



# Birchland Elementary School

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Dear Birchland Community,

Welcome to summer 2018! On behalf of the staff of Birchland we would like to thank you for your support of your children as young learners at Birchland during the past school year. We wish you and your family a happy summer.

Our Birchland school office will close following July 6 for the summer break. The office hours next week are not regular, we ask that you call ahead if you plan to drop by. The office will re-open on Monday, August 27, 2018.

If your family plans to relocate or move schools, please send an email with your details over the summer to [Birchland@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:Birchland@sd43.bc.ca) to help us plan for student enrolment in September.

Opening day for the 2018-2019 school year is Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Students will attend from 8:55-9:40 AM and should return to last year's classroom. Attendance this day is very important for the school to confirm enrolment and staffing. If your child will be attending Birchland School next year but will be absent on Tuesday September 4, please let us know by completing an [online absence report](#), by emailing the school at [Birchland@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:Birchland@sd43.bc.ca) or by phoning the school at 604-941-3428, so that we can ensure your child's space at Birchland.

September 4 will be a busy day in the Birchland office as we expect to receive many new registrations. We appreciate your patience as we work hard to get our school and classes up and running as quickly as possible.

The School Meals Program has been providing lunches for elementary students since 2008. Birchland Elementary is pleased to be part of this program. All food preparation will be done at Central Elementary school under the direction of trained elementary school meal co-ordinators. The meals will be delivered each morning to our school. Please click here for the [menu on our website for the month of September](#). The meal program will be offering service beginning Monday, September 10. Orders, as well as payment, are due by Thursday, September 6. Please pay via [School Cash OnLine](#). If you are unable to do so, please provide a cheque to the office. We are aware that for some of our families September can be a difficult month financially. We are able to support a reduced lunch program and ask that you contact the principal, if this is the case.

The first full day of school will be Wednesday September 5, for all grades 1-5, from 8:55 AM – 2:50 PM. Students will need to bring a snack, lunch and a water bottle, and be dressed for active learning, both inside the school and out. Students will be in a variety of groups and will be actively learning about school routines, school goals, priorities and themselves as learners. Students can expect to interact with a number of different teachers in the first three days, Wednesday, Sept 5 – Friday, Sept 7.

Depending on when we get the go ahead from the School District, students will be moved into their new classrooms on Monday, September 10. New school supplies are not needed at school until students are settled in their new classrooms. Pre-ordered school supplies from Creative Children will be into students' classes once students are in their new divisions. Our school supplies lists are located on our [website](#).

We hope this information helps you to prepare for that busy first week of September. But for now, let's all enjoy the summer!

Warmly,

Elspeth Anjos  
Principal, Birchland Elementary