

Citadel Middle School Update and Parent Survey

August 28, 2020

Dear Parents,

Our school is getting ready to welcome students back to school in a safe and controlled manner. The Ministry of Education has announced that BC schools will open in Stage 2 and students are encouraged to attend daily as schools will not be able to provide the remote learning options that we did in June. The first day of school for students is Thursday, September 10th. You can read more here:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safecaring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf

On Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th staff will be reviewing and implementing safety procedures within the school.

We have worked under the guidance of public health authorities and the Ministry of Education to develop a plan so that students and staff can learn and work together safely. We are ready to welcome your child back to school. We will strive to keep learning as the focus, but school *will* look different as health and safety are critical factors in our planning. Some of the many actions taken to safely restart school this September include:

Health and Safety

- Daily health screening check for students (by parents) and staff before arriving at school.
- Students who are ill (cold, flu or <u>showing Covid-19 symptoms</u>) must stay home. If a child becomes ill during the school day, they will be isolated from their Learning Group/class and the parents contacted to come and pick up as soon as possible.
- Families arriving from outside of Canada must self-isolate for 14 days before entering school.
- There will be enhanced cleaning protocols especially focused on high touch points (doorknobs, faucets, etc.)
- Teachers will be encouraged to take their class outside more frequently.

- A staggered schedule approach may need to be adopted to promote physical distancing at drop off/pick up; and recess and lunch times.
- There will be no large gatherings (assemblies, special events, open house) at this time.
- Masks are expected in hallways and common areas at the middle level. The only exception is for staff and students with a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a mask.
- No sharing of food or drink.
- Parents and visitors must make an appointment to meet with staff. There will be limited access to the building by parents and visitors. All visitors must sign in for the purpose of contact tracing. Virtual meetings will be an option for staff and parents.
- We ask parents to practice physical distancing (staying apart 2m) when on school grounds. This is for your safety, the safety of staff and students and is good modeling for our students.

Learning Groups

- A <u>Learning Group</u> is defined as a group of students and staff who remain together for an extended period of time and who interact primarily with each other.
 - In the Coquitlam School District, the Learning Group will include your child's classmates and any staff assigned to work with the students on a regular basis, like your child's teacher.
 - Within the learning group, while there will be less opportunities to physically distance, physical contact will be discouraged.
 - The learning group will stay together. Students will learn, eat and play together.
 - Class size limits have not changed therefore grade 6-8 classes will have no more than 30 students in the group.
 - The Ministry of Education has stated that Learning Groups cannot exceed 60 people at elementary and middle school. Therefore, Learning Group sizes at Citadel are well under the provincial limits outlined in Stage 2.
- Morning, recess, lunch and afterschool schedules and routines will be adjusted to keep Learning Groups apart as much as possible. See SHAPE of the DAY schedule at the end of this letter.
- If children interact with students or staff from other learning groups, they will be expected to practice physical distancing. In some cases, specialist teachers who work with children from different learning groups (i.e. Learning assistance or English as a Second Language) will wear a mask if they cannot maintain physical distancing.
- Parents and students will learn who their child's teacher and Learning Group/ Class is before school begins on Monday, September 14th. We expect Learning Groups to be finalized and students attending full days beginning Monday, September 14th.

Educational Programming

- Our school will focus on in-class instruction during Stage 2.
- Students will spend most of their educational time in their classroom since there will be reduced movement of students between learning spaces.

- In order to reduce interactions, lockers will not be assigned or used at this time
- Student well-being will be guiding educators in planning and supporting the successful return of students to school.
- Explorations teachers will continue to offer programming, but this will look significantly different. Students with disabilities/diverse abilities will continue to be supported by the goals outlined in their IEP
- Regular health and safety practices (frequent hand washing) will be part of the educational program.
- Students will continue to receive report cards.
- Parents of children who are medically diagnosed as immunocompromised by a physician should contact us by Tuesday, September 1st. The following links are provided for your reference:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19-IS-Children-FAQ-BCCH.pdf http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID19-easing-socialdistrancing-IS-children.pdf

September 10 and 11

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Thursday, September 10th. Following is the district plan for elementary students on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th:

- Thursday, September 10th Students attend school for a welcome and enrolment count. Duration: 10-15 minutes.
- Friday, September 11th Students will attend safety orientation sessions. Duration: approximately 50 minutes

Students will be provided with a mask and will be asked to wear it when in common areas. If a student already has a mask, we ask that they wear it to the safety orientation.

We will send out further information regarding the specific time your child will attend on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th next week. As well, site maps, specific entry locations

Parent Survey

We need to know how many students are returning to school or what your plans are if you are choosing an alternative educational plan. There is important information in this survey. *It is critical that you complete the survey to provide us this information*. If you are choosing an alternate educational program, such as distributed learning or homeschooling, we cannot guarantee that your child can return to our school if you re-evaluate your plans later in the year. Please contact us if you are undecided. **If you know someone who has school-aged**

children and has moved in to our neighbourhood, please encourage them to contact (call or email) the school as soon as possible to arrange registration.

Here is the link for the survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS_kMQOWP9 HZAlu08ovEiqdVUMTEyMUNYSkg3WEtSS0hHWTVOMFRLVFpRNi4u

Please note that the Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Education may decide to move to different stages in response to Covid-19 situation in British Columbia and we will inform you should this occur, advising next steps.

Please find attached in this email a document for your review entitled 'Stage 2 Health and Safety Protocols: K-12 – For Teachers and Support Staff'.

We will follow up with a more information early next week.

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

Sincerely,

John Goheen, Principal Rick Dhaliwal, Vice-Principal

Cohort 1: (Teams Tropical, Tsunami and Firestorm)

Shape of the Day

8:40 - 8:50	Care Planning	
8:50 - 9:25	Block 1	Morning time 1
9:25 - 10:10	Block 2	
10:10 - 10:20	Nutrition Break	
10:20 - 11:05	Block 3	
11:05 - 11:50	Block 4	Morning time 2
11:50 - 12:15	Outside Lunch	
12:15 - 12:30	Inside Lunch	
12:30 - 1:15	Block 5	
1:15 - 2:00	Block 6	Afternoon time
2:00 – 2:47	Block 7	

Cohort 2: (Teams Tornado, Hurricane and Thunder)

Shape of the Day

8:50 - 9:00	Care Planning	
9:00 - 9:35	Block 1	Morning time 1
9:35 - 10:20	Block 2	
10:20 - 10:30	Nutrition Break	
10:30 - 11:15	Block 3	Morning time 2
11:15 - 12:00	Block 4	
12:00 - 12:15	Inside Lunch	
12:15 - 12:40	Outside Lunch	
12:40 – 1:25	Block 5	
1:25 - 2:10	Block 6	Afternoon time
2:10 – 2:57	Block 7	