



Birchland Elementary School

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Mr. D. Shannon, *Principal*

A View from the Office

Hi everyone and welcome back to Birchland. My name is Dennis Shannon and I am the new principal for Birchland Elementary. I look forward to getting to know all our students, families, and community. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to a great year ahead for all of us!

Plan for the first week of school:

Tuesday, Sept 2nd - First Day of School - Students in grades 1-5 attend from 9:15-9:30am. (Kindergarten students will follow a gradual entry plan (that has been sent out to K families))

Wednesday Sept 3rd - 5th – Camp Birchland - Students in grades 1-5 attend from 8:50am to 2:38pm (Welcoming bell will ring at 8:45am)

Important Information for Tuesday, Sept 2nd – First Day of School 9:15-9:30am:

- Grades 1-5: meet at the outside door of your previous year's classroom.
- NEW students to Birchland Grade 1-5: meet at the front door of the school. We will take your attendance and take you on a school tour.
- Kindergarten Learners: meet at the front entrance of the school (9:15-9:30am). We will have staff at the front of the building to assist you.

Attendance on this day is particularly important for us to have an accurate student count and build classes for the upcoming school year. If your child is going to be away that day, please inform the office as soon as possible by completing an [Absence Report](#), by email: birchland@sd43.bc.ca, or by phone 604-941-3428.

Important information for Sept 3rd–5th - CAMP BIRCHLAND for Grades 1-5.

Bell Schedule: 8:50-2:38pm (Welcoming bell will ring at 8:45am):

The school has purchased school supplies for our students, so you do not need to send any in. The supplies are of good quality in bulk. The cost for the supplies will be sent out at a later date via Cash Online (along with planner cost).

Please ensure your child has:

- a healthy snack, lunch, water bottle.
- dressed appropriately for the weather.
- A Change of clothes (as needed).

We will inform you when we will be moving into the classroom placements for the 2025/26 school year once we are given approval by the school district.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year,

Mr. Shannon, Principal

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