

Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School

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[Begbie School Website](#)

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Principal Update October 1, 2021

SAFE ARRIVAL LINE; 604-713-5159 ext 12

Principal:	Mr. John Cortens	604-713-4686
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PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

Chair:	Ms. Lauren Asperin
Co-Chair:	Ms. Kim Nguyen-Stone
Treasurer:	Ms. Elise Wong
Secretary:	Mr. Mike Zobac
Members-at-Large:	Ms. Ina Huang, Ms. Helen Sinclair, Ms. Queenie Wong, Ms. Jocelan Thiessen

Email: begbieschoolpac@gmail.com

Website: www.begbiepac.weebly.com

Facebook: “Sir Matthew Begbie PAC”

Dates To Remember

Monday, Oct 11	Stat Holiday NO SCHOOL for students
Thursday, Oct 14	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm SMB Child Minding Provided
Friday, Oct 22	Pro D Day NO SCHOOL for students
Wednesday, Nov 3	Early Dismissal due to Parent-Teacher Conferences 2 pm
Thursday, Nov 4	Early Dismissal due to Parent-Teacher Conferences 2 pm
Thursday, Nov 11	Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL for students
Friday, Nov 26	Pro D Day NO SCHOOL for students

MOST CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please continue to check the [VSB Website](#) and [SMB School Website](#) for the most current and update information.

On a Personal Note

Sincere thanks to parents for your continued patience as we move through another school year impacted by the global pandemic. We will continue to follow PHO and VSB Health and Safety Guidelines. Please know the health and safety of your children is our number one priority.

As well, we are working closely with staff and students to integrate more typical practices in a manner that is safe and respectful of the needs of staff and students extending beyond health and safety to include their social and emotional needs. This means being respectful and accepting of the variety of needs and the differences in comfort levels of staff and students.

I trust you and your loved ones are well. Please know as difficult as the situation continues to be, we are all in this together and look forward to the days ahead with hope and fortitude.

Most Sincerely,

Mr. John Cortens
Principal
SMB Elementary

Welcome to SMB Elementary School

Please join me in welcoming our new students and families to SMB. We are pleased to see students we have not seen since the beginning of the pandemic. In addition, we are pleased to welcome back Ms. Paone who will be teaching grade one this year.

Please join me in welcoming newest staff members Ms. Kelly Bismark (SSA), Ms. Ivy Toy (SA), Mr. Tony Ng (Engineer) and Mr. Omeed Lakhani (Resource Teacher filling in for Ms. Lisa Tran)

We would like to wish Ms. Shauna Balzer, Ms. Erickson and Ms. Sumar (SSAs) all the best as they transition to retirement.

In the Event of a Student Absence

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Please use the safe arrival line above to report a student absence. In the event the phone line is down please contact the office via phone or email. We would ask you to not contact the teacher directly as the office is responsible for documenting absences and contacting families to confirm excused absences.

Preparing to Receive a New Name

We are engaging with Musqueam Nation representatives to begin the process of preparing to receive a new hənq̓əminəm name. We are expected to demonstrate we have engaged in

self-reflection and new learning before we are gifted a new name. This process involves staff, students and our parent community. Please stand by for more information on a Parent Information evening which will take place soon at SMB.

PAC Meeting Second Thursday of Each Month

PAC meetings are open to all parents/guardians of students registered at SMB Elementary School. Meetings take place the second Thursday evening of each month from 7-8:30 pm. We are transitioning to in person meetings in order to continue to reconnect and rebuild our school community.

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.

PAC Annual General Meeting 11-May-2021 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm SMB ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

Please reach out to your PAC Executive at the email below:

begbieschoolpac@gmail.com

For more information about PAC and the various ways to become involved please go to the PAC website:

<https://begbiepac.weebly.com/faq.html>

COVID 19 Protocols

We are moving into a different phase of the pandemic. As we move into this school year we are being asked to continue to put our health and safety first while doing our best to take care of each other as these challenges continue.

Some protocols remain in place

- access to the building continues to be restricted and limited
- pick up and drop off the same as last year
- daily health assessments for staff and students
- stay home if you're sick
- go home if you're sick
- hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practices taught and continued
- masking as per guidelines and mandates
- directional arrows in place to control movement through the buildings
- enhanced cleaning protocols in place
- contact tracing protocols remain in place
- reporting of positive cases continues and is at the discretion of Vancouver Coastal Health

Some protocols are different

- cohorts (learning groups) are no longer required
- spacing out in available space rather than social distancing
- room capacity as required by fire regulations are in place
- moving toward small gatherings, fieldtrips, use of parent volunteers, hot lunches as people become more comfortable
- begin talking about planning things previously not an option
- go at the speed of trust