

PITT RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

July 14, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Start Up for the 2013-2014 School Year at Pitt River!

I hope everyone is enjoying summer and not thinking too much about school (except if the thoughts are of anticipation and excitement⁽²⁾).

I thought I would share a bit of information regarding the routines for the first week:

First Day (Tuesday, September 3rd):

Grade 7s and 8s are in attendance from **9:00-9:30** AM. Grade 6s are in attendance from **10-11:30** AM.

- Grade 6s report to the **main gym** for attendance.
- Grade 7s report to the **main gym** for attendance.
- Grade 8s report to the **mini-gym** for attendance.

* 'Rendezvous' Lists will be posted around the school. Students should check these lists so they know which classroom to report to the following morning.

*Students don't need to bring their school supplies until Monday, September 9th, as lockers aren't assigned until later in the week. School supply lists are posted at: <u>http://www.sd43.bc.ca/middle/pittriver/Parents/SchoolSupplies/Pages/default.aspx</u>

<u>Wednesday-Thursday (September 4th & 5th)</u>: Students spend these 2 full days with their *Rendezvous* classes. During this time they get to know each other and participate in a variety of activities related to our *CARES* approach to learning. *CARES* is an acronym used to easily identify the five behavioural aspects associated with a successful learning community:

Connections Acceptance Respect Empathy Safety

Friday September 6th:

Pancake Breakfast: Students are invited to come to school between 7:45-8:30 AM and enjoy a pancake breakfast.

Core classes are assigned in RV and students report to their core teachers at 9:05 AM.

**During the first week, students will bring home a package which includes various forms (fee statement, student verification form, etc.).

eForms:

After school starts please go on-line and complete the eForms (School Policies, Emergency Release, Medical Alert, Volunteer & Driver Forms, and Privately Owned Devices).

*The **Emergency Release** and the **Medical Alert** forms will remain online fillable forms BUT parents will need to print and drop off forms at their child's school

** A number of parents have commented that the info on the Student Verification Form and the Emergency Release Form are very similar. The Emergency Release form is a district requirement, but we will give you the option of updating your info on the verification form in lieu of completing the Emergency Release Form. Just ensure that you include any non-duplicated info from the Emergency form on the verification form.

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See you in September!

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