

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

The first day of school for the 2021/2022 school year is Tuesday, September 7. *The following information is based on limited COVID guidelines and our ability to be in mixed groups without cohorts. As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will have to be flexible if guidelines change over the summer and affect our school start up in the fall.*

On Sept 7, we ask that students in **Grades 1-5** come to school from 9:00 to 9:30 am. We ask that our incoming **Kindergarten** students go to the gym from 10:00 to 10:30. Parents who have any questions can check in with the office. Students will not need any school supplies on Tuesday, September 7.

Students in **Grades 1-5** will line up in their line up spot from last year and will return to the classroom they were in last year. Our incoming **Kindergarten** students will go directly to the gym. This will give children the opportunity to connect with their peers and teachers can take attendance and answer questions about the first week.

Attendance is very important during this first week as it will confirm our student registrations for school organization at James Park (and all schools) throughout our district.

Students will stay with their last year's class until we have our organization approved by the School Board. We hope this will happen sometime in the second week of school.

Our first week of school will be planned collaboratively with all our teachers. We will have activities to actively engage our students and to give each child an opportunity to spend some time with their peers, all of our teachers and support staff.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8 students should bring their backpacks, snacks, lunches, jackets and pencil boxes to school each day. Students will be instructed by their teachers when to bring their other supplies to school. Please visit our website - [www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/jamespark.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/jamespark.ca) for calendar information (click "on the calendar") and supply lists.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Sept. 6</b> Labour Day	<b>Sept. 7</b> First Day of School <b>Grades 1-5</b> 9:00 – 9:30 am Students to meet in their last year's classroom.  <b>Kindergarten</b> students arrive at 10:00 am and stay until 10:30 with their parents/caregivers – all students go to the gym.	<b>Sept. 8</b> <b>Grades 1-5</b> 8:54 am– 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school-wide activities this week. ( <b>Kindergarten</b> students and parents are involved in scheduled <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and a gradual entry schedule this week. K students only come to school this week for their <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and the very limited times outlined in the gradual entry schedule that will be sent home on or before Sept 7. <b>The first full day of school for K students is not until Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b> )	<b>Sept. 9</b> <b>Grades 1-5</b> 8:54 am – 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school-wide activities this week. ( <b>Kindergarten</b> students and parents are involved in scheduled <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and a gradual entry schedule this week. K students only come to school this week for their "Welcoming Conversations" and the very limited times outlined in the gradual entry schedule that will be sent home on or before Sept 7. <b>The first full day of school for K students is not until Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b> )	<b>Sept. 10</b> <b>Grades 1-5</b> 8:54 am – 2:53 pm *Bring back pack, pencil box, snack, lunch and jacket. Students will be involved with school-wide activities this week. ( <b>Kindergarten</b> students and parents are involved in scheduled <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and a gradual entry schedule this week. K students only come to school this week for their <i>Welcoming Conversations</i> and the very limited times outlined in the gradual entry schedule that will be sent home on or before Sept 7. <b>The first full day of school for K students is not until Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b> )

If you have any questions about the start-up, or are going to join us after September 7, please give our office a call at (604) 942 6658 on or after August 30th. Our school office officially closed on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the summer. The school office will be open again on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Alternately, you can contact Mr. Wright at [rwright@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rwright@sd43.bc.ca).

Regards,  
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Principal