



## SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

Sir John Franklin Elementary, in partnership with parents and the community, teaches, enables and inspires individuals to discover and develop their full potential in an inclusive, safe, nurturing and rich learning environment.

#### SCHOOL GOALS (2022-2023):

- 1. Social Emotional Learning** - To promote social emotional development by teaching students the necessary skills to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.
- 2. Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement** - To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.



**Welcome back to Franklin Elementary and a new school year** to our students, families and staff. For those new students and families joining us, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Franklin Elementary School Community! What a beautiful summer we have had and, with any luck, we will have similar weather as we move into autumn. I certainly hope that you had an opportunity to spend some time relaxing

with family and friends over the summer!

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic and better understand the complexities of COVID 19 our start-up protocols will resemble prepandemic start-ups. We will continue to communicate the importance of monitoring daily health and remind our staff, other adults entering the school, parents, caregivers, and students that they should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian. Similar to the previous 2 years, our students will be expected to continue follow the traffic flow rules in the building and continue to diligently wash and sanitize their hands throughout the day.

Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others' personal space while going through daily school activities.

Finally, The decision to wear a mask beyond when it is required by public health is a personal one, and based on individual preference. Some students and staff may choose to continue to wear a nonmedical mask or face covering throughout the day or for certain activities. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Franklin Elementary. We are all looking forward to working with the children in September and we are committed to making your year a happy and successful experience.

Sincerely,  
Dan Knibbs, Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 6	First Day of school (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) <b><u>Thank you to PAC for providing coffee at the 10:00 a.m. dismissal at the main entrance</u></b>
Wednesday, September 7	First full day of school for grades 1 to 7 (9:00 – 3:03 p.m.) First day of school for new Kindergarten (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.) First day of school for EXCEL 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 8	First full day of school for EXCEL 9:00 a.m. to 3:03 p.m. New Kindergarten gradual entry (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
Friday, September 9	New Kindergarten gradual entry (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
Monday, September 12	New Kindergarten gradual entry ((9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, September 13	New Kindergarten gradual entry (9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, September 14	First full day of school for new kindergartens (9:00 a.m. to 3:03 p.m.)
Wednesday, September 14	First PAC Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
Monday, September 19	Pro-D day for staff <b>(Students do not attend)</b>
Thursday, September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – <b>SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION</b>
Tuesday October 5	Goal Setting Conferences <b>(students will be dismissed at 2 pm)</b>
Wednesday October 6	Goal Setting Conferences <b>(students will be dismissed at 2 pm)</b>
Monday, October 11	Thanksgiving holiday
Thursday, October 13	Individual Photo Day

**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL: Our first day of school is on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for Grades 1 to7 excluding EXCEL and New Kindergartens.** In order to reduce crowding during pick-up and drop-off, students are to **report to their last year teacher** at the following areas. **Please look for a sign with the name or division of your child's previous year's teacher. The signs will be posted on the exterior of the building in the areas as indicated below.** All new students please report to the school office at 8:45 a.m. for further direction. We ask that parents avoid gathering on the school grounds during drop-off and dismissal.

Division 1	Mr. Doucet	North side stairs by preschool
Division 2	Mdme. Mend	North side stairs by preschool
Division 3	Ms. Rickbeil	South side Basketball Court
Division 4	Ms. Golinsky / Ms. Mccandless	South Entrance door by Music Room
Division 5	Ms. Wreggit / Ms. Gray	North Undercover by Preschool

Division 6 Ms. Di Giovanni / Ms. Fraser  
 Division 7 Ms. Knight  
 Division 8 Ms. Ruus  
 Division 9 Ms. Kooner  
 Division 10 Ms. Durward

South Undercover Entrance  
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 North Undercover by Preschool  
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**Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** students from Grade One to Seven will resume full school days 9:00 a.m. to 3:03 p.m. Remember to provide a snack and lunch.

\* **EXCEL students only** first day of school will be **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.** Full day classes resume **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m to 3:03 p.m.**



**NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS :** Kindergarten students will be following a gradual entry program. The schedule was sent to all Kindergarten families in June and August. **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH. BETWEEN 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. TO SIGN UP FOR AN INTERVIEW TIME .** Please report to the undercover area on the north side of the school by the outdoor garden.

**Bell Schedule for 2021/22 School**

8:57 – 9:00 a.m.	Warning Bell
9:00 a.m.	Instruction Begins
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	Recess
12:05 – 12:52	Lunch
3:03 p.m.	Dismissal

Please welcome our new staff for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Lori Fraser                      Division 6                      Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Welcome back!

Vita Di Giovanni                      Division 6                      Thursday, Friday

**PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

Adult supervision is provided from 8:40 to 8:57 am and from 3:03 to 3:20 pm. It is our expectation and Vancouver Board of Education policy that students respect safety rules and follow Franklin’s Code of Conduct at all times while playing outside.

