



Vanier Centre, 1600 King Albert Ave. V3J 1Y5

August 2021

WELCOME and WELCOME BACK!

On behalf of the staff at APEX we would like to welcome you all to our 2021-2022 school year.

Teachers return to school on September 7th and will be setting up systems to get resources and technology working so that we can welcome all families for another great school year. You will all get an email from your child's case manager on Friday, September 10, inviting you to a meeting with them between September 14-21, 2021 to discuss all things related to start up (see details below).

Apex continues to grow! We are excited to welcome many new teachers to our program Regina Granados, Hee Jin Hyun, Ewa Janus, Bill Morphett, David Ramalho, and as well as welcome back Jeremy Baerg, Nick Bolton, Irina Cvjetan, Sharon Gajdosik, Keri McKenzie, Michael Matak, and Amber Ashley (when she returns from Maternity Leave). Our team is looking forward to sharing the joys of learning together with each student and family. As a result of our growth and changes in enrolment and staffing, some students and families will have new teachers this year. We are excited that we continue to work as an exceptional team.

Welcome to another outstanding year filled with many successes. Please know that you can contact me by phone or email. I am here to help you and our teachers in any way I can.

Looking forward,

*Lisa Dubé
Principal*

September Start Up Meeting: Student Learning Plans / IEPs

On Friday, September 10th, you will receive an email from your child's Apex teacher that will allow them to introduce themselves to you and invite you to do the same by booking a timeslot via the LINK that will be embedded in that email. This time slot will be for 40 minutes. When you book you can choose to have this meeting via Microsoft Teams (instructions will be provided so do not worry!), Zoom or via a phone call.

During this first meeting, teachers introduce themselves to you and your child to collaborate to create the first SLP (Student Learning Plan –which begins with the curricular competencies and content at grade level), select appropriate resources and determine future tutorials (a set 45-60 min scheduled time once every 2 weeks). If your child has an existing IEP (Individual Education Plan), IEP goals will be discussed.

Once this process is completed, parents must sign the SLP to indicate that they have had a chance to review it and ask any questions. This becomes the working document for the remainder of the school year.

Communication at the Heart of Apex



The uniqueness of our bi-weekly delivery model allows us the privilege of having one-to-one time with your child. This communication and scheduled time is extremely important so that we can support you and your child continuing to climb towards the educational goals you have set. Once you and your teacher have established your planned tutorials, we ask that you prioritize it in your life schedule.

As learners, we all take different routes to reach our goals. If you are feeling you or your child(ren) are off-route in any way, please reach out to your teacher so they can help you and your child navigate next steps. We recognize that sometimes our intended route takes us down a slide or through a fissure. We have confidence that with your trust and ongoing communication with us, we will be in the best position to help realign and continue to move forward.

Meet Our Staff

Amber Ashley	Teacher (currently on maternity leave)	
Jeremy Baerg	Head Teacher	jebaerg@sd43.bc.ca
Nick Bolton	Teacher	nbolton@sd43.bc.ca
Irina Cvjetan	Teacher	icvjetan@sd43.bc.ca
Sharon Gajdosik	Teacher	sgajdosik@sd43.bc.ca
Regina (Nina) Granados	Teacher	rgranados@sd43.bc.ca
Hee Jin Hyun	Teacher	hhyun@sd43.bc.ca
Ewa Janus	Teacher	ejanus@sd43.bc.ca
Michael Matak	Teacher	mmatak@sd43.bc.ca
Keri McKenzie	Department Head/ Teacher	kmckenzie@sd43.bc.ca
Bill Morphett	Teacher	bmorphett@sd43.bc.ca
David Ramalho	Teacher	dramalho@sd43.bc.ca
Nina DeLucca	Counselor - Wednesdays/every 2 nd Friday	ndelucca@sd43.bc.ca

<i>Lisa Dubé</i>	<i>Principal</i>	lidube@sd43.bc.ca
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Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday, September 7, 2021	<i>Schools open</i>
September 14 – 21, 2021	<i>Parents meet case manager/teacher for SLP&IEP</i>
Wednesday, September 22, 2021	<i>School Photos – details coming soon Covid protocols dependent – ‘Rain or Shine School Wide <u>Terry Fox Run</u> outside on our property’ 12:30 pm. lower field (pending health orders)</i>
Friday, September 24, 2021	<i>District Pro-D Day – Schools Closed</i>
Thursday, September 30, 2021	<i>Truth and Reconciliation Day – Schools Closed</i>
Wednesday, October 6, 2021	<i>Wednesday classes begin for Term 1 (pending health orders)</i>
Monday, October 11, 2021	<i>Thanksgiving – Schools Closed</i>
Friday, October 22, 2021	<i>Provincial Pro-D Day – Schools Closed</i>
Thursday, November 11, 2021	<i>Remembrance Day – Schools Closed</i>
Wednesday, November 24, 2021	<i>Final Wednesday classes for Term 1</i>
Friday, December 10, 2021	<i>School Based Pro-D Day – Schools Closed</i>
December 21, 2021 – January 31, 2021	<i>School Closed for Winter Break</i>
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	<i>Schools Re-open</i>
Wednesday, January 5, 2022	<i>Wednesday classes begin for Term 2</i>
Monday, January 31, 2022	<i>School Based Pro-D Day – Schools Closed</i>
Monday, February 21, 2022	<i>BC Family Day – Schools Closed</i>
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	<i>Final Wednesday classes for Term 2 -Pink Shirt Day</i>
Friday, February 25, 2022	<i>District Pro-D Day– Schools Closed</i>
March 12 - 2022 – March 27, 2022	<i>Schools Closed for Spring Break</i>
Monday, March 28, 2022	<i>Schools re-open</i>
Wednesday, April 6, 2022	<i>Wednesday classes begin for Term 3</i>
Friday, April 15, 2022	<i>Good Friday – Schools Closed</i>
Monday, April 18, 2022	<i>Easter Monday – Schools Closed</i>
Friday, April 22, 2022	<i>District Pro-D Day – Schools Closed</i>
Monday, May 23, 2022	<i>Victoria Day – Schools Closed</i>
Wednesday, May 25, 2022	<i>Final Wednesday classes Term 3</i>
Wednesday, June 30, 2021	<i>Administrative Day – Teachers only</i>