

## **Eagle Mountain Middle School – First Day / First Week**

September 1, 2021

Hello again Eagle Mountain Community!

Hi again Eagle Mountain Community – Here is some detailed information regarding the first day / first week procedures and plans! **Please note, a separate email was just sent regarding health and safety protocols!**

### **Tuesday:**

Students will come on Tuesday for a short introduction, attendance and to be given a paper copy of information directing students where to go Wednesday and the first week. The information provided to students WILL BE emailed home Tuesday, however we want a procedure in place that doesn't rely on emails going to the correct place and being received!

We will be holding a staff meeting Tuesday morning regarding safety protocols and thus have organized our morning attendance as follows:

**9:30 - 9:50: Grade 8's**

**10:00 - 10:20: Grade 7's**

**10:30 - 10:50: Grade 6's**

We are asking students to gather outside the gym (large outdoor area between Heritage Woods and Eagle Mountain) prior to their time designated.

Students will then be brought into the gym in a controlled manner, with hand sanitizing. Masks will need to be worn and students will be spread out on the floor to reduce crowding.

Admin will provide some welcoming remarks about the first day / week, and share some of the most basic safety expectations moving forward. The intention is to relieve stress but also give students a sense of what things will look like and expectations for safety.

Students will also be given a paper copy of information that will be emailed home later that day (Tuesday) to parents. The email will however include one piece of information the paper copy will not – directions for where to enter the building, and what classroom to attend, the next day! If this information is not received – no problem – staff will be available outside Wednesday morning to help any / all students!

### **Wednesday - Thursday:**

As mentioned above, parents will receive an email on Tuesday indicating when on Wednesday the students will enter, where students will enter, and which room they will go to when they enter.

School will start at 8:35 for all students, but the entrances we will use (including the front doors (nearest office), the entrance near our 4 square courts, and an entrance nearest the gym) will be open at 8:25. Don't worry, a map will be provided in the email AND staff will be roaming around outside offering to help!

Students will be heading to a specific classroom for the first few days, prior to us confirming class lists. These classes will be part of a team, but will not necessarily be the class they will stay in. During the first 2 days, students will meet a variety of teachers, get to know the building and expectations, start to make some connections and settle into the new school year. More info will be provided in the email sent home next Tuesday.

#### **Some reminders / info about the first week...**

- The school day will be 8:35-2:55 Tuesday – Friday. Mondays will be a late start (9:05)
- Students need to bring food for the day (and a water bottle would be great). Students are not allowed to order Skip the Dishes (you would be surprised!) and leaving to go home requires signing out and in at the office daily. Parents dropping off lunch regularly can be a problem especially in covid protocols. Everyone forgets once in a while so if lunches (or supplies need to be dropped off, please call the office when you arrive)
- Basic supplies are needed the first week: something to write with (pen/pencil), something to write on (binder/duotang with paper), something to colour with (pencil crayons). Personal devices start to come in the first week however we typically do not have login information the first 3 days so are not really needed right away (teachers will give more info). Students will all be given a new agenda book, and new students will also receive an EM Gym Bag!
- Lockers will not be used to start, so a bag or backpack for students supplies is important. There will be gym classes (likely outside) so kids being dressed to run around would be good
- We are a west coast school – so we expect kids to be able to go outside even in the rain. Proper clothing if necessary.

A bell schedule, school calendar, school supplies list have been placed on our [Documents section on our website](#). More info will be coming next Tuesday and through the first couple weeks. We will always try to keep the information clear and manageable...but sorry in advance for filling up your inboxes!

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. As second email is being sent specifically around our first day / week procedures for students!

Part of school-start up is determining student enrolment so please endeavor to contact the school if your child is unable to attend on September 7<sup>th</sup> and have their attendance counted. Please also contact the school principal if you have moved, your child is registered elsewhere or is not returning to the school.

**If you know someone who has school aged children and has moved into our neighbourhood, please encourage them to contact (phone or email) the school as soon as possible to arrange registration.**

Please email me with any questions that you have. I look forward to working with your family this year.

Sincerely,

Darren Macmillan  
Principal