**SCHOOL PLAN:** We will continue to work on the following two goals:

1. To promote social emotional development in students.
  2. To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.
- Teachers, staff members and families will work together throughout the year to help our students work to their potential in these and other areas. We will update parents of our initiatives to support our school goals.



### FORMS AND SCHOOL FEES

A student information package will be sent home shortly. Please return all the required forms back to school for processing. Please remember that if you change your phone number or email address throughout the school year, please ensure you contact the office so that we are able to update your child's information. The VSB provides school supplies for all students we will advise you when you are able to pay online. Parents are reminded to pay school fees using School Cash Online if you are wanting to pay by cash or cheque you must pay directly at the school office not to the classroom teacher. Please contact the school office (604-713-4709) if you need assistance accessing School Cash Online. If you're a family that is experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school office.

**This item belongs to:**

### PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

A reminder to parents to please label your child's personal belongings such as clothing, water bottles, lunch and snack containers (both the lids and the boxes). Thank you for helping us reduce the Lost and Found items.

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

All Franklin parents are part of the PAC and are encouraged to come to regular meetings to get to know other parents and get involved with what is happening at the school. More information about our PAC can be found at <http://franklinpac.weebly.com/> or you can contact Franklin PAC Chair Selina Tribe ([selina.tribe@gmail.com](mailto:selina.tribe@gmail.com)). Our first PAC meeting is **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. The meeting will be conducted over zoom. All Franklin parents are welcome to join the online meeting on Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89974369897?pwd=THpISU9DbnVQTlkzVXBDR1RLZWFrZz09>

### MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

It is now common for students to carry cell phones and other electronic devices to school. We recognize that for some families a phone is important for communication between parents/caregivers before and after school. Cell phones can be a source of disruption in the classroom, especially when used for texting, a safety concern on the playground, and a cause for social difficulties, especially amongst older children. This means cell phones can only be used during the school day under the direct instruction and supervision of school staff (teachers/support staff etc.) While students can carry cell phones to school, we ask that parents support our efforts for appropriate use by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Unless teachers have specified the use of personal digital devices for use in the classroom (e.g. for research purposes), students may not use cell phones in classrooms, hallways or on the playground during the school day.
- Cell phones at school must be turned off and kept in a zipped backpack, or a safe place permitted by staff, between 8:55 a.m. and 3:03 p.m.

- Cell phones are often equipped with cameras. Students may not take pictures at school. In order to satisfy legal requirements around the protection of privacy, photography at school is allowed only for school purposes and with the permission of a staff member. Permitted photos can only be used with parental consent.
- Please understand that the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to any personal electronic devices.

### **Pupil Use of Telephone**

Students do not have general access to the school phones, however, your child is welcome to use the office phone if they have an urgent need to contact you during the school day and parents are welcome to phone the school office if they have a message for their child. Children require approval from a staff member prior to the use of a telephone. Generally, approval will not be given to arrange visits with friends.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The Goal-Setting conferences will be held on October 5 and 6. The conferences will provide parents an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and learn about your child's programming. Your teacher will send you more information regarding signing up for a conference time. **Please be reminded that students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on both days.**

### **SAFE ARRIVAL**



If your child will be absent or late for school, please inform the school office by leaving a brief message with your child's name and division number or your child's teacher's name at (604) 713-4709 before 9:00 am. Thank you.

### **STAFF PARKING LOT**

Please be reminded that the staff parking lot is for staff ONLY.



### **PARKING/DROP OFF PROCEDURES**

Please respect the traffic and parking signs around our school. Please be reminded that the driving limit in the school zone is **30km/h** from 8 am to 5 pm on school days.

For the safety of the children, please drive carefully and obey traffic signs around school grounds. The following are traffic signs that are typically posted around Vancouver schools.



### “NO STOPPING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones where vehicles are not permitted to stop under circumstances. These zones are kept clear to provide good sight lines for drivers: see students and students to see drivers.



### “NO PARKING 8am - 5pm SCHOOL DAYS”

These signs designate the zones for active picking up and dropping off of students. Do not park and leave the vehicle in these zones.



### School Area Signs

This sign is used in advance of school to warn drivers that children may be walking along or crossing the road. On local streets 30 km/hr signs are posted and speed limit is 30 km/hr from 8am - 5pm on school days.



### School Crosswalk Signs

A school crosswalk sign indicates where children will be crossing the road. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all intersections and crosswalks. Vehicles must remain stopped until children are safely across and on the curb. Please remember children are playful and impulsive and may enter the roadway suddenly.



## ALLERGY POLICY

这是重要的信息，请让人们为您翻译

**Franklin School is allergy-aware!** Please note that parents are asked to avoid sending foods containing nut or peanut products to school with their children due to severe allergies to these particular foods. As peanut/nut butter tends to stick to surfaces, please wash your child's hands if you give them these foods for breakfast before school.

