

EAGLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2021

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/eagleridge>

Newsletter #1



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. We would like to welcome all new and returning families to Eagle Ridge. We would also like to welcome all new and returning staff to Eagle Ridge.

The start of this year will look similar to the way we ended our school year in June with the many health and safety protocols in place. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience as we feel last year was a success in many ways with everyone working together and following the guidelines. Please take the time to review the accompanying attachments for our updated bell schedule, staggered start schedule, and health and safety protocols.

Please read and share the following information with your family. If you have any concerns and/or questions, please call me at the school.

ACTION PLAN FOR LEARNING (APL) AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Our school goal is "Literacy". Our Action Plan for Learning and Code of Conduct are available on the Eagle Ridge website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/eagleridge>

EAGLE RIDGE STAFF 2020-2021

We welcome back all our staff and new staff joining the Eagle Ridge community.

Grade 4/5	Mrs. Gutenberg
Grade 4/5	Ms. Howey
Grade 4/5	Mr. Williams/Ms. Hoang
Grade 4/5	Ms. Swayne/Ms. Hoang
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Martin
Grade 3	Ms. Bewley/Ms. Lee
Grade 3	Ms. Morrison
Grade 3	Ms. Patrick
Grade 2	Ms. Phelan
Grade 2	Mrs. Peresin/Ms. Young
Grade 2	Ms. Cambrey
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Chabot
Grade 1	Mrs. Vakenti
Grade 1	Mrs. Schwartz
Kindergarten/Gr. 1	Ms. Baker/Mrs. Cederberg
Kindergarten	Mrs. Papantoniou/Mrs. Leaney
Kindergarten	Mrs. Freeman
Kindergarten	Ms. Kroeker
Teacher-Librarian	Mr. Drake
Digital Literacy	Mr. Botero
Learning Services	Ms. Gow, Mrs. Knittel, Ms. Young, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Hoang, Ms. Cederberg, Ms. Van Zandwijk

Education Assistants	Ms. Momin, Ms. Sheets, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Lafek, Ms. Kumar, Ms. Craig, Ms. Lakhnavi, Ms. Marshall, Ms. Varma, Ms. Trembath
Counsellor	Ms. Kyle
SLP	Ms. Carter, Ms. Jaswal
Noon Hour Supervisors	Ms. Park, Ms. Kim, Mrs. Noble
Aboriginal Support	Ms. Bosshart
Secretaries	Mrs. Richmond, Ms. Edward
Custodians	Mr. Kocis, Mr. Jung
Principal	Mr. Hutchinson

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please do not use the staff upper or lower parking lot at any time as parking is required for Eagle Ridge staff and other District staff who arrive at varying times throughout the school day. Please drop off and pick up students along Falcon, Coquitlam Crunch parking area or on neighbouring streets. The area in front of the school is for quick drop off only. Please do not park and leave your car and be aware that City Bylaw Enforcement Officers will be stepping up traffic enforcement around Coquitlam schools with random patrols.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DISMISSALS

Students arriving late or leaving early must report to the office window before attending class or departing from the school. Parents picking up early must check in at the office window and not directly to the classroom. **Please do not enter the building.**

DROPPING OFF STUDENT LUNCHES

We encourage parents to send their children with their lunches in the morning. On the odd occasion when a parent needs to drop a lunch off we asked that the lunch is in a sealed container and placed on the table outside the office doors with the students name on it. Please do not leave the lunch in a paper bag as the birds will get to the lunch before the student does.

WESTCOAST LUNCH - We Are Going Outside to Play

Students should be prepared to be outside each day at lunch. We will only stay inside if it is raining very hard or it is extremely inclement weather. Proper boots and water-resistant jackets with hoods will help keep children warm and dry.

EXTRA CLOTHING AND INSIDE SHOES

Please send your child with a full change of clothing to be left at the school. All students should also have an inside pair of shoes to be left at school. They will be used for P.E. so please do not send slippers; running shoes are best. Please label everything with student's name or initials.

ALLERGIES - WE ARE A NUT, SCENT AND PET AWARE SCHOOL

We have a number of students who have severe allergies to various food products such as nuts and dairy. Individual classes may be sending a note home to avoid sending foods to the school that may contain these products. The oils transfer from children's hands to door handles, keyboards, iPads and other surfaces. It does become a safety issue for some and I know we all want all of our children to be safe. Please inform the office if your child has any allergies that we should be aware of.

