

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

The first day of school for the 2023/2024 school year is Tuesday, September 5.

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 undercover area outside at the front of the school (where the Connecting to Kindergarten event was in the Spring) 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 5.

Students in **Grades 1-5** will go to 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 undercover area outside at the front of the school. This will give children the opportunity to connect with their peers and teachers can take attendance and answer questions about the first week. **New students will check in at the one of the outside gym doors (Student Services staff will be at the gym to greet them) and then be sent to their temporary classroom for the 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. *If your child(ren) will be absent, please submit an absence report before 9:00 am.*

Students will stay with their last year's teacher until we have our organization approved by the School Board. We hope this will happen sometime at the end of the first week or at the beginning of 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. 6 students (Grade 1-5) should bring their backpacks, snacks, lunches, jackets and pencil boxes to school each day. Kindergarten students should follow the gradual entry schedule. 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").

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Sept. 4</b> Labour Day	<b>Sept. 5</b> First Day of School <b>Grades 1-5</b> 9:00 – 9:30 am Students to line up as detailed above.  <b>Kindergarten</b> students arrive at 10:00 am and stay until 10:30 with their parents/caregivers – all students go to the undercover area at the front of the school.	<b>Sept. 6</b> <b>Grades 1-5</b> 8:55 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 'Welcoming Conversations'. K students only come to school this week for their scheduled 'Welcoming Conversation')	<b>Sept. 7</b> <b>Grades 1-5</b> 8:55 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 'Welcoming Conversations'. K students only come to school this week for their scheduled 'Welcoming Conversation')	<b>Sept. 8</b> <b>Grades 1-5</b> 8:55 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 will begin their gradual entry to school with a short time at school- first full day of school for K students is on Monday, September 18th)

**ENTER AND EXIT DOORS (All entry/exit doors being used have a NUMBER on the glass portion of the outside door) \*\*\* the division listed below is LAST YEAR's division**

**Kehler- Division 1 : outside classroom door # 11**

**Nakatsu (LaFond last year)- Division 2: outside classroom door # 10- will be taking students to new portable**

**Skucas-Escano/(Rowe last year, Lafond this year)- Division 3 :outside classroom door # 9**

**Burke- Division 4 : outside classroom door #1**

**Smith- Division 5 : bottom doors west side (by K classes) -door # 7**

**Wilkman- Division 6 : Learning Commons door- door # 2**

**Herten- Division 7 : top stairs west side of building- door # 15**

**Chiang- Division 8 : regular entrance front door #16**

**Dimmer-Drew/ (Jorgenson last year, Hassanali this year)- Division 9 : top stairs east side of building- door # 14**

**Nielsen- Division 10 : outside classroom door # 5**

**Weiseman/ (Jorgenson last year, Kong this year this year)- Division 11 : outside classroom door # 8**

**Watt/ (Mackenzie last year, Hassanali this year)- Division 12 : outside classroom door #4**

**Lafave- Division 13 : outside classroom door # 17**

**Tonogai- Division 14 : outside gym door- door # 12**

**Last year Lai- Division 15 : outside gym door- door # 13**

**Andrews/ (Jorgenson last year, Kong this year)- Division 16 : Learning Commons door- door # 3**

**McIntyre- Division 17 : outside classroom door # 6**

Regards,

Rob Wright  
Principal