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Welcome Back Newsletter ~ August 2020

School Start-Up 2020/2021

Welcome back SRE families! We are looking forward to seeing you all soon. Please check our website for our most up to date information. www.sre.sd23.bc.ca If you have specific questions please do not hesitate to email me mark.watson@sd23.bc.ca

Monday, September 7th

- Labour Day: Statutory Holiday (Schools Closed)

Tuesday, September 8th

- Staff Planning day to review/implement return to school protocols (School Closed/No students)

Wednesday, September 9th

- Staff Planning day to review/implement return to school protocols (School Closed/No students)

Thursday, September 10th

- Full day (8:30 -2:30) orientation for GR 1-5 students with last names A-L. Please pack a healthy snack and lunch.
Exploring Kindergarten — Kindergarten students and parents have been assigned a one hour school visit (check your email for your time)

Friday, September 11th

- Full day (8:30 -2:30) orientation for GR 1-5 students with last names M-Z. Please pack a healthy snack and lunch.
Exploring Kindergarten — Kindergarten students and parents have been assigned a one hour school visit (check your email for your time)



What to bring for the first day of school

Please send your child with a backpack and a healthy snack and lunch for their first day. Please dress for the weather as there will be outside time planned in the day.

Support for Families in need

We recognize that these are challenging financial times. Our school operates a "Brown Bag Lunch" and a "Breakfast Program" for families in need of support. To register or get more information on these programs please check our website or call the school office. Please note that our Brown Bag Lunch program, for those that require it, does not start until Sept. 21st. We are hoping to start our Breakfast Program by September 14th.

Class Placement and "Learning Groups"

This year our students will be welcomed into our school by their grade level. (They will meet outside with their grade level to enter the building on their first day.) Class placements will be established in the first week of school. Classes of similar/same grade levels will be linked to form "Learning Groups" that will interact together at recess and lunch. We appreciate your patience during the first week as we establish our classes. Your flexibility and support of these changes is appreciated!



SRE TEACHERS

Introducing our team of educators for 2020/2021!

Table listing teachers for Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 3/4, Grade 4/5, and Ms. Dionne.

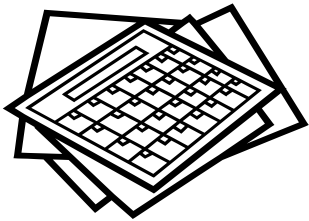
Teaching assignments & student placements will be confirmed early in the new school year...

We also have support staff working with students at our school including:

- Mrs. Middleton- Indigenous Student Advocate
Ms. Bugera- CEA
Mrs. Cornett- CEA
Mrs. Cook- CEA
Mrs. Blais- CEA
Miss Smith- CEA
Mrs. Tucker- CEA
Mrs. Parker- CEA
Mrs. Schleppe - CEA
Mrs. Drummond- CEA
Mrs. Haas- CEA
Mrs. McLachlan-CEA
Mrs. Murray-CEA Interpreter
Mrs. Morris - Tchr-Librarian
Mrs. Barton- Learning Assistance Teacher
Ms. Plitt- Music/Drama Prep Support Teacher
Mrs. Paley- Strong Start
Mrs. Skelton- Speech & Language
Ms. Cameron- Resource Teacher
Ms. Currie- Elementary School Counsellor
Mrs. Mustapha - Mental Health Services Counsellor
Mr. Irving- Support Teacher
Miss Mills-Library Assistant
Mrs. Sigler-Administrative Assistant
Mr. Watson- Principal



Mark these dates on your home calendar and in your agenda!



Dates to Remember for 2020-2021

September 10	School Opens full day (8:30-2:30) for Grades 1-5 with last names starting A-L. Kindergarten transition meetings begin
September 11	School Opens full day (8:30-2:30) for Grades 1-5 with last names starting M-Z. Kindergarten transition meetings con't.
September 14	School Starts full time Grades 1-5. K orientation days begin
October 9	Administrative Implementation Day—Schools Closed
October 12	Thanksgiving— Schools Closed
October 23	Professional Development Day- No Classes
November 11	Remembrance Day— Schools Closed
December 19, 2020-January 3, 2021 Winter Break	
January 4	School Re-Opens
January 28-29	Celebration of Learning— 12:30 Dismissal
February 12	Professional Development Day- No Classes
February 15	BC Family Day— Schools Closed
March 13-March 28, 2021 Spring Break	
March 29	School Re-Opens
April 2	Good Friday Schools closed
April 5	Easter Monday Schools closed
May 24	Victoria Day— Schools Closed
June 29	Last day of classes— 2:30 Dismissal
June 30	Administrative Day for Staff

SchoolMessenger



School Messenger

Our school utilizes "School Messenger" as a communication tool. It allows the school to send home messages and notifications and allows parents to report absences for your child from a smart phone. More information is available through our school website. We would encourage all parents to access School Messenger by going to our school website sre.sd23.bc.ca and clicking on the "Parents" Tab.



School Supplies and Fees

In an effort to minimize cost and inconvenience to parents, School District #23 schools purchase required school supplies for our students. These supplies will be distributed for individual student use. Families do not need to shop elsewhere for supplies. Parents can pay School Supplies (\$35) <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/> If you choose to purchase your own supplies, please wait until classes have been established and speak to your child's teacher BEFORE you shop. The teacher can provide you with a list of what each class requires. If you pay online, all the needed supplies for the year will be provided for you through our School District warehouse. If payment is a financial hardship at this time, please contact Mr. Watson, SRE Principal, mark.watson@sd23.bc.ca Cultural Performance fees will not be charged this year due to Covid.



September 2020



Our calendar is updated regularly at www.sre.sd23.bc.ca
Please check online for the most up to date information

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7 Labour Day School's Closed	8 Staff Planning School's Closed	9 Staff Planning School's Closed	10 Full Day 8:30-2:30 for Gr. 1-5 students last names A-L	11 Full Day 8:30-2:30 for Gr. 1-5 students last names M-Z	12
13	14 Full Day all Gr. 1-5 students	15	16	17 Kindergarten full days begin	18	19
20	21 Brown Bag Lunch Program begins	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Strong Start Program opens	29	30 Photo Day	1	2	3

School Safety and Startup Notes:

Our school safety plan has evolved to meet challenges of Covid 19. A full copy of the plan can be viewed at www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888. At SRE we will be implementing this plan and ask for your support with the following:

- Please respect social distance protocols at pick up and drop off time and leave the school grounds as soon as possible
- Parents/Visitors must have an appointment to enter the school
- Masks are not required for students at the elementary level
- The Ministry of Education will provide reusable masks to students who would like them. We will notify families when this shipment arrives. (Could be later in September)
- We will stagger recess, lunch, and entry and exit times to support social distancing. As we are a small school, we will be able to maintain our normal 8:30-2:30 start & finish times.

Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>