Some staff and some students are sensitive to perfumed products. We request that you do not enter the school if you are wearing scented products. Please do not send these types of products to school with your child. This includes scented hand sanitizer.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Each year we ask students from grades 1-5 to purchase school planners as an organizational and communication tool between home and school. The cost for the planners is \$6.00. Planners have a handy plastic pouch that students can put all notices and loose work sheets in to take home. Please make your payment through School Cash Online (www.schoolchonline.com). **Parents will be notified when School Cash Online is available.**

Parents should check their child's planner on a daily basis to see what homework assignments have been given, if there are any special events coming up, or to see if the teacher has written any notes. The classroom teachers usually check the planners each morning as well.

COMMUNICATION

Each week our "What's New on the Ridge" newsletter is electronically sent to our community. This newsletter highlights events from the past week as well as provides a reminder of the events happening in the upcoming week. Many of our teachers also use email and FreshGrade and Teams as tools for communication.

Please visit our website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/eagleridge> for all newsletters, school information and community information.



Eagle Ridge Elementary is on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We will post ongoing Eagle Ridge information for parents on these social media platforms. It's @eagleridgeSD43 for all three – please find us, like, and share.

LITTERLESS LUNCH PROGRAM

This year Eagle Ridge Elementary will continue with our efforts in going green when possible. Our goal is to reduce our ecological footprint. All students are encouraged to take home all garbage/wrappers and recyclable containers from their lunches.

BC FRUIT, VEGGIE AND MILK PROGRAM

The BC Fruit and Veggie Nutrition Program informs our students of the locally grown fruits and vegetables, importance of washing your hands and fruits and vegetables before eating and gives students the opportunity to sample the different fruits and vegetables offered with the program. Milk has also been added to the program. ***This Program is on hold at this time to limit the number of people we have entering the building.***

PROGRAMS

Our Buddies program consists of upper grade students reading or completing projects with children from the younger grades, promoting social and educational learning opportunities. ***This Program is on hold at this time.***

Our plan is to host a multitude of Before and After School Programs again this year. We plan to have the morning program-BOKS and after school programs- More Sports and Place Des Arts. ***These Programs are on hold at this time.***

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our Grade 4 and 5 Student Leadership Program has Eagle Ridge student leaders on various service teams in the school. They volunteer their time monitoring the playground, library, computer lab, and setup/operation of assembly technology equipment. *This Program is on hold at this time.*

SPORTS

We offer Volleyball and Basketball during the standard sporting seasons on scheduled days. Many of the staff takes part in training our grade 4 and 5 athletes for the Como Lake Relays, holding practices for five weeks prior to the event. Grade 3, 4 and 5 athletes also have the opportunity to train and participate in our Track and Field program in preparation for the district track meet held in late May.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Our individual student photos will be taken Monday, September 27th. Please be reminded the company who will be here taking the photos will be following our Health and Safety Protocols.

PARENTS AND VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL

Parents and visitors are only permitted in the school if they have an appointment. At the designated appointment time they must check-in at the school office, to follow required Health and Safety Protocols.

WASHROOM USE

Students should not be coming back into the school to use the washroom after they have been dismissed for the day.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello Eagle Ridge families, and welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so excited to be back at school and are looking forward to connecting with you to come up with innovative and substantial ways to support our students.

This year, the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) needs you! Whether you're a new kindergarten parent - or a seasoned parent of a grade five - there are many reasons to support our school by joining the PAC. Join our monthly meetings to hear updates from the principal and voice any feedback you may have, or even join one of our established committees. Your commitment can be small or big - whatever suits you and your schedule. We have an established Executive that is excited to support our newcomers, and hope to see volunteers step up.

This year there are a number of committees that need support: Fundraising, Traffic Safety, Communications, Health & Safety, Parent Educations – and of course the Grade Five Committee. Join us at our first meeting on **September 23 @ 6:45PM** (Zoom link to follow) to find out more details, ask questions, or just learn about what's going on in our school community.

PAC is here for you and welcomes your feedback. What would you like to see from PAC this year? How can we help better support our kids and families? Let's work together and make this school year fun and rewarding! Stay connected & keep up to date!

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Hutchinson at 604 464 5848 or

dhutchinson@sd43.bc.ca

Mr. D. Hutchinson

Principal