.

We request that students who are sick remain home until they are feeling better. Caregivers are requested to review the health assessment checklist each morning before sending students to school. Similarly, we expect all VSB employees to complete a personal health assessment each day and remain home if they are unwell.

Thanks everyone for your time and attention to this important health and safety protocol.

Please review the links below for district and school-based health and safety information. If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher or contact the office.

[VSB Safety Plan, Safe Work Instruction, and Protocols](#)

[FACT SHEET Elementary](#)

[VSB Health and Safety Plan video](#)

Option Four Update

Option 4 is being extended for families wishing to continue Option 4 Learning from Home/Transition. Parents can expect a communication with more details from the VSB early next week. New re-entry dates are December 7, January 18 and March 1 with notice required a week previous.

PAC

PAC Meeting Second Tuesday of Each Month

PAC meetings are open to all parents/guardians of students registered at SMB Elementary School. Meetings take place the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7-8:30 pm on-line. If you wish to receive the log-in information please contact PAC at the email address above.

These meetings focus on fundraising and community building while working together to improve the educational experiences of our students. Please make sure to use PAC email, website and Facebook page to be up to date on all PAC events and communications.

School Re-Naming Committee Struck

In accordance with a new VSB policy, Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School is undergoing a review of the school name. This review may result in our school being re-named at some point in the near future. While this decision is made by the Vancouver Board of Education Trustees, we are seeking your thoughts and feedback. For this reason, a working group has been established chaired by our Director of Instruction Ms. Alison Ogden.

ALL parents are invited to our next PAC meeting (Online) Tuesday, December 8, 2020 where the re-naming will be an item for discussion. Your feedback is invited at this time and will be forwarded to the working group in order that your voices may be heard. Please plan to attend in order to make your feelings known. All parents of registered students are invited to attend.

PAC Gift Card Fundraising Event

A table with a parent volunteer will be set up in front of the school (Lillooet Street) to accept in-person orders/payments on the collection dates (8:30am to 9:30am each day below):

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - Last Day to order

Gift Card info, please go to PAC [website](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact PAC via email:

begbiepactreasurer@gmail.com

begbieschoolpac@gmail.com

All proceeds go to the support of our school and students. Thank you in advance for your support.

Safe Arrival Request

Please contact Safe Arrival (number and local above) when your child is at home sick or missing school for an appointment. This is important as we follow up with a phone call to make sure everyone is accounted for. Please check in at the office if you need to pick up your child during the day. Students who arrive late are no longer required to check in at the office but rather simply report directly to their classroom

MOST CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

As we continue to move through uncertain times, please continue to check the [VSB Website](#) and [SMB School Website](#) for the most current and update information.

Important Dates to Remember

November 20 – December 4

Virtual BookFair

November 27

Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

December 7

7-8:30 pm PAC Online Meeting